

JUDGE MARY STALEY

GENERAL BILL OF INDICTMENT

RE: Warrant(s)

14-WD-5669

WITNESSES:

Det. Philip M. Stoddard,
Cobb County Police Department

NO. 143124
COBB SUPERIOR COURT

JULY/AUGUST TERM 2014

THE STATE OF GEORGIA

V.

JUSTIN ROSS HARRIS

Ct. 1: Malice Murder

Ct. 2: Felony Murder

Ct. 3: Felony Murder

Ct. 4: Cruelty to Children in the First Degree

Ct. 5: Cruelty to Children in the Second Degree

Ct. 6: Criminal Attempt to Commit a Felony, to wit: Sexual Exploitation of Children

Ct. 7: Dissemination of Harmful Material to Minors

Ct. 8: Dissemination of Harmful Material to Minors

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Cynthia M. Pannullo
Grand Jury Foreperson

Delivered in open Court by:
Ise Rich
Grand Jury Bailiff

REBECCA KEATON, Clerk, S. C.

D. VICTOR REYNOLDS,
District Attorney, Cobb Judicial Circuit

The Defendant herein waives copy of indictment, list of witnesses, formal arraignment and pleads _____ Guilty.

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Defendant

Defendant

Attorney for Defendant

Attorney for Defendant

Assistant District Attorney

Assistant District Attorney

COUNT 1

The Grand Jurors, aforesaid, in the name and behalf of the citizens of Georgia, charge and accuse **JUSTIN ROSS HARRIS** with the offense of **MALICE MURDER, O.C.G.A. § 16-5-1**, for that the said accused person, in the County of Cobb and State of Georgia, **on or about the 18th day of June, 2014**, did unlawfully, and with malice aforethought, cause the death of Cooper Harris, a human being, by placing said Cooper Harris into a child car seat and leaving him alone in a hot motor vehicle, contrary to the laws of said State, the good order, peace and dignity thereof.

COUNT 2

and the Grand Jurors, aforesaid, in the name and behalf of the citizens of Georgia, further charge and accuse **JUSTIN ROSS HARRIS** with the offense of **FELONY MURDER, O.C.G.A. § 16-5-1**, for that the said accused person, in the County of Cobb and State of Georgia, **on or about the 18th day of June, 2014**, did commit the offense of murder when the accused caused the death of Cooper Harris, a human being, while in the commission of a felony, to wit: Cruelty To Children In The First Degree, O.C.G.A. § 16-5-70, did maliciously cause said Cooper Harris, a child under the age of eighteen (18) years, cruel and excessive physical pain by leaving said child alone in a hot motor vehicle, contrary to the laws of said State, the good order, peace and dignity thereof.

COUNT 3

and the Grand Jurors, aforesaid, in the name and behalf of the citizens of Georgia, further charge and accuse **JUSTIN ROSS HARRIS** with the offense of **FELONY MURDER, O.C.G.A. § 16-5-1**, for that the said accused person, in the County of Cobb and State of Georgia, **on or about the 18th day of June, 2014**, did commit the offense of murder when the accused caused the death of Cooper Harris, a human being, while in the commission of a felony, to wit: Cruelty To Children In The Second Degree, O.C.G.A. § 16-5-70, did, with criminal negligence, cause said Cooper Harris, a child under the age of eighteen (18) years, cruel and excessive physical pain by leaving said child alone in a hot motor vehicle, contrary to the laws of said State, the good order, peace and dignity thereof.

COUNT 4

and the Grand Jurors, aforesaid, in the name and behalf of the citizens of Georgia, further charge and accuse **JUSTIN ROSS HARRIS** with the offense of **CRUELTY TO CHILDREN IN THE FIRST DEGREE, O.C.G.A. § 16-5-70(b)**, for that the said accused person, in the County of Cobb and State of Georgia, **on or about the 18th day of June, 2014**, did maliciously cause Cooper Harris, a child under the age of eighteen (18) years, cruel and excessive physical pain by leaving said child alone in a hot motor vehicle, contrary to the laws of said State, the good order, peace and dignity thereof.

COUNT 5

and the Grand Jurors, aforesaid, in the name and behalf of the citizens of Georgia, further charge and accuse **JUSTIN ROSS HARRIS** with the offense of **CRUELTY TO CHILDREN IN THE SECOND DEGREE , O.C.G.A. § 16-5-70(c)**, for that the said accused person, in the County of Cobb and State of Georgia, **on or about the 18th day of June, 2014**, did, with criminal negligence, cause Cooper Harris, a child under the age of eighteen (18) years, cruel and excessive physical pain by leaving said child alone in a hot motor vehicle, contrary to the laws of said State, the good order, peace and dignity thereof.

COUNT 6

and the Grand Jurors, aforesaid, in the name and behalf of the citizens of Georgia, further charge and accuse **JUSTIN ROSS HARRIS** with the offense of **CRIMINAL ATTEMPT TO COMMIT A FELONY, O.C.G.A. § 16-4-1**, for that the said accused person, in the County of Cobb and State of Georgia, **between the 1st day of March, 2014, and the 18th day of June, 2014**, did knowingly and intentionally attempt to commit the crime of Sexual Exploitation of Children, in violation of Code Section O.C.G.A. § 16-12-100 of the Official Code of Georgia, in that the said accused did perform an act, to wit: the accused did request that [REDACTED] a minor female under the age of eighteen (18) years, provide the accused with a photograph and visual medium involving the lewd exhibition of her genital and pubic area, an act which constitutes a substantial step toward the commission of said crime, contrary to the laws of said State, the good order, peace and dignity thereof.

COUNT 7

and the Grand Jurors, aforesaid, in the name and behalf of the citizens of Georgia, further charge and accuse **JUSTIN ROSS HARRIS** with the offense of **DISSEMINATION OF HARMFUL MATERIAL TO MINORS, O.C.G.A. § 16-12-103**, for that the said accused person, in the County of Cobb and State of Georgia, **between the 1st day of March, 2014, and the 11th day of June, 2014**, did knowingly disseminate and furnish to [REDACTED] a minor female under the age of eighteen (18) years, printed matter containing explicit and detailed verbal descriptions and narrative accounts of sexual excitement and sexual conduct, and which, taken as a whole, is harmful to minors, contrary to the laws of said State, the good order, peace and dignity thereof.

COUNT 8

and the Grand Jurors, aforesaid, in the name and behalf of the citizens of Georgia, further charge and accuse **JUSTIN ROSS HARRIS** with the offense of **DISSEMINATION OF HARMFUL MATERIAL TO MINORS, O.C.G.A. § 16-12-103**, for that the said accused person, in the County of Cobb and State of Georgia, **between the 6th day of March, 2014, and the 15th day of June, 2014**, did knowingly disseminate and furnish to [REDACTED] a minor female under the age of eighteen (18) years, a photograph and visual image of a portion of the human body which depicted sexually explicit nudity, to wit: a photograph and visual image of a male in a state of undress so as to expose the male's genitals, and of a depiction of uncovered male genitals in a discernibly turgid state, and which, taken as a whole, is harmful to minors, contrary to the laws of said State, the good order, peace and dignity thereof.

D. VICTOR REYNOLDS, District Attorney