
BILL OF INDICTMENT
No. 2026-R-107-JS
In the Superior Court of Tattnall County
State of Georgia

STATE OF GEORGIA
VS.
BRIAN DENNIS ADAMS
OTN:

- COUNT 1 : Violation of Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act O.C.G.A. 16-14-4(a) (Felony)
- COUNT 2 : Making a False Statement O.C.G.A. 16-10-20 (Felony)
- COUNT 3 : Tampering With Evidence O.C.G.A. 16-10-94 (Felony)
- COUNT 4 : Tampering With Evidence O.C.G.A. 16-10-94 (Felony)
- COUNT 5 : Violation of Oath by Public Officer O.C.G.A. 16-10-1 (Felony)
- COUNT 6 : Violation of Oath by Public Officer O.C.G.A. 16-10-1 (Felony)

Count 1 : True BILL


Count 2 : True BILL

Count 3 : True BILL

Count 4 : True BILL

Count 5 : True BILL

Count 6 : True BILL



STATE'S LIST OF WITNESSES:

Special Agent Christian Johnson
Georgia Bureau of Investigation

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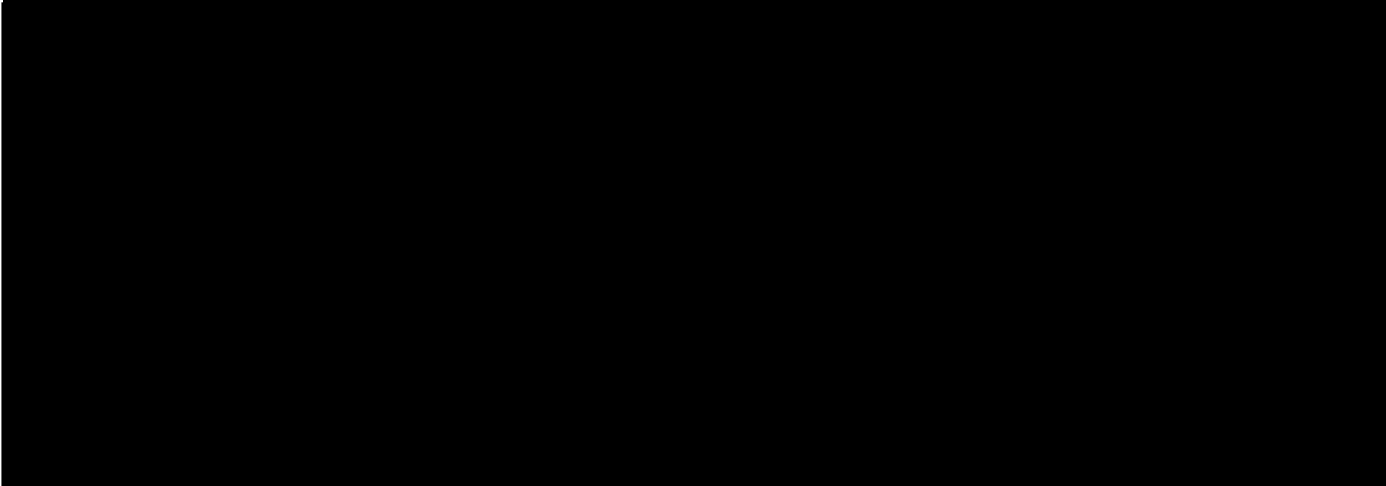
CHRIS CARR, ATTORNEY GENERAL

STATE OF GEORGIA

**STATE OF GEORGIA
TATTNALL COUNTY
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF SAID COUNTY**

APRIL 2026 TERM

**THE GRAND JURORS SELECTED, CHOSEN AND SWORN FOR THE COUNTY OF
TATTNALL, TO-WIT:**



COUNT 1

In the name and behalf of the citizens of Georgia, charge and accuse **BRIAN DENNIS ADAMS** with the offense of **VIOLATION OF RACKETEER INFLUENCED AND CORRUPT ORGANIZATIONS ACT, (O.C.G.A. 16-14-4(a))**, a **Felony**, for that the said accused **BRIAN DENNIS ADAMS** in the County of Tattall and the State of Georgia, **between the 1st day of January, 2021, and the 19th day of January, 2023, the exact date of the offense being unknown to the Grand Jury**, did unlawfully acquire and maintain, directly and indirectly, an interest in and control of personal property, to wit: prison contraband and U.S. Currency, through a pattern of Racketeering activity in violation of O.C.G.A. 16-14-4(a) as more particularly described below and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein, contrary to the laws of the State of Georgia, the good order, peace, and dignity thereof.

