

NORTH CAROLINA
_____ COUNTY

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION

IN RE: GRAND JURY FOREPERSON
APPOINTMENT

ORDER

This matter coming on to be heard before the undersigned Judge assigned to preside over the Superior Court of the above-captioned county. This is a session at which this court is required to impanel a new grand jury and to appoint a new foreperson of the grand jury.

It appears to the court and the court finds as facts the following:

That ____ new jurors were randomly selected by the clerk from the jurors regularly summoned from this session of court.

Upon selection and composition of the new grand jury as described above, the undersigned judge proceeded to explain to the grand jury the responsibilities of the foreperson and assistant foreperson of the grand jury. The court further informed the grand jurors that it is the responsibility of the court to appoint a foreperson and assistant foreperson, and that in order to assist the court in making this selection, each grand juror would be required to complete a written questionnaire, such questionnaires being used for purposes of gaining information as to the qualities and characteristics of each grand juror. Upon completion of the questionnaires, each questionnaire was reviewed by the court, paying particular attention to qualities of leadership ability, fairness, education, prior grand jury experience and ability to follow instructions. In selecting a grand jury foreperson, all members of the grand jury were considered as possible candidates and the court specifically made the selection of the foreperson and assistant foreperson in a racially neutral manner.

Considering information received from the grand jurors, this court in its discretion determines that based on the criteria of leadership ability, fairness, education, prior grand jury experience, and ability to follow instructions, _____ is a fit and proper person to serve as foreperson of this grand jury and _____ is a fit and proper person to serve as assistant foreperson.

Based on the foregoing facts, the court concludes as matters of law:

That the presiding Judge must appoint a member of the grand jury as foreperson.

That this selection was made through a racially neutral procedure.

THEREFORE, the court in the exercise of its informed discretion hereby appoints
_____ as foreperson of the grand jury of this county, and
_____ as assistant foreperson.

It is further ORDERED that the clerk shall keep a copy of this Order with the permanent minutes of this Court.

It is further ORDERED that the Clerk place the eighteen completed questionnaires in a sealed envelope, not to be opened except by court order, and that it be kept with the permanent minutes of this court.

This the _____ day of _____, 19____.

Forrest Donald Bridges
Superior Court Judge