STATEMENT RELEASED ON BEHALF OF SHERRI AKINS

I am told that a charge has been made against met at the request of the District Attorney's Office, based upon a presentation to the Bulloch County Grand Jury on July 8, 2013. I have not reviewed any written outline of the allegation against me, nor was I given the opportunity to address the Grand Jury or explain important facts that should have been considered. All that will come in due course.

I proudly served the Courts of Bulloch County in the Clerk's Office for nearly 42 years. I have been motivated by noting more than dedication to public service, and I have never betrayed that trust. My family and I will get through this ordeal proudly, with the love for reach other and for this community, as we always have. I intend to vigorously defend myself and my reputation in challenging the allegation wrongfully made against me. As this process unfolds, I will rely on the friendship, guidance and advice of my attorney, Sims Lanier, and I will refer all future requests for comment to him.