

SUPREME COURT OF GEORGIA

In the Matter of Thomas William Veach

No. S21Y0168, Supreme Court of Georgia (November 12, 2020)

OPINION

PER CURIAM.

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