

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF FULTON COUNTY

STATE OF GEORGIA

STATE OF GEORGIA	:	INDICTMENT NO.
	:	2005SC29988
v.	:	
	:	
BRIAN G. NICHOLS	:	JUDGE HILTON M. FULLER
	:	

ORDER OF VOLUNTARY RECUSAL

Judicial impartiality, real and perceived, is a critical element of the trial process.

In light of recent media reports, I am no longer hopeful that I can provide a trial perceived to be fair for both the state and the accused.

Whether I was accurately quoted is immaterial. What is material is the perception created by that attribution.

For that reason I hereby recuse myself from further proceedings in this case.

The court asks the Honorable Doris L. Downs, Chief Judge, Fulton County Superior Court, to initiate the process of designating a judge to preside over the above case.

SO ORDERED, this 30th day of January, 2008.

/S/ Hilton M. Fuller
SENIOR JUDGE HILTON M. FULLER
SUPERIOR COURT OF FULTON COUNTY
ATLANTA JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
PRESIDING BY DESIGNATION

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