

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF FULTON COUNTY  
STATE OF GEORGIA

STATE OF GEORGIA		INDICTMENT NO. 22SC183572
v.		JUDGE PAIGE REESE WHITAKER
JEFFERY WILLIAMS, ET AL.		

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**STATE’S MOTION TO RESTRICT EXTRAJUDICIAL STATEMENTS**

Comes now the State of Georgia and moves this Honorable Court to instruct the defense to refrain from making further extrajudicial statements about this case moving forward.

Georgia Rule of Professional Conduct Rule 3.6 prohibits lawyers participating in litigation from making extrajudicial statements a reasonable person would “believe to be disseminated by means of public communication if the lawyer knows or reasonably should know that it will have a substantial likelihood of materially prejudicing an adjudicative proceeding in the matter.”<sup>1</sup> A relevant factor “in determine[ing] prejudice is the nature of the proceeding involved.”<sup>2</sup> With Criminal jury trials being the “most sensitive to extrajudicial speech.”<sup>3</sup> “The character, credibility, reputation... of a party”<sup>4</sup> and “any opinion as to the guilt or innocence of a defendant”<sup>5</sup> are subjects deemed to be more likely to have a material prejudicial effect on a criminal proceeding.

Defense Counsel have made numerous extrajudicial statements explicitly about this case while a jury is sworn and seated during the State’s case in chief. Defendant Williams’ Counsel Attorney Brian Steel<sup>6</sup> and Keith Adams<sup>7</sup>; Defendant Kendricks’ counsel Attorney Doug

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<sup>1</sup> Georgia Rule of Professional Conduct Rule 3.6(a).

<sup>2</sup> Id. at 3.6 Comment [6].

<sup>3</sup> Id. (emphasis added).

<sup>4</sup> Id. at Comment [5A](a) (emphasis added).

<sup>5</sup> Id. at Comment [5A](d) (emphasis added).

<sup>6</sup> Exhibit A.

<sup>7</sup> Exhibit B at 23:09-23:16, 23:36-23:43.

Weinstein<sup>8</sup>; and Defendant Stillwell’s counsel Attorney Max Schardt<sup>9</sup>—have all made extrajudicial statements to the media explicitly discussing this case in violation of Rule 3.6. The extrajudicial statements have included among other things interviews and statements to the Associated Press. Four of those interviews have been 25, 33, 43, and 107 minutes in length. The statements include among other things the attorneys’ views and opinions about the case itself, opposing counsel, the (now former) judge, the jury, the outcome, and the guilt or innocence of specific defendants.

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. §15-1-3(4) Courts have the power “to control, in the furtherance of justice, the conduct of its officers and all other persons connected with a judicial proceeding before it, in every matter appertaining thereto[.]”<sup>10</sup>

The State thus moves this Honorable Court to instruct the defense to refrain from making extrajudicial statements about this case moving forward.

**Respectfully Submitted this 23rd Day of July 2024**

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<sup>8</sup> Exhibit C, Exhibit D at 15:11-15:28, 19:10-19:13, Exhibit F at 10:12-10:24, 15:50-16:08, 16:18-16:21, 18:56-19:01.

<sup>9</sup> Exhibit E at 52:35-52:40.

<sup>10</sup> See In Re Burton 271 Ga. 491, 492 (1999) (upholding Court’s authority to control actions by an attorney of a party to a juvenile court proceeding relating to disclosure of information by citing to O.C.G.A. 15-1-3(4)).

# Exhibit A

Below please find Brian Steel's statement regarding the recusal Order:

Jeffery Williams is innocent of the charges brought in this indictment and to clear his name he sought a speedy trial, one in which he would receive the constitutional guarantees of a fair trial with an impartial judge presiding and ethical prosecutors following the law. Sadly, Judge Glanville and the prosecutors have run afoul of their duties under of the law. Mr. Williams is grateful that the reviewing court agreed with him and entered the order recusing and disqualifying Judge Glanville from presiding over Mr. Williams' case. We look forward to proceeding with a trial judge who will fairly and faithfully follow the law.

# EXHIBIT B

## **EXCLUSIVE: Young Thug's Attorney Speaks Out on GLANVILLE RECUSAL - KEITH ADAMS**

EXCLUSIVE: Young Thug's Attorney Speaks Out on GLANVILLE RECUSAL - KEITH ADAMS  
([youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com))

**Complete Interview- 15:12 Minutes – 55:15**  
**Excerpts: 23:09-23:16, 23:36-23:43**

# Exhibit C

The Associated Press reached out to Glanville and to a lawyer for Young Thug seeking comment on Monday's ruling. A spokesperson for Willis' office declined to comment.

"While I respect Chief Judge Glanville and his service to this community and the country, he simply became biased over the course of this case," Kendrick's lawyer, Doug Weinstein, said in an email. He added that he looks forward to trying the case "before an unbiased judge," but said the only just outcome at this point is "a mistrial and bond" for Kendrick, who has been jailed for more than two years.

# EXHIBIT D

## **JUDGE GLANVILLE RECUSED: Attorney Doug Weinstein Discusses LIVE With Journalist Meghann Cuniff**

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JUDGE GLANVILLE RECUSED: Attorney Doug Weinstein Discusses LIVE With Journalist Meghann Cuniff (youtube.com)

**Complete Interview- 0:41 Seconds -34:02 Minutes**

**Excerpts: 15:11-15:28, 19:10-19:13**

# EXHIBIT E

**Young Thug / YSL Trial Update: Meghann Interviews Defense Attorney  
Max Schardt**

Young Thug / YSL Trial Update: Meghann Interviews Defense Attorney Max Schardt  
(youtube.com)

**Complete Interview- 0:57 Seconds- 1:46:34  
Excerpt: 52:35-52:40**

# EXHIBIT F

**#INALB: The Debrief: Interview with Attorney Doug Weinstein (YSL, Ex Parte Transcript, & Recusal)**

[#INALB: The Debrief: Interview with Attorney Doug Weinstein \(YSL, Ex Parte Transcript, & Recusal\)](#)  
[\(youtube.com\)](#)

0:00-25:53

**Excerpts:** 10:12-10:24, 15:50-16:08, 16:18-16:21, 18:56-19:01

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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