

COMMONWEALTH 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 April term, 1925, upon their oaths do present that Michael S. Lawson, 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 Michael S. Lawson, within one year next prior to the finding of this indictment, in the said county of Rockingham, did unlawfully have in his possession ardent spirits, against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

And the jurors aforesaid upon their oaths aforesaid do further present that Michael S. Lawson, within one year next prior to the finding of this indictment, in the said county of Rockingham, did unlawfully receive ardent spirits, against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

This indictment is found on the testimony of John Dove and Dewey Dofflemeyer, witnesses sworn in court and sent before the grand jury to give evidence.



We the jury find the accused Michael S. Lawson guilty as charged in this indictment and put him in prison by confinement in jail for 30 days and by a fine of \$50.00

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

F. H. Haller

FOREMAN OF ROCKINGHAM, JO-WIT:

Foreman

In the Circuit Court of said County:

The Grand Jurors in and for the County of said County

Commonwealth

v. ) Indictment

Michael S. Lawson

Misdemeanor

April term, 1925

A True Bill:

D. B. McKee  
Foreman

D. W. Earman

Commonwealth's Attorney

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Commonwealth of Virginia.

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The Court instructs the jury that before the accused, *M*ichael Lawson, can be convicted of any offense charged against him under this indictment, the burden is upon the Commonwealth to prove beyond every reasonable doubt that the said accused did some act, spoke some word or made some gesture in aid or encouragement of the illegal acts charged against him, and the mere fact that the accused was riding in the car at the time George Herring received ardent spirits and unlawfully transported the same, does not make the accused guilty of any criminal act unless he *per*formed some overt act in aid of the said illegal acts.

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Michael S. Larson

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Commonwealth of Virginia, )  
Rockingham County, ) To-wit:

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 22 day of December 1924,  
Mike Lawson and George Lawson  
came before me H. W. Beetsman - Bail Commissioner  
of the said county of Rockingham, and severally and respectively acknowledged themselves to be in-  
debted to the Commonwealth of Virginia, in manner and form following, that is to say: the said  
each in the sum of  
Two hundred & fifty (\$250.00) Dollars  
good and lawful money of the United States, and the said  
in the sum of ~~\_\_\_\_\_ Dollars of like good and lawful money~~, to be  
respectively made and levied of their several goods and chattels, lands and tenements, and they  
severally waived the benefit of their Homestead Exemption as to this obligation, and also waived any  
claim or right to discharge any liability to the Commonwealth arising under this recognizance with  
coupons detached from the bonds of this State, to the use of the Commonwealth of Virginia if the said  
Mike Lawson shall make default in the performance of the  
conditions underwritten.

The condition of the above recognizance is such that if the above bound Mike  
Lawson F. J. Argenbush et al. v. State do and shall personally appear before, the Circuit  
of the Pres. who may be there to try the case Court of Rockingham on the 2nd day of the January (1925) Term next  
thereof, being the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 1925, at the Court-house, in Harrisonburg Va thereof,  
and then and there answer the Commonwealth of Virginia concerning a certain unsoundness where-  
of the said Mike Lawson stands charged, and shall not  
depart thence without the leave of said Court, then the above recognizance shall be void and of no  
effect, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

Taken and acknowledged before me, the day and year first above written.

H. W. Beetsman



Commonwealth of Virginia,  
Rockingham County, ) To-wit:

Be it Remembered that on the 22 day of December 1924  
Mike Jensen and Henry Jensen

of the said county of Rockingham, and severally and respectively acknowledged themselves to be in-  
debted to the Commonwealth of Virginia, in manner and form following, that is to say: the said  
in the sum of Dollars

good and lawful money of the United States, and the said  
in the sum of Dollars of like good and lawful money, to be  
respectively made and levied of their several goods and chattels, lands and tenements, and they  
severally waived the benefit of their Homestead Exemption as to this obligation, and also waived any  
claim or right to discharge any liability to the Commonwealth arising upon this recognition with  
coupons detached from the bonds of this State, to the use of the Commonwealth of Virginia if the said  
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conditions underwritten.  
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at the Court house thereat  
and then and there answer the Commonwealth of Virginia concerning a certain case  
stands charged, and shall not  
depart therefrom without the leave of said Court, then the above recognizance shall be void and of no  
effect, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

Taken and acknowledged before me, the day and year first above written.  
Mike Jensen



Arrest Warrant

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, } TO WIT:  
ROCKINGHAM COUNTY,

To Sheriff, a Constable of said County:

Whereas, John B. Truck of the said County, has this day made complaint and information on oath before me, M L Lanham a Justice of the said County, that Michael Lawson

of the said County, on the 22 day of Dec. 1924, in the said County, did unlawfully possess & transport -  
add add abet in transportation  
of ardent spirits against the laws  
of the State of Va

These are therefore, in the name of the Commonwealth of Virginia, to command you forthwith to apprehend and bring before me, or some other Justice of the said County, the body of the said

Michael Lawson  
to answer the said complaint and to be further dealt with according to law. And you are required to summon D A D Offaire T N Holloway John Dave  
to appear and give evidence in behalf of the Commonwealth, on the examination touching the said offence.