Part 1 – Overview of the Case

A. Background

At all times relevant to this indictment, **BRIAN DENNIS ADAMS** was the warden of Smith State Prison, a unit of the Department of Corrections, and a state employee. As warden, **BRIAN DENNIS ADAMS** was responsible for the care, secure detention, and control of all inmates assigned to Smith State Prison. Included in these responsibilities was the overall security of the prison and the effective accomplishment of assigned tasks by employees. In maintaining security, the Warden was also responsible for preventing actions or activities which are prohibited by law, rules, and regulations.

One of the duties of his role as warden was the collection and reporting to appropriate law enforcement of contraband. **ADAMS**, as a warden employed by the State of Georgia, was required to establish and maintain a program of regular inspections of facilities and equipment, including, but not limited to, confinement facilities, dormitories, cell houses, mess facilities, work shops, storage areas, and recreational facilities. These inspections were supposed to encompass security, safety, sanitation and appearance. When possible, the regular inspections should have been augmented by frequent irregular and unannounced spot or special inspections to detect and correct deficiencies at the earliest possible time.

A major component of inspections included the search for and seizure of prison contraband items. Common contraband items found among inmates included, but were not limited to, knives, prison shanks, batons, bludgeons, cellular telephones, and unlawful drugs. The seizure of contraband and enforced discipline for possessing contraband promotes the safety and security of inmates, prison employees, and civilians outside of the prison.

B. Scheme

BRIAN DENNIS ADAMS engaged in a scheme to acquire and maintain an interest in and control of personal property, including money and prison contraband, by accepting bribes in exchange for neglecting his duties as warden, assisting in the introduction of contraband into Smith State Prison, and failing to report the possession of contraband items. Additionally, as part of the scheme to acquire and maintain an interest in and control of personal property, including money and prison contraband, BRIAN DENNIS ADAMS collected and concealed contraband items to prevent the apprehension and prosecution of himself and prison inmates. The acquisition of money by Adams enriched Adams' personal wealth, and the prevention of the prosecution of prison inmates permitted the Yves Saint Laurent Squad prison gang to acquire money and prison contraband.

Part II – Acts of Racketeering Activity

- (1) The accused, Brian Dennis Adams, committed the offense of Bribery in violation of O.C.G.A. § 16-10-2 in that, between the dates of January 1, 2021 and April 20, 2021, the exact date of the offense being unknown to the Grand Jury, the accused agreed to accept U.S. currency from Ireon Moore, a thing of value, by inducing the reasonable belief that said U.S. currency would influence the accused to move inmate Nathan Weekes out of solitary confinement while the accused was a employed as a state employee as warden of Smith State Prison. This is an act of racketeering activity pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 16-14-3(5)(A)(xxi).
- (2) The accused, Brian Dennis Adams, committed the offense of Money Laundering in violation of O.C.G.A. § 7-1-915 in that, between the dates of January 1, 2021 and April 20, 2021, the exact date of the offense being unknown to the Grand Jury, the accused, knowing that the monies involved in a currency transaction represent the proceeds of unlawful activity, attempted to conduct a transaction which in fact involves the proceeds of unlawful activity:

Bribery in violation of O.C.G.A. § 16-10-2 in that the accused agreed to receive U.S. currency from Ireon Moore, a thing of value, by inducing the reasonable belief that said U.S. currency would influence the accused to move inmate Nathan Weekes out of solitary confinement while the accused was a employed as a state employee as warden of Smith State Prison.

This is an act of racketeering activity pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 16-14-3(5)(A)(ii).

- (3) The accused, Brian Dennis Adams, committed the offense of Bribery in violation of O.C.G.A. § 16-10-2 in that, between the dates of January 1, 2021 and April 20, 2021, the exact date of the offense being unknown to the Grand Jury, the accused agreed to accept U.S. currency from Ireon Moore, a thing of value, by inducing the reasonable belief that said U.S. currency would influence the accused to permit contraband into Smith State Prison while the accused was a employed as a state employee as warden of Smith State Prison. This is an act of racketeering activity pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 16-14-3(5)(A)(xxi).

- (4) The accused, Brian Dennis Adams, committed the offense of Money Laundering in violation of O.C.G.A. § 7-1-915 in that, between the dates of January 1, 2021 and April 20, 2021, the exact date of the offense being unknown to the Grand Jury, the accused, knowing that the monies involved in a currency transaction represent the proceeds of unlawful activity, conducted a transaction which in fact involves the proceeds of unlawful activity:

Bribery in violation of O.C.G.A. § 16-10-2 in that the accused agreed to accept U.S. currency from Ireon Moore, a thing of value, by inducing the reasonable belief that said U.S. currency would influence the accused to permit contraband into Smith State Prison while the accused was employed as a state employee as warden of Smith State Prison.

