

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF DODGE COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

THE STATE OF GEORGIA,)
)
v.) Criminal Action
) File No. 20R-1162SFW
ROYHEEM DELSHAWN DEEDS,)
)
Defendant.)

ORDER ON DEFENSE MOTION #123

The above-styled case appears before the Court on Defense Motion #123 Motion to Exclude TrueAllele Results Because the Prosecutors Will Not Provide the TrueAllele Source Code, Despite the Court's Ruling that the Source Code is Material to Mr. Deeds's Defense filed on September 5, 2023. The Court received testimony regarding TrueAllele's validation studies and source code between August 1, 2023 and August 4, 2023 and heard oral arguments concerning TrueAllele on January 25, 2024. After reviewing the Motion, the record of the case, and applicable law, the Court makes the following findings:

The State intends to introduce expert testimony and the DNA results of the TrueAllele DNA software program. The Defense has contested the reliability and admissibility of TrueAllele in a variety of ways. Following extensive hearings on TrueAllele and the efforts taken by the GBI to validate the program, the Court found that TrueAllele was reliable and satisfied the Daubert standard. The Court reincorporates said findings and conclusions herein.

The Defense have sought to access the source code for TrueAllele as a means to validate its operation and to ensure that it does not contain flaws or errors. This Court previously found that the source code was material to the case citing the heightened standard of reliability applied to death-noticed cases. As TrueAllele is based in Pennsylvania, the subpoena issued by this Court was reviewed in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, and quashed. The Court has previously ruled and continues to find that the State is not in possession of the source code and therefore does not have the burden to produce the source code for the Defense. The operative question for the Court is whether TrueAllele may be admitted without the State and Defense being permitted to access the source code to validate its operation. As the notice of intent to seek the death

penalty has been withdrawn and with the benefit of the testimony of witnesses for both the State and Defense, the Court now finds that the TrueAllele program may be validated without accessing the source code and is admissible.

Accordingly, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that Defense Motion #123 be **DENIED**.

SO ORDERED, this 12th day of February, 2026.



Sarah F. Wall, Chief Judge
Dodge County Superior Court

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Comes now, Genie Williams, Judicial Assistant to Chief Judge Sarah F. Wall, and hereby certifies that the originals of this Order on Defense Motion #123 and Certificate of Service in the above-mentioned case have been submitted to the Clerk of Dodge County Superior Court for filing. A copy of these Orders has been served by email to all interested parties.

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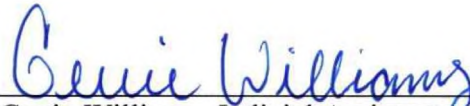
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This the 13th day of February, 2026.



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