Given under my hand and seal this 12 day of Jan, in the year 1926.  
M L Lanham J. P. (Seal.)



State of Va County of Rockingham to wit -  
Michael Lawson was admitted to Bail in the  
Sum of Two Hundred dollars, \$200.00, George Lawson  
appearing as Recognized as his security for his  
appearance at the first day of the next term of the  
Circuit Court of Rockingham County - This the 12 day of

Jan 1925 M L Lanham J.P.

Commonwealth

vs.

Arrest Warrant

Michael Lawson

Executed the within warrant by arresting  
and delivering the body of

Michael Lawson

before

M L Lanham, J.P.

a Justice of Rockingham County, and by sum-  
moning the within named witnesses in person,

this 12 day of Jan 1925

John Dove Deputy

Constable of Rockingham County.

G. W. Dove, S.R.C.

Costs  
Justice 3.00  
Sheriff 11.50  
M.L. 10.00  
15.50

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Commonwealth of Virginia }  
Rockingham County } to wit:

Be it remembered that on the 2 day of January 1925  
Michael Lawson, And George E. Lawson, Came before me  
R H Bridges, Justice of the peace of the Said County of Rockingham,  
And severally And respectfully Acknowledged themselves to be in  
debted to the Commonwealth of Virginia, in manner And form  
following that is to say: the Said Michael Lawson in the sum of  
\$500.00 five hundred dollars good And lawful money of the United  
States, And the Said George E. Lawson, in the sum of five hundred  
dollars, of like good And lawful money, to be respectfully made And  
levied of their Several goods And Chattles, lands And Tenements, And  
They severally waive the benefit of their Homestead exemption as to this  
obligation, And also waived any claim or right to discharge any  
liability to the Commonwealth arising under this recognizance  
with Coupons detached from the bonds of this State to the use of  
the Commonwealth of Virginia if the Said Michael Lawson shall  
make default in the performance of the Conditions underwritten.  
The Condition of the above recognizance is such that if the above bound  
Michael Lawson, do And shall personally Appear before M. L. Lanham, or  
Such other Justice as may then be there to try the case, At Harrisonburg Va,  
At 10 O'clock A.M. On January 12. 1925 At the Court House, And shall  
not depart thence without the leave of said Court, then the above recognizance  
shall be void And of no effect, Otherwise to remain in full force And virtue,  
Taken And Acknowledged before me, the day And year first Above  
written.

R H Bridges, J.P.



Band of  
Michael Giverson.

For Jan. 12,  
1925.



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

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

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

*John Funk, John Dore, Dewey Doffmeyer,  
Pat Holloway, Jesse Henrley*

*to appear before the Judge of the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, at the Court  
House thereof, at 10 o'clock, a. m., on the 14 day of May 1925  
to testify and the truth to say in behalf of the Commonwealth against.....*

*Michael Lasswell*  
*who stands charged with and indicted for a felony misdemeanor.*

*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  
7 day of May, 1925, and in the 14<sup>th</sup> year of the Commonwealth.*

*J. F. Blackburn*, Clerk.



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vs

Mythall Laurson

each in person.

Executed May 19, 1925 by delivering a true Copy of the

within Summons to within 1 week

G. W. Dore, D. R. G.

Sheriff fee 2.50

May 14, 1925



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

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

*You are hereby commanded to summon*

*John Dore  
Dewey Doffmeyer*

*to appear before the Judge of the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, at the Court House thereof, at 10 o'clock, a. m., on the 20 day of April 1925, to testify and the truth to say in behalf of the Commonwealth before the Grand Jury*

*Michael S. Laurson*  
*who stands charged with and indicted for a ~~felony~~ misdemeanor.*

*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 15 day of April, 1925, and in the 149<sup>th</sup> year of the Commonwealth.*

*J. F. Blackburn*, Clerk.



Executed APR 16 1925 by delivering a true Copy of the

Within Summons to within named witnesses  
each in person.

C. W. Dore, S. P. C.

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Sheriff fee 1.00

April 20, 1925



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vs

Michael T.

