

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 February term, 1924, upon their oaths do present that Gilbert Lawson, within one year next prior to the finding *and since the 26th day of June 1923,* of this indictment, in the said County of Rockingham, did unlawfully and feloniously manufacture, sell, offer, keep, store and expose for sale, give away, dispense, transport, solicit, advertise and receive orders for ardent spirits; and the jurors further say that the said Gilbert Lawson was heretofore on the 28th day of June, 1923, convicted of violating the Prohibition Laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, in the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, Virginia, and then and there was sentenced to pay a fine of Two Hundred Dollars and to serve for a period of four months in jail, against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The jurors aforesaid upon their oaths aforesaid do further present that Gilbert Lawson, within one year next prior to the finding *and since the 28th day of June 1923,* of this indictment, in the said County of Rockingham, did unlawfully and feloniously have in his possession ardent spirits; and the jurors further say that the said Gilbert Lawson was heretofore on the 28th day of June, 1923, convicted of violating the Prohibition Laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, in the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, Virginia, and then and there was sentenced to pay a fine of Two Hundred Dollars and to serve for a period of four months in jail, against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

And the jurors aforesaid upon their oaths aforesaid do further present that Gilbert Lawson, within one year next prior to the finding *and since the 28th day of June 1923,* of this indictment, in the said County of Rockingham, did unlawfully and feloniously receive ardent spirits; and the jurors further say that the said Gilbert Lawson was heretofore on the 28th day of June, 1923, convicted of violating the Prohibition Laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, in the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, Virginia, and then and there was sentenced to pay a fine of Two Hundred Dollars, and

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA.

COUNTY OF ROCKINGHAM, to-wit:

In the Circuit Court of said County:

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The Jurors also said upon their oaths aforesaid do further present that Gilbert Lawson, within one year next prior to the finding of this indictment, in the said County of Rockingham, did unlawfully and feloniously have in his possession ardent spirits; and the Jurors further say that the said Gilbert Lawson was heretofore on the 28th day of June, 1933, convicted of violating the Prohibition Laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, in the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, Virginia, and then and there was sentenced to pay a fine of Two Hundred Dollars and to serve for a period of four months in jail, against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

And the Jurors also said upon their oaths aforesaid do further present that Gilbert Lawson, within one year next prior to the finding of this indictment, in the said County of Rockingham, did unlawfully and feloniously receive ardent spirits; and the Jurors further say that the said Gilbert Lawson was heretofore on the 28th day of June, 1933, convicted of violating the Prohibition Laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, in the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, Virginia, and then and there was sentenced to pay a fine of Two Hundred Dollars, and

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to serve for a period of four months in jail, against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

This indictment is found on the testimony of John Funk, C. W. Dove, and W. T. Rexrode, witnesses sworn in Court and sent before the grandjury to give evidence.

ATTEST

COMMONWEALTH

CLERK

BY

A JUDGE

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We the jury find the accused, Gilbert Lawson guilty
as charged in this indictment and fix his punishment
at two years in the penitentiary and a fine of fifty
~~dollars~~

S. H. Will

Foreman

Viol. Pro. Act. ✓

COMMONWEALTH

v.

GILBERT LAWSON

A FELONY

A TRUE BILL

C. L. Hedrick
FOREMAN

19th

Set for trial March 14/29

D. W. Earman,

Commonwealth's Attorney

COMMONWEALTH

vs.

GILBERT LAWSON

Charge to the Jury.

If you find the accused, Gilbert Lawson, not guilty,
you will say so and no more.

If you find him guilty as charged in the indictment,
then you will say so and ascertain his punishment by con-
finement in the penitentiary for not less than one nor more
than five years, or, in your discretion, by confinement
in jail for not less than six months nor more than twelve
months, and by a fine not exceeding \$500.00.

COMMONWEALTH

vs.

GILBERT LAWSON

CHARGE TO JURY

Charge to the jury.

