

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF FULTON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

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STATE OF GEORGIA)
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vs.)
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BEVERLY HALL, ET.al.)

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FULTON COUNTY, GA
CASE NO. 13SC117954

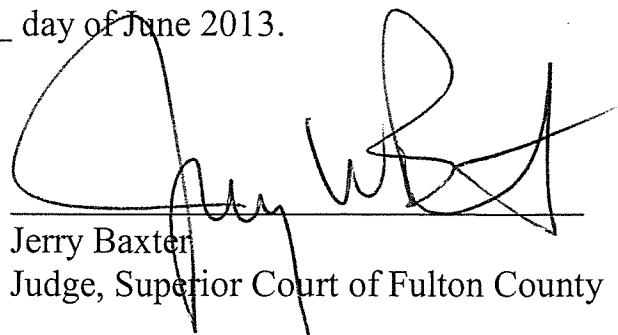
**ORDER DENYING DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO DISMISS THE
INDICTMENT BASED UPON ALLEGATION THAT THE GOVERNOR
LACKED AUTHORITY TO APPOINT SPECIAL INVESTIGATORS**

This Court, having heard arguments of counsel and having read the pleadings related to the above styled issue finds that non-exclusive statutory authority to conduct investigations is given to the Attorney General (O.C.G.A. § 45-15-17), the Governor and the General Assembly (O.C.G.A. § 45-15-19).

This Court rejects Defendants' argument that the power under 45-15-19 is narrower than that granted in 45-15-17. Thus, this Court finds that the Governor of the State of Georgia has the same investigative rights as those bestowed upon the Attorney General of the State of Georgia and thus all investigators were properly sworn and had the power to administer oaths.

Defendant's motion is hereby **DENIED**.

So **ORDERED** this 28 day of June 2013.



Jerry Baxter
Judge, Superior Court of Fulton County