

No. 2023-SU-CR-54570

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY  
STATE OF GEORGIA  
July Term, 2023

THE STATE OF GEORGIA

V.

LATINA THOMPSON (Cts. 1-7)  
SHELDONNA WILLIAMS (Cts. 1-7)

Ct. 1: Racketeering  
Ct. 2: Forgery in the Third Degree  
Ct. 3: Forgery in the Third Degree  
Ct. 4: Forgery in the Third Degree  
Ct. 5: Theft by Taking  
Ct. 6: Theft by Taking  
Ct. 7: Theft by Taking

*True* BILL "All counts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7"

  
FOREPERSON

Christopher M. Carr  
Attorney General

Tracy Richard  
Prosecuting Witness

Returned into open court by Grand Jury,

this 10<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2023.

  
CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT

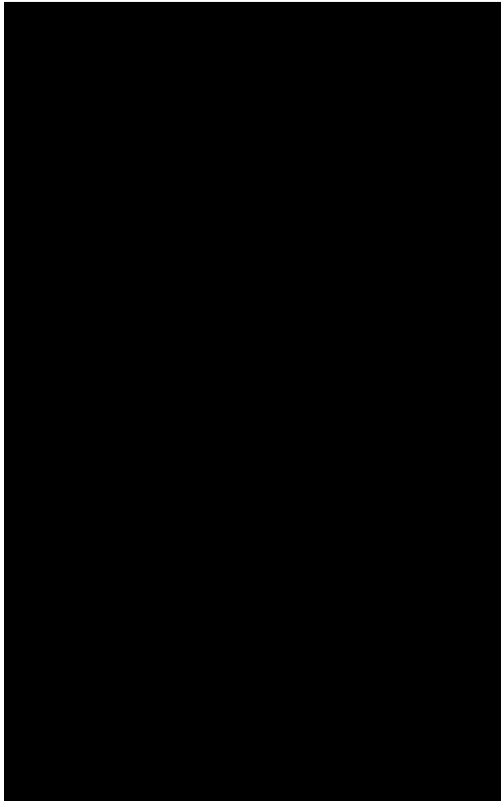
**STATE OF GEORGIA, BALDWIN COUNTY**

**BILL OF INDICTMENT**

The Grand Jurors selected, chosen and sworn for the County of Baldwin, to wit:



Foreperson



IN THE NAME AND BEHALF OF THE CITIZENS OF GEORGIA, charge and accuse **LATINA THOMPSON** and **SHELDONNA WILLIAMS** (hereafter referred to collectively as “**THE ACCUSED**”), with the offense of **RACKETEERING**, in violation of **O.C.G.A. § 16-14-4(a)**, for that **THE ACCUSED**, in the State of Georgia and the County of Baldwin, between on or about December 21, 2021, and February 25, 2022, did acquire and maintain, directly and indirectly, an interest in and control of personal property, through a pattern of racketeering activity, contrary to the laws of said State, the good order, peace, and dignity thereof, as follows:

**PART ONE – THE SCHEME**

**Background**

1.

The Oconee Center Community Service Board (“Oconee CSB”) is an agency of the State of Georgia.

2.

At all times relevant to this indictment, Oconee CSB owned and controlled a SunTrust bank account ending in [REDACTED] and held in the name of Oconee Community Service Board (hereafter “Oconee CSB’s bank account”).

3.

At all times relevant to this indictment, **SHELDONNA WILLIAMS** was an employee of Oconee CSB and had access to the location where Oconee CSB stored checks.

4.

**LATINA THOMPSON** registered a business in the name of Angels Way Assisted Living LLC with the Georgia Secretary of State on August 5, 2021, and filed a certificate with the Secretary of State amending the name of the business to Angels Way Healthcare Services LLC on September 29, 2021.

5.

At all times relevant to this indictment, **LATINA THOMPSON** controlled and was the sole authorized signer for a Robins Federal Credit Union bank account ending in [REDACTED] and held in the name of Angels Way Assisted Living LLC (hereafter “**THOMPSON’s bank account**”).

Manner of Conducting the Scheme

6.

**THE ACCUSED** engaged in a scheme to fraudulently take money from Oconee CSB through the use of forged and stolen Oconee CSB checks.

7.

As part of the scheme, **SHELDONNA WILLIAMS** stole checks belonging to Oconee CSB.

8.

