

State Witness - Inv. M. Flinn  
DeKalb County District Attorney's Office

No. \_\_\_\_\_  
DEKALB COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

MAY TERM 2014

**THE STATE**

**vs**

**JEDADIA BYRD; ROBERT CLARK;  
CHRISTINA CARNEY; MICHAEL DALLAS; STEPHANIE FINGER;  
PIERRE METTEAUX and MELVIN SUMMERS**

**D0240981-09**

**Ct. 1: Violation of Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations  
Act**

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\_\_\_\_\_ Foreperson.

The Defendant, Jedadia Byrd, waives copy of  
the Indictment, list of witnesses, full  
panel, formal arraignment, and pleads

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This the \_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
District Attorney

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Defendant's Attorney

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Defendant

The Defendant, Robert Clark, waives copy of the Indictment, list of witnesses, full panel, formal arraignment, and pleads

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This the \_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_.

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District Attorney

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Defendant's Attorney

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Defendant

The Defendant, Christina Carney, waives copy of the Indictment, list of witnesses, full panel, formal arraignment, and pleads

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This the \_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_.

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District Attorney

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Defendant's Attorney

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Defendant

The Defendant, Michael Dallas, waives copy of the Indictment, list of witnesses, full panel, formal arraignment, and pleads

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This the \_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_.

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District Attorney

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Defendant's Attorney

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Defendant

The Defendant, Stephanie Finger, waives copy of the Indictment, list of witnesses, full panel, formal arraignment, and pleads

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This the \_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_.

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District Attorney

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Defendant's Attorney

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Defendant

The Defendant, Pierre Metteaux, waives copy of the Indictment, list of witnesses, full panel, formal arraignment, and pleads

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This the \_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_.

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District Attorney

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Defendant's Attorney

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Defendant

The Defendant, Melvin Summers, waives copy of the Indictment, list of witnesses, full panel, formal arraignment, and pleads

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This the \_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_.

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District Attorney

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Defendant's Attorney

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Defendant

STATE OF GEORGIA, COUNTY OF DEKALB

**BILL OF INDICTMENT**

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF SAID COUNTY,

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

1. Nicole A. Wilson, Foreperson
2. Tanisha Angel
3. Robert L. Carter, Jr.
4. Lenda J. Clark
5. Natasha L. Cook
6. Mary Cooper
7. Patricia Copeland-Poteat
8. Eric Cutillo
9. James F. Davidson
10. Laura M. Guillen
11. Paul Hayes
12. Eustace G. Hazlewood
13. Choc Luong
14. Kasheila D. Marshall
15. Roberta M. Meeks
16. Troy D. Quinn
17. Annetta S. Richardson
18. Albert D. Sheffer, Jr.
19. Matinah Simms
20. Harvey L. Smith
21. Lauren N. Thrash
22. Charles Turner, Jr.
23. Arnold F. Walker, II
24. Kia Wilson-Brown
25. Breanna J. Wimby
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**COUNT 1**

The GRAND JURORS aforesaid, in the name of and on behalf of the citizens of the State of Georgia, charge and accuse

**JEDADIA BYRD; ROBERT CLARK; CHRISTINA CARNEY; MICHAEL DALLAS;  
STEPHANIE FINGER; PIERRE METTEAUX and MELVIN SUMMERS**

for the said accused, in the State of Georgia, and County of DeKalb,  
between the

**14<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2013 and the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of December, 2013,**

did then and there unlawfully conspire and endeavor with each other to violate O.C.G.A. 16-14-4(a), to-wit: through a pattern of racketeering activity and proceeds derived therefrom, they did acquire and maintain, both directly and indirectly, interest in and control of personal property, to-wit: United States currency and MARTA breeze cards, through a pattern of racketeering activity described in Part I of this count of the bill of indictment.

## OVERVIEW OF THE CONSPIRACY

In December, 2013, the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (hereinafter MARTA) discovered that fraudulent breeze cards had been distributed and utilized by riders for several months. MARTA police conducted an investigation which led to the detention and arrest of Melvin Summers, Pierre Metteaux and Jedadia Byrd on December 9th, 2013. These men had created a scheme called "Underground Railroad" or "Only Fare," which fraudulently placed value on MARTA breeze cards and sold those cards for U.S. currency. MARTA received no compensation for these cards beyond the initial \$1.00 price of purchasing the cards. The organization purported to be a club, which distributed MARTA breeze cards to its members for a weekly \$10.00 fee. The conspirators distributed flyers to advertise the organization and created employee badges and business cards. They recruited persons to sell the fraudulent breeze cards at locations in the metro Atlanta area, including locations in DeKalb County.