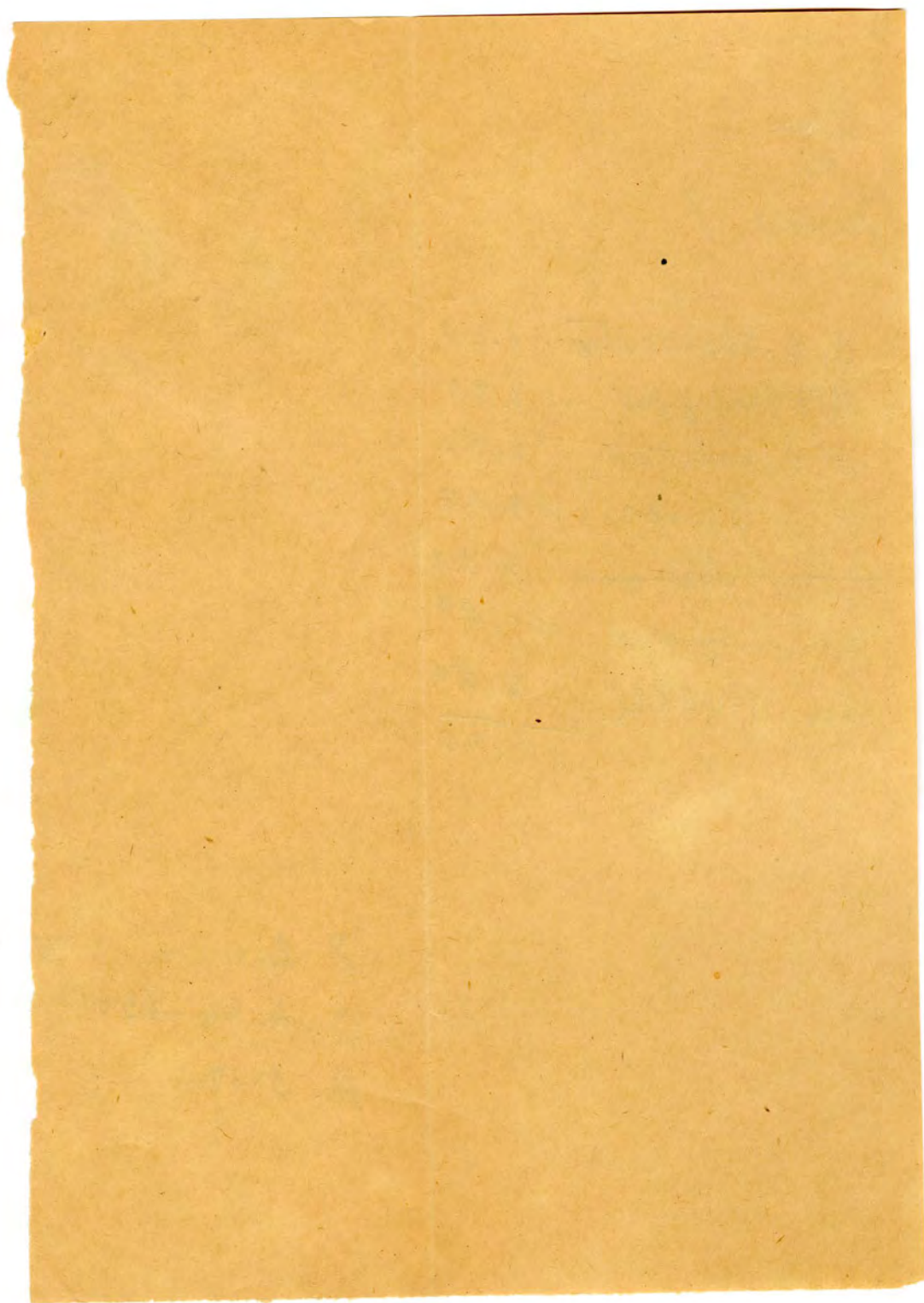
C. S. Shewalter	1.80
B. F. Ruyffer ✓	1.90
A. E. Michael	2.90
R. J. Swipe ✓	2.10
<del>Y. L. Hline</del>	1.50
Forest Heller ✓	2.50
Leon Ruddle ✓	2.50
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Sheriff fee

Premium Arrest	11.50
Imp. Jury	1.50
Summons	3.50
total	16.50

C. S. Showalter  
B. F. Roddew  
R. J. Swope  
Forrest Holland  
Don Quaddle

Clare -	5.50
with 7+	1.75
2 with -	.60
Ring -	1.00
Ex. Ad -	.50
Sum. fee	.25
misc	1.0
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April Term (Pro) 1925  
Michael Lawton

ads Indictment for a  
misdemeanor  
Commonwealth

H. J. April Term 1925.