This is an act of racketeering activity pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 16-14-3(5)(A)(ii).

- (5) The accused, Brian Dennis Adams, committed the offense of Tampering with Evidence in violation of O.C.G.A. § 16-10-94 in that between the June 20, 2021, and the September 22, 2021, the exact date of the offense being unknown to the Grand Jury, did knowingly conceal physical evidence, to wit: prison shanks, by having them buried in the accused's back yard, said evidence involving the prosecution of the offense of O.C.G.A. 42-5-18(c), a felony, with intent to prevent the apprehension of and obstruct the prosecution of the accused, Brian Adams; it is further alleged that the above referenced offense of O.C.G.A. 42-5-18(c) is that an inmate possessed a weapon, to wit: prison shanks, and that they were possessed without the authorization of the warden. This is an act of racketeering activity pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 16-14-3(5)(A)(xxviii).

- (6) The accused, Brian Dennis Adams, committed the offense of Tampering with Evidence in violation of O.C.G.A. § 16-10-94 in that between the 20th day of June, 2021, and the 22nd day of September, 2021, the exact date of the offense being unknown to the Grand Jury, did knowingly conceal physical evidence, to wit: telecommunication devices, by having them buried in the accused's back yard, said evidence involving the prosecution of the offense of O.C.G.A. 42-5-18(c), a felony, with intent to prevent the apprehension of and obstruct the prosecution of the accused, Brian Adams; it is further alleged that the referenced offense of O.C.G.A. 42-5-18(c) is that an inmate possessed a telecommunication device, to wit: cellular telephones, and that they were possessed without the authorization of the warden. This is an act of racketeering activity pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 16-14-3(5)(A)(xxviii).

- (7) The accused, Brian Dennis Adams, committed the offense of False Statements in violation of O.C.G.A. § 16-10-20 in that, on or about February 14, 2022, the accused did knowingly and willfully make a false statement to Special Agent Christian Johnson in the investigation into Yves Saint Laurent Squad and Warden Brian Adams, a matter within the jurisdiction of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, an agency of Georgia state government by telling Special Agent Johnson that it had been over ten years since he had been solicited to bring contraband into a prison. This is an act of racketeering activity pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 16-14-3(5)(A)(xxii).

- (8) The accused, Brian Dennis Adams, committed the offense of False Statements in violation of O.C.G.A. § 16-10-20 in that, on or about February 14, 2022, the accused did knowingly and willfully make a false statement to Special Agent Christian Johnson in the investigation into Yves Saint Laurent Squad and Warden Brian Adams, a matter within the jurisdiction of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, an agency of Georgia state government by telling Special Agent Johnson that he would never accept a bribe from an inmate. This is an act of racketeering activity pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 16-14-3(5)(A)(xxii).

- (9) The accused, Brian Dennis Adams, committed the offense of False Statements in violation of O.C.G.A. § 16-10-20 in that, on or about the 18th day of January, 2023, did knowingly and willfully make a false statement to Special Agent Christian Johnson in the investigation into Yves Saint Laurent Squad and Warden Brian Adams, a matter within the jurisdiction of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, an agency of Georgia state government by telling Special Agent Johnson that the source of funds for a cash payment towards a pool were sourced from the sale of properties. This is an act of racketeering activity pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 16-14-3(5)(A)(xxii).

CHRISTIAN JOHNSON, PROSECUTOR

COUNT 2

And the jurors aforesaid, in the name and behalf of the citizens of Georgia, further charge and accuse **BRIAN DENNIS ADAMS** with the offense of **MAKING A FALSE STATEMENT, (O.C.G.A. 16-10-20), a Felony**, for that the said accused in the County of Tattnall and the State of Georgia, **on or about the 18th day of January, 2023**, did knowingly and willfully make a false statement to Special Agent Christian Johnson in the investigation into Yves Saint Laurent Squad, a matter within the jurisdiction of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, an agency of Georgia state government by telling Special Agent Johnson that the funds for a cash payment towards a pool were sourced from the sale of properties in violation of O.C.G.A. 16-10-20, contrary to the laws of said State, the good order, peace and dignity thereof.