On several occasions in 2013, Jedadia Byrd, Melvin Summers, Pierre Metteaux, Stephanie Finger and Christina Carney went to MARTA stations, including the Chamblee and Doraville stations in DeKalb County, where they purchased large numbers of MARTA breeze cards at a cost of \$1.00 per card. They did not place any legitimate value on the cards while they were at the MARTA stations. Instead they brought the cards to a room at the Suburban Extended Stay Hotel in Chamblee, where they used computers and other equipment to fraudulently place value on said cards. The altered cards allowed the cardholder to have unlimited rides on MARTA for a weekly or monthly time period. The room had been rented by Stephanie Finger, who was in a long-term relationship with Jedadiah Byrd, but it was Pierre Metteaux who lived in the room.

The conspirators sold the fraudulent breeze cards to persons all over Atlanta. The initial structure of the organization, which was to sign up members who would pay dues in exchange for the cards, dissipated over time as the sellers, known as "reps," began to sell

the cards for cash. Robert Clark, a.k.a. "Obama" or "Obamaman," sold a large quantity of cards around the metro Atlanta area, communicating frequently with Pierre Metteaux to place orders for additional cards. Michael Dallas, a.k.a. "Paperman," worked for the Atlanta Journal Constitution selling newspapers. Dallas sold cards to MARTA riders at the H.E. Holmes and Five Points MARTA stations. Brenda Small, who worked at a store called "Forever 21" at Lenox Mall, sold fraudulent breeze cards to employees and customers at that store. Clark, Dallas, Small and other unindicted persons received U.S. currency as payment for selling the cards.

In furtherance of this conspiracy and endeavor the conspirators committed overt acts which included attempted and completed acts of IDENTITY FRAUD, O.C.G.A. 16-9-121, which is an act of racketeering activity under 16-14-3(9)(A) xxxvi; FINANCIAL TRANSACTION CARD FRAUD, O.C.G.A. 16-9-33(a)(1)(B), which is racketeering activity under 16-14-3(9)(A) xxiii; THEFT OF SERVICES, which is racketeering activity under 16-14-3(9)(A)ix; FALSE STATEMENTS, O.C.G.A. 16-10-20, which is racketeering activity under 16-14-3(9)(A)xv; and COMPUTER THEFT, O.C.G.A. 16-9-93(2), which is racketeering activity under 16-14-3(9)(A)xxviii. These overt acts, at least one of which occurred in DeKalb County, are detailed in Part I of this indictment.

## PART I - OVERT ACTS

### A. CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT IDENTITY FRAUD (O.C.G.A. 16-9-122)

Jedadia Byrd, Robert Clark, Christina Carney, Michael Dallas, Stephanie Finger, Pierre Metteaux and Melvin Summers (hereinafter "the conspirators") did willfully and fraudulently, without authorization or consent, possess with intent to fraudulently use identifying information belonging to MARTA, to-wit: encoded information which represented the value of unlimited weekly or monthly rides on MARTA vehicles.

**B. FINANCIAL TRANSACTION CARD FRAUD (O.C.G.A. 16-9-33(a)(1)(B))**

The conspirators, with intent to defraud the issuer and an organization providing services, did use for the purpose of obtaining money and services, financial transaction cards which they knew were forged.

**C. THEFT OF SERVICES (O.C.G.A. 16-8-5)**

The conspirators, by deception and with the intent to avoid payment, knowingly obtained services which were available only for compensation, to-wit: the right to utilize MARTA transportation services for a specified period of time.

**D. FALSE STATEMENTS (O.C.G.A. 16-10-20)**

Melvin Summers, Pierre Metteaux, Michael Dallas and Jedadiah Byrd did knowingly and willfully make false and fictitious statements to MARTA detectives in a matter within the jurisdiction of MARTA, a joint agency of the City of Atlanta and DeKalb County, to-wit: MARTA investigation case number 2013115745.

