

No: 24CR124

SUMTER COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT  
February Term, 2024  
*May*

**INDICTMENT**

FOR:

Ct. 1 Malice Murder  
in violation of O.C.G.A. 16-5-1(A)

TRUE BILL

Ct. 2 Felony Murder  
in violation of O.C.G.A. 16-5-1(C)

True BILL

Ct. 3 Felony Murder  
in violation of O.C.G.A. 16-5-1(C)

TRUE BILL

Ct. 4 Aggravated Battery  
in violation of O.C.G.A. 16-5-24

TRUE BILL

Ct. 5 Aggravated Battery  
in violation of O.C.G.A. 16-5-24

True BILL

Ct. 6 Cruelty to Children in the First Degree  
in violation of O.C.G.A. 16-5-70

TRUE BILL

Lewis R. Lamb  
District Attorney  
Southwestern Judicial Circuit

Received in open court, from the sworn grand jury bailiff and filed in office this

The 28<sup>th</sup> day of MAY, 2024.

THE STATE

vs.

TRINITY POAGUE

Cortisa Barthell, Clerk  
SUMTER, Superior Court

FOREPERSON

24W324  
D.402

**INDICTMENT  
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF SUMTER COUNTY**

THE GRAND JURORS SELECTED, CHOSEN AND SWORN FOR THE COUNTY OF SUMTER TO  
WIT:

~~Emiley A. Walter~~ **(SFP)**  
Priscilla A. Merritt  
Nyla R. Franklin  
Sherri L. Taylor  
Tarron D. Tyson  
Natalie N. Luster  
Johnny E. Smith  
Steven L. Lashley  
Susan B. White  
Tavoris D. Davis  
Valerie D. Walters  
Sonya A. Bateman

Miriam M. Finley  
Stacie L. Myers-Gordon  
Brodrick K. Ray  
Markell D. Stone  
Noah R. Lambson  
Annie L. Jackson  
Betty G. White  
Rhonda L. Reddick  
Bordrick J. Cobb  
Emory F. Parker, Jr.  
Sarah H. Zarzutski

**COUNT 1**

THE GRAND JURORS AFORESAID, IN THE NAME AND BEHALF OF THE CITIZENS OF GEORGIA, charge and accuse **TRINITY POAGUE** with the offense of **MALICE MURDER** for that the said accused, on or about the 14th day of January, 2024, in Sumter County, Georgia, then and there did unlawfully, with malice aforethought, cause the death of Romeo Angeles, a human being, by inflicting blunt force trauma to the head and torso of his body, contrary to the laws of said State, the good order, peace and dignity thereof in violation of the laws of the State of Georgia.

**COUNT 2**

THE GRAND JURORS AFORESAID, IN THE NAME AND BEHALF OF THE CITIZENS OF GEORGIA, charge and accuse **TRINITY POAGUE** with the offense of **FELONY MURDER** for that the said accused, on or about the 14th day of January, 2024, in Sumter County, Georgia, then and there did commit the offense of murder when the accused caused the death of Romeo Angeles, a human being, irrespective of malice while in the commission of the offense of Aggravated Battery, a felony, by causing blunt force trauma to the head and torso of Romeo Angeles, contrary to the laws of said State, the good order, peace and dignity thereof in violation of the laws of the State of Georgia.

**COUNT 3**

THE GRAND JURORS AFORESAID, IN THE NAME AND BEHALF OF THE CITIZENS OF GEORGIA, charge and accuse **TRINITY POAGUE** with the offense of ~~AGGRAVATED BATTERY~~ **FELONY MURDER** for that the said

**(LR)** **(SFP)**

about the 14th day of January, 2024, in Sumter County, Georgia, then and there did commit the offense of murder, irrespective of malice, by causing the death of Romeo Angeles, a human being, while in the commission of the offense of Cruelty to Children in the First Degree, a felony, by inflicting blunt force trauma to the head and torso of Romeo Angeles, contrary to the laws of said State, the good order, peace and dignity thereof in violation of the laws of the State of Georgia.

#### COUNT 4

THE GRAND JURORS AFORESAID, IN THE NAME AND BEHALF OF THE CITIZENS OF GEORGIA, charge and accuse **TRINITY POAGUE** with the offense of **AGGRAVATED BATTERY** for that the said accused, on or about the 14th day of January, 2024, in Sumter County, Georgia, then and there did maliciously cause bodily harm to Romeo Angeles, by rendering his brain, a member of said person's body, useless, contrary to the laws of said State, the good order, peace and dignity thereof in violation of the laws of the State of Georgia.

#### COUNT 5

THE GRAND JURORS AFORESAID, IN THE NAME AND BEHALF OF THE CITIZENS OF GEORGIA, charge and accuse **TRINITY POAGUE** with the offense of **AGGRAVATED BATTERY** for that the said accused, on or about the 14th day of January, 2024, in Sumter County, Georgia, then and there did maliciously cause bodily harm to Romeo Angeles, by causing serious disfigurement to his liver, a member of said person's body, and further by rendering such member of his body useless, contrary to the laws of said State, the good order, peace and dignity thereof in violation of the laws of the State of Georgia.

#### COUNT 6

THE GRAND JURORS AFORESAID, IN THE NAME AND BEHALF OF THE CITIZENS OF GEORGIA, charge and accuse **TRINITY POAGUE** with the offense of **CRUELTY TO CHILDREN IN THE FIRST DEGREE** for that the said accused, on or about the 14th day of January, 2024, in Sumter County, Georgia, then and there did maliciously cause Romeo Angeles, a child under the age of eighteen 18 years, cruel and excessive physical pain by inflicting blunt force trauma to the head and torso of Romeo Angeles, contrary to the laws of said State, the good order, peace and dignity thereof in violation of the laws of the State of Georgia.



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Lewis R. Lamb  
District Attorney

**ARRAIGNMENT AND PLEA**

TRINITY POAGUE, the defendant, hereby waives formal arraignment, copy of indictment, list of witnesses, jury trial, and pleads \_\_\_\_\_ guilty.

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

Defendant

Defendant's Attorney

District Attorney

**VERDICT**

We, the jury, find the defendant TRINITY POAGUE

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

Foreperson

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