Months and pay a fine not exceeding \$500.00.
in jail for not less than six months nor more than twelve
than the years, or, in your discretion, by confinement
time in the penitentiary for not less than one nor more
then you will say so and ascertain his punishment by con-
fession you find him guilty as charged in the indictment.
You will say so and no more.

You find the accused, Gilbert Lawson, not guilty.

GILBERT LAWSON

vs.

COMMONWEALTH

Commonwealth of Virginia---City, County of,

to-wit

WHEREAS, John S. Frank, of the said County

(Here insert name of affiant or affiants)

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

J. M. Durrer, J. P.
Name of Magistrate.

Title

of the said County that he verily believes for the reasons hereinafter stated in the said County and State:

(a) Ardent spirits are being unlawfully manufactured, sold, kept, stored, possessed, held, used, and concealed,

in a certain Dwelling house or out buildings, near Antioch Church.

(Here insert description of the place, house, room, or boat, as the case may be)

by one

Gilbert Lawson

(Give name, or say, "Whose name is to the informant unknown")

(b) A still, still cap, worm, tubs, fermenters and other appliances with such still and used, and mash and other substances, capable of being used, in the manufacture of Ardent Spirits, are unlawfully in the possession of, and unlawfully used

by one

Gilbert Lawson

(Give name, or say, "Whose name is to the informant unknown")

in a certain Dwelling house + out buildings near Antioch Church.

(Here describe the place, house, room or boat, as the case may be)

(c) Ardent Spirits are being unlawfully kept, held, stored, concealed, used, sold, and unlawfully transported in certain baggage or a certain vehicle, to-wit: a certain

(Here describe vehicle, auto, motor boat, package or baggage, or what not)

by one

(Give name, or say, "Whose name is to the informant unknown")

And there being reasonable and probable cause for such belief, on account of the following facts stated by the affiant and others, to-wit: that

upon information and complaint of citizens, that ardent spirits are being manufactured and dispensed.

This is to certify that I have this day issued a search warrant to search the said

Dwelling + out buildings
(Here say place house, room, boat,

+ premises

auto or baggage, or as the case may be)

for the said

ardent spirits, mash + still or stilling appliances
(Here state what is to be searched for as, "Ardent Spirits," still, still cap, mash or what not)

Given under my hand this 1st day of January, 1924

J. M. Durrer J. P.
Justice of Peace
Title of Magistrate.

**AFFIDAVIT FOR A WARRANT TO SEARCH
FOR ARDENT SPIRITS, ETC.**

Commonwealth of Virginia

vs.

Filed in the Clerk's Office of the.....
Court of the.....of..... Va.
County or City Name
Court of the
Virginia, this.....day of....., 192.....

Clerk.

By..... D. C.

10-11-17

Commonwealth of Virginia--City, County of

Commonwealth of Virginia—City, ^{County} of, Rockingham to-wit:

To the Prohibition Inspectors, Sheriffs, Sergeants, and all Police Officers and Constables of the State of Virginia—Greeting:

WHEREAS John S. Funk of the said ~~City~~ County
has this day made complaint and information on oath before me, J. M. Durrer, Jr. P.
of the said ~~City~~ County that he verily believes, that in the said ~~City~~ County and State:

(a) That Ardent Spirits are being unlawfully manufactured, sold, kept, stored, possessed, held, used and concealed in a certain Dwelling house or out buildings
(Here describe the place, house, room or boat, as the case may be)

by one Gilbert Lawson
(Give name, if name unknown, say, "Whose name is to the informant unknown")

(b) A still, still cap, worm, tubs, fermenters and other appliances connected with such still and used, and mash and other substances, capable of being used, in the manufacture of Ardent Spirits, are unlawfully in the possession of, and unlawfully used by one Gilbert Lawson
(Give name, if name unknown, say, "Whose name is to the information unknown")

in a certain Dwelling house or out buildings near Antioch
(Here describe place as in (a) above)

(c) Ardent Spirits are being unlawfully kept, held, stored, concealed, used, sold, and unlawfully transported in certain baggage or a certain vehicle, to-wit: a certain
(Here describe vehicle, auto, wagon, carriage, buggy, boat, baggage or what not)

by one
(Here give name, or describe as in (a) above)

