

*We the jury find the defendant John Lawson Jr. guilty of the crime of manufacturing, selling, offering, keeping, storing and exposing for sale, giving away, transporting, dispensing, soliciting, advertising and receiving orders for ardent spirits, against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Virginia. \$100.00 fine and \$100.00 costs.*

*Commonwealth of Virginia*

STATE OF VIRGINIA,  
COUNTY OF ROCKINGHAM, to-wit:

In the Circuit Court of said County:

The grand jurors in and for the body of said County of Rockingham and now attending said Court at its February term, 1923, upon their oaths, do present that John Lawson, Jr., within one year next prior to the finding of this indictment, in the said County of Rockingham, did unlawfully manufacture, sell, offer, keep, store and expose for sale, give away, transport, dispense, solicit, advertise and receive orders for ardent spirits, against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The jurors aforesaid upon their oaths aforesaid do further present that John Lawson, Jr., within one year next prior to the finding of this indictment in the said County of Rockingham did unlawfully have in his possession a still, still cap, worm, tub, fermenter, and other appliances connected with and used in the operation of a still, without having the same registered as required by law, against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

This indictment is found on the testimony of W. L. Dillard and W. E. Lucas, witnesses sworn in Court and sent before the grand jury to give evidence.



We the jury find the defendant John Lawson guilty as charged in this indictment and pay his punishment to be sent to the penitentiary in jail and a fine of \$100.00 and one hundred dollars -

*James B. Barman*

STATE OF VIRGINIA,

COUNTY OF ROCKINGHAM, to-wit:

In the Circuit Court of said County:

Viol. Pro. Act. ✓

Commonwealth

v.

John Lawson, Jr.

A Misdemeanor

A True Bill

*G. R. Eastham*  
Foreman

D. W. Barman,  
Commonwealth's Attorney.

Commonwealth of Virginia.  
For ardent spirits against the peace and dignity of the  
transport, dispense, sell, offer, keep, store and expose for sale, give away,  
in the said County of Rockingham, did unlawfully manufacture,  
within one year next  
before the Grand Jurors in and for the body of said County

The jurors aforesaid upon their oaths aforesaid do  
peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Virginia.  
having the same registered as required by law, against the  
connected with and used in the operation of a still, without  
still cap, worm, tub, fermenter, and other appliances  
of Rockingham did unlawfully have in his possession a still,  
prior to the finding of this indictment in the said County  
further present that John Lawson, Jr., within one year next

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Dillard and W. L. Lucas, witnesses sworn in Court and sent  
before the Grand Jury to give evidence.



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THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA.

TO THE SHERIFF OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, GREETINGS:

We command you, that you take John Lawson Jr. if he be found within your bailiwick, and him safely keep, so that you have his body forthwith before the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, at the Court House thereof ~~at~~ ----- to answer us of a certain misdemeanor whereof he stands indicted.

And have then and there this Writ. Witness J. F. Blackburn, Clerk of our said Court at the Court House the 20 day of February, in the 147 year of the Commonwealth.

J. F. Blackburn Clerk.

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COMMONWEALTH

*vs.*

*John Lawson Jr*



COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,  
COUNTY OF ROCKINGHAM, To-wit:

To the Sheriff of said County:

Whereas W. L. Dillard Sheriff of the said

County has this day made complaint and information on oath before me, .....

F. J. Arguebright, a Justice of the Peace of said County, that he has cause to believe and does believe that ardent spirits are being manufactured or stored for sale, barter, gift, or use, in violation of law, in a certain dwelling house or outbuildings, situate on the .....

premises of Wesley Johnson in the County of Rockingham, Virginia, and occupied by Carrie Lawson & John Lawson Jr.

These are, therefore, in the name of the Commonwealth of Virginia to command you forthwith to search said buildings for ardent spirits and their containers, and bring the same and the person in whose possession they are found before me or some other Justice of the said County to answer the said complaint and to be further dealt with according to law.

Given under my hand this 28th day of February, 1928

F. J. Arguebright  
Justice of the Peace.

Executed Feb. 8 - 1923 - By  
searching the within & the cubed,  
Henry Johnson - Occupied by Carrie  
Lawson & John Lawson for spending  
still complete - & about 1500  
made - & by Print Legor - all the  
above listed except still &  
3/4 Print Legor W. J. Lillard S.R.

## SEARCH WARRANT

COMMONWEALTH

vs.

John Lawson, Jr.

SHERIFF FEB 11 1923



**In the Name of the Commonwealth of Virginia:**

**To the Sheriff of Rockingham County, Greeting:**

*You are hereby commanded to summon*.....

*W. L. Delland*  
*W. E. Lucas*

to appear before the Judge of the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, at the Court House, at 10 o'clock, a.m., on the *19<sup>th</sup>* day of *Feb.* 19*23*, to testify and the truth to say in behalf of Commonwealth before the Grand Jury

*John Lawson, Jr.*

And this *they* shall not omit under the penalty of £100. And have then and there this Writ.

Witness, J. F. BLACKBURN, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court House, the *13<sup>th</sup>* day of *Feb.*, 19*23*, and in the *14<sup>th</sup>* year of the Commonwealth.

*J. F. Blackburn*, Clerk.

Clm

vs.

John Lawson Jr.

W.D. 2.

SHERRIFF FEE

100

Feb. 19-1923.

Entered as to all of the within named  
Deacons for Feb 19-1923 during the 15 day  
of Feb 1923. W.D. Dillard S.D.



S.A. Shuttles  
W.A. Tusing  
Claude Fairley  
Ernest Willson  
Lee. Kiser

October Term  
✓ 1923

JOHN LAWSON, JR.

ads Indictment for a Misdemeanor

COMMONWEALTH

Feb. Term 1923 - 2 writ  
Sheriff Capts 1.00  
writ & entry 15.00  
Arrest 10.00  
Prison Fee 1.00  
Grand Jury 5.00  
Fee on Still 50.00  
Execution Fee 200.00 \$ 635.00