**E. Computer Theft (O.C.G.A. 16-9-93)**

The conspirators did knowingly use a computer and the MARTA computer network with the knowledge that such use was without authority, with the intent to obtain property by deceitful means, to-wit: they programmed breeze cards which had no value so the cards would communicate false information to the MARTA network, specifically the false information that the card holder had paid MARTA for transportation services.

**OVERT ACTS**

1. On September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013, Stephanie Finger rented room #342 at the Suburban Extended Stay Hotel in DeKalb County for the purpose of establishing a headquarters for the conspiracy.

2. On October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013, Melvin Summers built a computer in room #342. Pierre Metteaux recorded the process as Melvin Summers gave detailed instructions explaining how to assemble the various parts to put the computer together. That computer was then used by the conspirators to create fraudulent breeze cards and it was still being used for that purpose when the room was searched by MARTA police on December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

3. The conspirators created flyers to advertise their organization, which was named "the Underground Railroad" and also "Only Fare," to distribute discount MARTA breeze cards in exchange for a membership fee. These flyers were translated into Spanish and distributed as well.

4. Pierre Metteaux moved into room #342 and Melvin Summers, Jedadiah Byrd, Stephanie Finger and Christina Carney were observed going in and out of that room on several different occasions in December 2013. The room was filled with computers, card readers, scanners and MARTA breeze cards.

5. On October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013, Robert Clark sent a text to Pierre Metteaux asking for breeze cards to sell, asking "how many weekly and monthly you got on you."

6. On October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2013, Robert Clark sent a text to Pierre Metteaux asking for breeze cards to sell, stating; "do you have any extra weekly I can get this morning if so I need them like right now 10 or 20 weekly will due until the big order...Obama."

7. On November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013, at the Chamblee station, Pierre Metteaux purchased a quantity of breeze cards for \$1.00 each and did not place any additional value on said cards at the MARTA station.

8. On November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013, Christina Carney emailed Pierre Metteaux over 70 times in the space of two hours. Each email contained MARTA codes which enabled the conspirators to fraudulently program MARTA breeze cards.

9. On November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013, Michael Dallas sent a text to Pierre Metteaux asking for 19 breeze cards to sell.

10. On November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2013, Michael Dallas sent a text to Pierre Metteaux asking for 10 breeze cards to sell.

11. On November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2013, Stephanie Finger and Christina Carney purchased a quantity of breeze cards for \$1.00 each at the Doraville MARTA station. They did not place any additional value on the cards at the MARTA station.

12. On December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013, Stephanie Finger recruited a person to work as a rep for the Underground Railroad. She texted the person saying he would make \$200.00 a day, stating "we don't make money by sitting around we work our ass off but the money is great."

13. On December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013, Pierre Metteaux met Michael Dallas at the Chamblee MARTA train station and gave Dallas several MARTA breeze cards to sell. The transfer of cards was observed and video recorded by MARTA police.

14. On December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013, Christina Carney and Melvin Summers were observed and video recorded purchasing a quantity of MARTA breeze cards for \$1.00 per card at the Doraville station. Carney and Summers left the station without adding any additional value to said breeze cards.

15. Between December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013 and December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013, MARTA police observed a blue Chrysler minivan registered to Jedadia Byrd driving conspirators to and from room #342 and to and from the Doraville MARTA station.

16. On December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013, Melvin Summers, Pierre Matteaux and Jedadia Byrd were observed and video recorded purchasing a quantity of MARTA breeze cards for \$1.00 per card at the Doraville station. All three conspirators were detained by MARTA police on that date.

17. When he was detained on December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013, Melvin Summers had over sixty MARTA breeze cards on his person along with over \$1,200.00 in U.S. currency.

18. On December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013, the Chrysler minivan registered to Jedadiah Byrd was searched and fifty MARTA breeze cards were found in the van. When the van was searched more thoroughly on January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014, a loaded handgun was found in the minivan along with a bar of gold.

19. On December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013, when MARTA police searched room #342, they located over 400 breeze cards, scanners, computers, card readers, and over \$9,000.00 in U.S. currency.

20. On December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013, Christina Carney and Stephanie Finger drove to the Suburban Extended Stay Hotel, where they were stopped and arrested by MARTA police. Carney had eleven breeze cards and an "Only Fare" business card on her person.

21. Jedadiah Byrd was interviewed by MARTA police on December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013. He told the police that he did not sell cards. He said he only gave them to his family. This was a false statement.

