

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, but that the court would entertain recommendations from the grand jury for the positions of foreperson and assistant foreperson. The grand jury also was informed by the court that, in making such recommendations, all members of the grand jury should be considered as possible candidates, that any recommendations should be based upon the leadership ability, fairness, education, prior grand jury experience and ability to follow instructions and that the persons recommended must be selected in a racially neutral manner. After receiving the recommendations of the grand jurors, the Court again inquired and was assured that the recommendations had been made in a racially neutral manner.

Considering the recommendations and other 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.

This the _____ day of _____, 19____.

Forrest Donald Bridges
Superior Court Judge