CHRISTIAN JOHNSON, PROSECUTOR

COUNT 3

And the jurors aforesaid, in the name and behalf of the citizens of Georgia, further charge and accuse **BRIAN DENNIS ADAMS** with the offense of **TAMPERING WITH EVIDENCE, (O.C.G.A. 16-10-94), a Felony**, for that the said accused in the County of Tattnall and the State of Georgia, **between the 20th day of June, 2021, and the 22nd day of September, 2021, the exact date of the offense being unknown to the Grand Jury**, did knowingly conceal physical evidence, to wit: prison shanks, by having them buried in the accused's back yard, said evidence involving the prosecution of the offense of O.C.G.A. 42-5-18(c), a felony, with intent to prevent the apprehension of and obstruct the prosecution of the accused, Brian Adams; it is further alleged that the above referenced offense of O.C.G.A. 42-5-18(c) is that an inmate possessed a weapon, to wit: prison shanks, and that they were possessed without the authorization of the warden; it is further alleged that said crime was unknown to the State until February 14, 2023 in violation of O.C.G.A. 16-10-94, contrary to the laws of said State, the good order, peace and dignity thereof.

CHRISTIAN JOHNSON, PROSECUTOR

COUNT 4

And the jurors aforesaid, in the name and behalf of the citizens of Georgia, further charge and accuse **BRIAN DENNIS ADAMS** with the offense of **TAMPERING WITH EVIDENCE, (O.C.G.A. 16-10-94), a Felony**, for that the said accused in the County of Tattnall and the State of Georgia, **between the 20th day of June, 2021, and the 22nd day of September, 2021, the exact date of the offense being unknown to the Grand Jury**, did knowingly conceal physical evidence, to wit: telecommunications devices, by having them buried in the accused's back yard, said evidence involving the prosecution of the offense of O.C.G.A. 42-5-18(c), a felony, with intent to prevent the apprehension of and obstruct the prosecution of the accused, Brian Adams; it is further alleged that the referenced offense of O.C.G.A. 42-5-18(c) is that an inmate possessed a telecommunications device, to wit: cellular telephones, and that they were possessed without the authorization of the warden; it is further alleged that said crime was unknown to the State until February 14, 2023 in violation of O.C.G.A. 16-10-94, contrary to the laws of said State, the good order, peace and dignity thereof.

CHRISTIAN JOHNSON, PROSECUTOR

COUNT 5

And the jurors aforesaid, in the name and behalf of the citizens of Georgia, further charge and accuse **BRIAN DENNIS ADAMS** with the offense of **VIOLATION OF OATH BY PUBLIC OFFICER, (O.C.G.A. 16-10-1), a Felony**, for that the said accused in the County of Tattnall and the State of Georgia, **between the 1st day of January, 2021, and the 28th day of February, 2021, the exact date of the offense being unknown to the Grand Jury**, being a public officer as Warden of Smith State Prison he did willfully and intentionally violate the terms of his oath as prescribed by law, in that he did swear that "I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitutions of the United States of America and the State of Georgia and that I will faithfully perform and discharge the duties of my office conscientiously and without malice or partiality, to the best of my ability. So help me God." pursuant to O.C.G.A. 42-5-31 and then did violate said terms of office by failing to perform the duties of his office conscientiously by receiving a written note regarding payment of money from Smith State Prison inmate Nathan Weekes and hiding it in his residence; it is further alleged that said crime was unknown to the State until January 20, 2023, contrary to the laws of said State, the good order, peace and dignity thereof.

CHRISTIAN JOHNSON, PROSECUTOR

COUNT 6

And the jurors aforesaid, in the name and behalf of the citizens of Georgia, further charge and accuse **BRIAN DENNIS ADAMS** with the offense of **VIOLATION OF OATH BY PUBLIC OFFICER, (O.C.G.A. 16-10-1), a Felony**, for that the said accused in the County of Tattnall and the State of Georgia, **between the 20th day of June, 2021, and the 22nd day of September, 2021, the exact date of the offense being unknown to the Grand Jury**, being a public officer as Warden of Smith State Prison he did willfully and intentionally violate the terms of his oath as prescribed by law, in that he did swear that "I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitutions of the United States of America and the State of Georgia and that I will faithfully perform and discharge the duties of my office conscientiously and without malice or partiality, to the best of my ability. So help me God." pursuant to O.C.G.A. 42-5-31 and then did violate said terms of office by failing to perform the duties of his office conscientiously by having items buried in his back yard, to wit: prison contraband consisting of over 200 shanks, over 50 cellular telephones, over 50 broom handles fashioned into weapons, and four bludgeons it is further alleged that said crime was unknown to the State until February 14, 2023, contrary to the laws of said State, the good order, peace and dignity thereof.

CHRISTIAN JOHNSON, PROSECUTOR

SIGNED:

Chris Carr

Attorney General
State of Georgia

ARRAIGNMENT AND PLEA

The Defendant, **BRIAN DENNIS ADAMS**, waives formal arraignment and pleads

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This _____ day of _____, _____.

Defendant

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Defendant's Attorney

Deputy Attorney General
State of Georgia