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SUMMARIES OF OPINIONS

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The Supreme Court of Georgia has upheld **MURDER** convictions and life prison sentences for:

- * Archie Edward Bennett (Pierce Co.) **[BENNETT V. THE STATE \(S18A1557\)](#)**
- * Denirio Perrell Cunningham (Clayton Co.) **[CUNNINGHAM V. THE STATE \(S18A1525\)](#)**
(The Supreme Court has upheld Cunningham’s convictions for malice murder, burglary, aggravated assault, cruelty to children, and criminal trespass for crimes against David Rucker, Ashley Gay, and their two minor children. It also has upheld Cunningham’s sentence to life in prison without parole. But the high court has reversed his convictions and sentences for false imprisonment and the related weapons charges because of insufficient evidence.) (Please see **NOTE** below.)
- * Danteviouse Doleman (Muscogee Co.) **[DOLEMAN V. THE STATE \(S18A1155\)](#)**
- * Nyheim Dyquon Gartrell (Wilkes Co.) **[GARTRETT V. THE STATE \(S18A1602\)](#)**
- * Bobby Eugene Gray (Clayton Co.) **[GRAY V. THE STATE \(S18A1583\)](#)**
- * Travis Griggs (DeKalb Co.) **[GRIGGS V. THE STATE \(S18A1594\)](#)**
- * Frank Henderson (Fulton Co.) **[HENDERSON V. THE STATE \(S18A1153\)](#)**
- * James Hightower (Fulton Co.) **[HIGHTOWER V. THE STATE \(S18A1238\)](#)**
- * Zjuantavious Jackson (Floyd Co.) **[JACKSON V. THE STATE \(S18A1438\)](#)**
- * Anthony Lewis (Fulton Co.) **[LEWIS V. THE STATE \(S18A1621\)](#)**
- * Willie Mizell (Fulton Co.) **[MIZELL V. THE STATE \(S18A1029\)](#)**
- * Wright Greyhound Phoenix (Glynn Co.) **[PHOENIX V. THE STATE \(S18A1439\)](#)**
- * Alejandro Rivera (Fulton Co.) **[RIVERA V. THE STATE \(S18A1264\)](#)**
- * Jonathan Michael Smith (Jackson Co.) **[SMITH V. THE STATE \(S18A1191\)](#)**
- * Jeneral Walter (Fulton Co.) **[WALTER V. THE STATE \(S18A1241\)](#)**
- * Wayne Welbon (Fulton Co.) **[WELBON V. THE STATE \(S18A1143\)](#)**
- * Christopher Antwon Willis (Spalding Co.) **[WILLIS V. THE STATE \(S18A1363\)](#)**

NOTE: *Cunningham v. The State* is **Justice Carol Hunstein's** last opinion before her retirement Dec. 31, 2018. In a small footnote tied to the author's name on page 1 of the opinion, Justice Hunstein has written: "It has been an honor and a privilege to serve the people of the State of Georgia for over 30 years."

IN DISCIPLINARY MATTERS, the Georgia Supreme Court has **disbarred** the following attorney:

* David P. Rachel **IN THE MATTER OF: DAVID P. RACHEL (S19Y0258)**

The Court has accepted a petition for voluntary discipline and ordered a **12-Month Suspension** of attorney:

* Amber Cecile Saunders **IN THE MATTER OF: AMBER CECILE SAUNDERS (S18Y1159)**