



SUPREME COURT OF GEORGIA
Case No. S19C0931

November 04, 2019

The Honorable Supreme Court met pursuant to adjournment.

The following order was passed.

JAMES LAMAR CROWDER v. STATE OF GEORGIA.

Court of Appeals Case No. A18A2113, A18A2114

The Supreme Court today granted the writ of certiorari in this case.

All the Justices concur, except Bethel, J., not participating, and Ellington, J., disqualified.

This case will be assigned to the March 2020 oral argument calendar automatically under Supreme Court Rule 50 (2), as amended September 13, 1996. Oral argument is mandatory in granted certiorari cases.

This Court is particularly concerned with the following issue or issues:

(1) In an in rem forfeiture proceeding, may the forfeiture complaint be served by publication in the first instance when an interest holder resides out of state?

(2) Must a trial court rule on a pending motion for more definite statement before striking a claimant's answer as insufficient?

Briefs should be submitted only on these points. See Supreme Court Rule 45.

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Clerk's Office, Atlanta

I certify that the above is a true extract from the minutes of the Supreme Court of Georgia.

Witness my signature and the seal of said court hereto affixed the day and year last above written.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thrice A Barnes". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "T".

, Clerk