As part of the scheme, **THE ACCUSED** forged signatures of Oconee CSB authorized signers to Oconee CSB checks.

9.

As part of the scheme, **THE ACCUSED** made the forged and stolen checks payable to Angels Way or Angels Way Healthcare Services.

10.

As part of the scheme, **THE ACCUSED** either cashed the stolen and forged checks or deposited the checks into **THOMPSON's** bank account.

PART TWO – RACKETEERING ACTIVITY

11.

In furtherance of their scheme, each of **THE ACCUSED** engaged in at least two acts of racketeering activity, at least one of which occurred in Baldwin County, Georgia.

12.

Said acts of racketeering activity included:

(a) **FORGERY IN THE THIRD DEGREE** in violation of **O.C.G.A.**

**§ 16-9-1(d)(1)** and constituting racketeering activity pursuant to **O.C.G.A. § 16-14-3(5)(A)(xvi)**;

(b) **FORGERY IN THE FOURTH DEGREE** in violation of **O.C.G.A.**

**§ 16-9-1(e)(1)** and constituting racketeering activity pursuant to **O.C.G.A. § 16-14-3(5)(A)(xvi)**; and

(c) **THEFT BY TAKING** in violation of **O.C.G.A. § 16-8-2** and constituting racketeering activity pursuant to **O.C.G.A. § 16-14-3(5)(A)(xii)**.

Acts of Forgery in the Third Degree

13.

Between on or about January 7, 2022, and February 25, 2022, **THE ACCUSED** engaged in acts of **FORGERY IN THE THIRD DEGREE**, in violation of **O.C.G.A. § 16-9-1(d)(1)**, by knowingly possessing, with the intent to defraud, checks written in amounts of \$1,500.00 or more, payable to Angels Way, and drawn on the account of Oconee CSB's bank account, in such a manner that the checks as made purport to have been made by other persons, to wit: Michael Blackshear and Willie Lester, as shown in the following chart:

<u>Act</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Check #</u>
1	01/07/22	\$2,650	81851
2	01/07/22	\$2,650	81852
3	01/10/22	\$2,886	81855
4	01/10/22	\$2,886	81856
5	01/13/22	\$2,886	81853
6	01/13/22	\$2,886	81854
7	01/21/22	\$3,765	81889
8	01/21/22	\$3,765	81890
9	01/27/22	\$3,765	81887
10	01/27/22	\$3,765	81888
11	02/04/22	\$3,765	81891
12	02/04/22	\$3,765	81892
13	02/11/22	\$3,765	81893
14	02/11/22	\$3,765	81894
15	02/18/22	\$3,765	81895
16	02/18/22	\$3,765	81896
17	02/25/22	\$3,765	81897
18	02/25/22	\$3,765	81898
TOTAL:		\$62,024	

Acts of Forgery in the Fourth Degree

14.

Between on or about December 21, 2021, and December 30, 2021, **THE ACCUSED** engaged in acts of **FORGERY IN THE FOURTH DEGREE**, in violation of **O.C.G.A. § 16-9-1(e)(1)**, by knowingly possessing, with the intent to defraud, checks written in amounts of less than \$1,500.00, payable to Angels Way or Angels Way Healthcare Services, and drawn on the account of Oconee CSB's bank account, in such a manner that the checks as made purport to have been made by other persons, to wit: Michael Blackshear and Willie Lester, as shown in the following chart:

<u>Act</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Check #</u>	<u>Payable to</u>
19	12/21/21	\$1,208.33	81783	Angels Way Healthcare Services
20	12/30/21	\$1,208.33	81814	Angels Way
21	12/30/21	\$1,208.33	81815	Angels Way
TOTAL:		\$3,624.99		

Acts of Theft by Taking

15.

Between on or about December 21, 2021, and February 25, 2022, **THE ACCUSED** engaged in acts of **THEFT BY TAKING**, in violation of **O.C.G.A. § 16-8-2**, by unlawfully taking property of another, to wit: money, the property of Oconee CSB, with the intention of depriving this owner of this property, each theft being a separate act in furtherance of the scheme of **THE ACCUSED**. Said property is further described as money transferred in the form of checks payable to Angels Way or Angels Way Healthcare Services and drawn on Oconee CSB's bank account, as shown in the following chart:

<u>Act</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Check #</u>	<u>Payable to</u>
22	12/21/21	\$1,208.33	81783	Angels Way Healthcare Services
23	12/30/21	\$1,208.33	81814	Angels Way
24	12/30/21	\$1,208.33	81815	Angels Way
25	01/07/22	\$2,650	81851	Angels Way
26	01/07/22	\$2,650	81852	Angels Way
27	01/10/22	\$2,886	81855	Angels Way
28	01/10/22	\$2,886	81856	Angels Way
29	01/13/22	\$2,886	81853	Angels Way
30	01/13/22	\$2,886	81854	Angels Way
31	01/21/22	\$3,765	81889	Angels Way
32	01/21/22	\$3,765	81890	Angels Way
33	01/27/22	\$3,765	81887	Angels Way
34	01/27/22	\$3,765	81888	Angels Way
35	02/04/22	\$3,765	81891	Angels Way
36	02/04/22	\$3,765	81892	Angels Way
37	02/11/22	\$3,765	81893	Angels Way
38	02/11/22	\$3,765	81894	Angels Way
39	02/18/22	\$3,765	81895	Angels Way
40	02/18/22	\$3,765	81896	Angels Way
41	02/25/22	\$3,765	81897	Angels Way
42	02/25/22	\$3,765	81898	Angels Way
TOTAL:		\$65,648.99		

PART THREE - THE PROPERTY

16.

Through their pattern of racketeering activity, **THE ACCUSED** acquired and maintained money in the amount of approximately \$65,648.99.

**COUNT TWO**

THE GRAND JURORS AFORESAID, IN THE NAME AND BEHALF OF THE CITIZENS OF GEORGIA, further charge and accuse **LATINA THOMPSON** and **SHELDONNA WILLIAMS** with the offense of **FORGERY IN THE THIRD DEGREE**, in violation of **O.C.G.A. § 16-9-1(d)(1)**, for that the said accused, in the County and State aforesaid, on or about February 25, 2022, with the intent to defraud, did knowingly possess a check written in the amount of \$1,500.00 or more, to wit: check number 81898, dated February 25, 2022, in the amount of \$3,765.00, payable to Angels Way and drawn on the account of Oconee Community Service Board, [REDACTED], in such a manner that the check as made purports to have been made by other persons, to wit: Michael Blackshear and Willie Lester, contrary to the laws of said State, the good order, peace and dignity thereof.

**COUNT THREE**

THE GRAND JURORS AFORESAID, IN THE NAME AND BEHALF OF THE CITIZENS OF GEORGIA, further charge and accuse **LATINA THOMPSON** and **SHELDONNA WILLIAMS** with the offense of **FORGERY IN THE THIRD DEGREE**, in violation of **O.C.G.A. § 16-9-1(d)(1)**, for that the said accused, in the County and State aforesaid, on or about February 18, 2022, with the intent to defraud, did knowingly possess a check written in the amount of \$1,500.00 or more, to wit: check number 81896, dated February 18, 2022, in the amount of \$3,765.00, payable to Angels Way and drawn on the account of Oconee Community Service Board, [REDACTED], in such a manner that the check as made purports to have been made by other persons, to wit: Michael Blackshear and Willie Lester, contrary to the laws of said State, the good order, peace and dignity thereof.

**COUNT FOUR**

THE GRAND JURORS AFORESAID, IN THE NAME AND BEHALF OF THE CITIZENS OF GEORGIA, further charge and accuse **LATINA THOMPSON** and **SHELDONNA WILLIAMS** with the offense of **FORGERY IN THE THIRD DEGREE**, in violation of **O.C.G.A. § 16-9-1(d)(1)**, for that the said accused, in the County and State aforesaid, on or about February 11 2022, with the intent to defraud, did knowingly possess a check written in the amount of \$1,500.00

or more, to wit: check number 81894, dated February 11, 2022, in the amount of \$3,765.00, payable to Angels Way and drawn on the account of Oconee Community Service Board, [REDACTED], in such a manner that the check as made purports to have been made by other persons, to wit: Michael Blackshear and Willie Lester, contrary to the laws of said State, the good order, peace and dignity thereof.

