

IN THE STATE COURT OF ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY

STATE OF GEORGIA

STATE OF GEORGIA,)	
)	
v.)	CASE NO: ST-20-CR-1262
)	
FREDDIE COLLINS,)	
)	
DEFENDANT.)	

The following **bench trial** was heard before the Honorable Ethelyn N. Simpson on March 5, 2021, in the State Court of Athens-Clarke County, Athens, Georgia, with the Defendant appearing via video on Starleaf.

For the State:	William Fleenor Chief Assistant Solicitor Office of the Solicitor General
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For the Defendant:	David T. Douds Assistant Public Defender Office of the Public Defender
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P R O C E E D I N G S

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2 THE COURT: Mr. Collins, good afternoon.

3 THE DEFENDANT: Good afternoon. This is Judge
4 Simpson?

5 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

6 THE DEFENDANT: How you been doing? I miss you.

7 THE COURT: I miss you, too, Mr. Collins. I hope
8 that you are doing well. You are here in ST20CR1262.
9 And Mr. Douds, your lawyer, has filed a special -- an
10 oral special plea of mental incompetency to stand trial.
11 And it is my understanding, Mr. Douds and Mr. Fleenor,
12 that y'all will stipulate, at a bench trial today, to
13 the findings of the order issued by Dr. Emily Stebner,
14 dated January 15th, 2021; is that correct?

15 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, ma'am.

16 MR. FLEENOR: Yes, Your Honor.

17 MR. DOUDS: Yes, Your Honor.

18 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, ma'am.

19 THE COURT: All right. And pursuant to that, I've
20 issued an order that reads as follows: Counsel for the
21 Defendant filed an oral special plea of mental
22 incompetency to stand trial in the above-styled case at
23 a bench trial held this date. Counsel for the State and
24 Counsel or the Defendant stipulated to the findings of
25 the competency evaluation dated January 15th, 2021.

1 Pursuant to the provisions of O.C.G.A. 17-7-130 and in
2 accordance with the recommendations of Dr. Emily
3 Stebner, the Court retains jurisdiction of the Defendant
4 and orders that the Defendant undergo inpatient,
5 psychiatric, psychological, and psychoeducational
6 treatment with the Department of Behavioral Health and
7 Developmental Disabilities for the purposes of
8 competency restoration. Copies of this order have been
9 served on Counsel for the State, William Fleenor;
10 Counsel for the Defendant, David Douds; the Defendant;
11 and the Department of Behavioral Health and
12 Developmental Disabilities, so ordered this 5th day of
13 March, 2021.

14 THE DEFENDANT: Okay. Thank you, Judge Simpson.

15 THE COURT: Thank you so much, Mr. Collins. And
16 they're going to -- they're going to take good care of
17 you, Mr. Collins. Good luck to you.

18 THE DEFENDANT: Okay. Well, just one question.
19 When do I get out?

20 THE COURT: Unfortunately, I can't answer that
21 question for you, Mr. Collins. Okay. All right. Take
22 care, Mr. Collins.

23 THE DEFENDANT: But one thing, when I get out, I'll
24 come out there and see you; okay?

25 THE COURT: Okay. Take care, Mr. Collins. Bye,

C E R T I F I C A T E

STATE OF GEORGIA:

COUNTY OF ATHENS-CLARKE:

I do hereby certify that the foregoing proceedings were taken down by me, as a Certified Court Reporter in the State of Georgia; that the foregoing questions and answers, colloquy of counsel, and rulings by the Court were reduced to typewriting by me personally; that pages 2 through 4 represent a true, correct, and complete record of said proceedings.

I am not a relative, employee, attorney or counsel of any of the parties; nor am I financially or otherwise interested in the outcome of said case.

This the 26th day of March, 2021.



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