22. Pierre Metteaux was interviewed by MARTA police on December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013. He told the police that he gave the cards away and did not sell them. This was a false statement.

23. Melvin Summers was interviewed by MARTA police on December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013. He told the police that he gave the cards to homeless persons for free and he did not sell cards. This was a false statement.

24. Michael Dallas was interviewed by MARTA police on December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013. He told the police that he never sold any breeze cards. This was a false statement.

25. On a date which is not known to the grand jury, but in any event within 30 days of December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013, Michael Dallas sold a

fraudulent monthly breeze card to Jana Bailey in exchange for U.S. currency.

26. On a date which is not known to the grand jury, but in any event within 30 days of December 26<sup>th</sup>, 2013, Michael Dallas sold a fraudulent monthly breeze card to Breunta Sales in exchange for U.S. currency.

27. On a date which is not known to the grand jury, but in any event within 30 days of December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013, Michael Dallas sold a fraudulent monthly breeze card to Consuela Simmons in exchange for U.S. currency.

28. On a date which is not known to the grand jury, but in any event within 30 days of December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2013, Robert Clark sold a fraudulent monthly breeze card to Dorothy Ware in exchange for U.S. currency.

29. On a date which is not known to the grand jury, but in any event within 30 days of December 26<sup>th</sup>, 2013, Robert Clark sold a fraudulent monthly breeze card to Keyton Johnson in exchange for U.S. currency.

30. On a date which is not known to the grand jury, but in any event within 30 days of December 26<sup>th</sup>, 2013, Robert Clark sold a fraudulent monthly breeze card to Sabrina Powell in exchange for U.S. currency.

31. On a date which is not known to the grand jury, but in any event within 30 days of December 26<sup>th</sup>, 2013, Robert Clark sold a fraudulent monthly breeze card to Kyle Roberts in exchange for U.S. currency.

32. On a date which is not known to the grand jury, but in any event within 30 days of December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013, Pierre Metteaux sold a fraudulent monthly breeze card to Keosha Williams-Glover at Underground Atlanta. Williams-Glover had purchased breeze cards from Pierre Metteaux on several previous occasions.

33. On a date which is not known to the grand jury, but in any event within 30 days of December 24th, 2013, Pierre Metteaux sold a fraudulent monthly breeze card to Carlos Murray at the Chamblee MARTA station. Murray had purchased breeze cards from Pierre Metteaux previously.

34. On a date which is not known to the grand jury, but in any event within 30 days of December 26th, 2013, Pierre Metteaux sold a fraudulent monthly breeze card to Deldra Williams at the Chamblee MARTA station.

35. On December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2013, after several conspirators had been arrested, Robert Clark went to the Secretary of State's office and registered a company called RC Enterprise and Development, LLC.

36. On December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013, Robert Clark moved from his house and into an Efficiency Lodge Hotel in Atlanta, Georgia.

37. On December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013, Robert Clark opened two bank accounts at J.P. Morgan Chase bank in the name of RC Enterprise and Development, LLC and he deposited \$16,000.00 in cash into each account.

38. On December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013, Michael Dallas was arrested at Five Points station. He had on his person a key to a secure MARTA location that should only be possessed by MARTA employees, as well as breeze card documents that are not disseminated to the general public. Michael Dallas has never been employed by MARTA.

39. While on the way to the MARTA police station after his arrest, Michael Dallas called Robert Clark to warn him that he had been arrested. Robert Clark was the only named conspirator who was still at large on that date.

40. On December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013, Robert Clark was arrested at the Efficiency Lodge hotel. There was an ID badge and Underground Railroad flyers in the room. The flyers had been updated to show "Robert" as the contact person and Robert Clark's phone number as the contact number.

**PART II - PATTERN OF RACKETEERING ACTIVITY**

The above overt acts constituted a pattern of racketeering activity in that they were committed in furtherance of one or more incidents, schemes or transactions that had the same or similar intents, results, accomplices, victims or methods of commission or otherwise were interrelated by distinguishing characteristics. The object of the conspiracy was to obtain U.S. currency and breeze cards through acts which constituted identity fraud, financial transaction card fraud, theft of services, computer theft and false statements. contrary to the laws of said State, the good order, peace and dignity thereof.

DEKALB SUPERIOR COURT

ROBERT JAMES, DISTRICT ATTORNEY