#### **COUNT FIVE**

THE GRAND JURORS AFORESAID, IN THE NAME AND BEHALF OF THE CITIZENS OF GEORGIA, further charge and accuse **LATINA THOMPSON** and **SHELDONNA WILLIAMS** with the offense of **THEFT BY TAKING**, in violation of **O.C.G.A. § 16-8-2**, for that the said accused, in the County and State aforesaid, on or about February 25, 2022 unlawfully did take property of another, to wit: money, the property of Oconee Center Community Service Board, and of a value exceeding \$1,500.00 but less than \$5,000.00, with the intention of depriving this owner of this property contrary to the laws of said State, the good order, peace, and dignity thereof. This property is further described as the money transferred by check number 81898, dated February 25, 2022, issued in the amount of \$3,765.00, payable to Angels Way, and drawn on the account of Oconee Community Service Board, [REDACTED] contrary to the laws of said State the good order, peace and dignity thereof.

#### **COUNT SIX**

THE GRAND JURORS AFORESAID, IN THE NAME AND BEHALF OF THE CITIZENS OF GEORGIA, further charge and accuse **LATINA THOMPSON** and **SHELDONNA WILLIAMS** with the offense of **THEFT BY TAKING**, in violation of **O.C.G.A. § 16-8-2**, for that the said accused, in the County and State aforesaid, on or about February 18, 2022 unlawfully did take property of another, to wit: money, the property of Oconee Center Community Service Board, and of a value exceeding \$1,500.00 but less than \$5,000.00, with the intention of depriving this owner of this property contrary to the laws of said State, the good order, peace, and dignity thereof. This property is further described as the money transferred by check number 81896, dated February 18, 2022, issued in the amount of \$3,765.00, payable to Angels Way, and drawn on the account of Oconee Community Service Board, [REDACTED] contrary to the laws of said State the good order, peace and dignity thereof.

#### **COUNT SEVEN**

THE GRAND JURORS AFORESAID, IN THE NAME AND BEHALF OF THE CITIZENS OF GEORGIA, further charge and accuse **LATINA THOMPSON** and **SHELDONNA WILLIAMS** with the offense of **THEFT BY TAKING**, in violation of **O.C.G.A. § 16-8-2**, for that the said accused, in the County and State aforesaid, on or about February 11, 2022



unlawfully did take property of another, to wit: money, the property of Oconee Center Community Service Board, and of a value exceeding \$1,500.00 but less than \$5,000.00, with the intention of depriving this owner of this property contrary to the laws of said State, the good order, peace, and dignity thereof. This property is further described as the money transferred by check number 81894, dated February 11, 2022, issued in the amount of \$3,765.00, payable to Angels Way, and drawn on the account of Oconee Community Service Board, [REDACTED] contrary to the laws of said State the good order, peace and dignity thereof.

**CHRISTOPHER M. CARR  
ATTORNEY GENERAL**

**ARRAIGNMENT AND PLEA**

Latina Thompson, the defendant, pleads

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This \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

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Defendant

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Defendant's Attorney

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Assistant Attorney General

**ARRAIGNMENT AND PLEA**

Latina Thompson, the defendant, plead:

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This \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

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Defendant

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Defendant's Attorney

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Assistant Attorney General

**WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL**

The defendant Latina Thompson knowingly, intelligently, willfully and voluntarily waives his/her right to a jury trial in open court.

This \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

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Defendant

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Defendant's Attorney

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Assistant Attorney General

**NOLLE PROSEQUI**

On motion of the Attorney General after examination in open court, it is ordered that a NOLLE PROSEQUI be entered in the above case.

In re Counts: \_\_\_\_\_

This \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

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Judge, Superior Court, Baldwin County, Georgia

**VERDICT**

We, the jury, find the defendant Latina Thompson

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This \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

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Foreperson

**ARRAIGNMENT AND PLEA**

Sheldonna Williams, the defendant, pleads

This \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

Defendant

Defendant's Attorney

Assistant Attorney General

**WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL**

The defendant Sheldonna Williams knowingly, intelligently, willfully and voluntarily waives his/her right to a jury trial in open court.

This \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

Defendant

Defendant's Attorney

Assistant Attorney General

**ARRAIGNMENT AND PLEA**

Sheldonna Williams, the defendant, plead

This \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

Defendant

Defendant's Attorney

Assistant Attorney General

**NOLLE PROSEQUI**

On motion of the Attorney General after examination in open court, it is ordered that a NOLLE PROSEQUI be entered in the above case.

In re Counts: \_\_\_\_\_

This \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

Judge, Superior Court, Baldwin County, Georgia

**VERDICT**

We, the jury, find the defendant Sheldonna Williams

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This \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Foreperson

**Witnesses for the State**

Tracy Richard, Office of the State Inspector General