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STANDING ORDER RE: CRIMINAL EVIDENCE HANDLING

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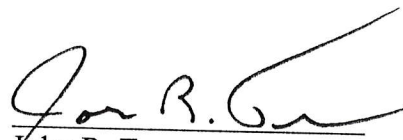
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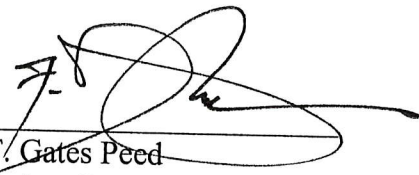
SO ORDERED this 8TH day of February, 2003.



William E. Woodrum, Jr.
Chief Judge, Superior Court
Ogeechee Judicial Circuit



John R. Turner
Judge, Superior Court
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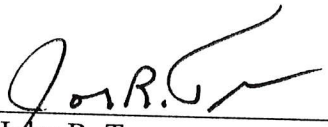
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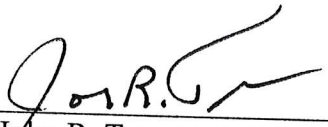
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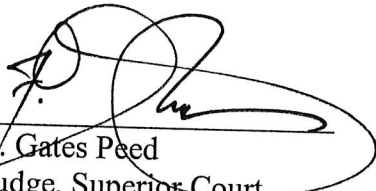
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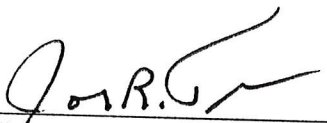
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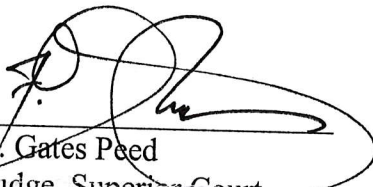
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