And there being reasonable cause for such belief:

THESE ARE, THEREFORE, IN THE NAME OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, to command you, with all necessary and proper speed and assistance, to search the house, place, baggage, boat or vehicle herein designated, either in day or night, and seize such ardent spirits and their containers and other things apparently possessed or used in violation of law, and bring the same and the person or persons, in whose possession they are found, and also any person resisting, impeding, obstructing, or in any manner hindering or delaying you in the execution of this warrant before me, or some other officer having jurisdiction of the case, to be disposed of and dealt with according to law; and make return of this warrant showing all acts and things done thereunder, with a particular statement and sufficient description of the things seized and the name of the person in whose possession found, if any, and if not found in the possession of any one, so state in your return, and post a true copy of this warrant and the return thereof, as required by law.

Given under my hand and seal this 1st day of Jan 192 4
J. M. Durrer, Jr. P. (SEAL)
Justice of Peace
Title of Magistrate.

DIRECTIONS

1. If only Ardent Spirits and containers be seized, the Magistrate shall fix a time not less than 10 nor more than 30 days from the date of return, for the hearing of said return. If no claimant appear, the Ardent Spirits and articles are to be forfeited to Commonwealth. Any person claiming any of same must file a **written claim** stating particularly the character and extent of his interest therein, whereupon the Magistrate shall certify the warrant, **written claim** and articles claimed, to the Circuit or Corporation Court, as the case may be, for determination, and declare the unclaimed articles forfeited.

2. If still, still cap. worm, tubs, heater, fermenters, or any appliance connected with a still and used, or mash or other substance capable of being used, in the manufacture of Ardent Spirits, be seized, the mash (after taking a sample) shall be destroyed, and the facts and articles seized reported to the Prohibition Commissioner and Commonwealth's Attorney. (A copy of this warrant and proper return will be a sufficient notice and report.) Ardent Spirits and containers disposed of as in No. 1 above.

3. If Ardent Spirits are being transported in an automobile, boat, wagon, buggy, or other vehicle, the Ardent Spirits and containers shall be preserved and the vehicle shall be delivered to the Sergeant of the City, the facts reported to the Prohibition Commissioner and Commonwealth's Attorney and Ardent Spirits and containers disposed of as provided in No. 1 above. (A copy of this warrant and proper return will be a sufficient report.)

4. A copy of this warrant and the return thereon must be posted at the front door of the house, or on the door of the room, or on the premises at the place the Ardent Spirits may be found.

See Sections 21 I-2, 22, 23, 23 I-2, 57 and 57 I-2. Acts of Assembly, 1918, Page 578.

WARRANT TO SEARCH FOR ARDENT SPIRITS, ETC.

Commonwealth of Virginia

vs. Gilbert Lanson

Executed the within warrant this 1st day of January, 1924, by searching the within stated Hand out buildings

(Here state house, room, place,

and by seizing the following described Ardent Spirits and other things therein found (and arresting the above named person found in possession thereof) and by posting a true copy of this warrant and the return

hereon on the _____ day of _____, 1924,
(Here say place, house, room, boat, auto or baggage, or as case may be)

as front door of house, door of room or premises)

Description of Ardent Spirits and other things seized 2 half gallon bottles,
2 small bottles and
1 pint bottle all full
of Ardent Spirits.
1 Double barreled
Shot Gun.

Given under my hand this 1st day of Jan., 1924,
W. F. Bessode
Prohibition Inspector

The following named officers and persons assisted me in the execution of this warrant:

John S. Frank
C. W. Dove

Other than above stated the following are witnesses:

This matter set for hearing on the _____ day of _____, 1924.

No claim of ownership or interest in any of the said things seized having been filed herein in compliance with the law, the same are hereby adjudged and declared confiscated and forfeited to the Commonwealth.

Given under my hand this _____ day of _____, 1924.

Title of Magistrate.

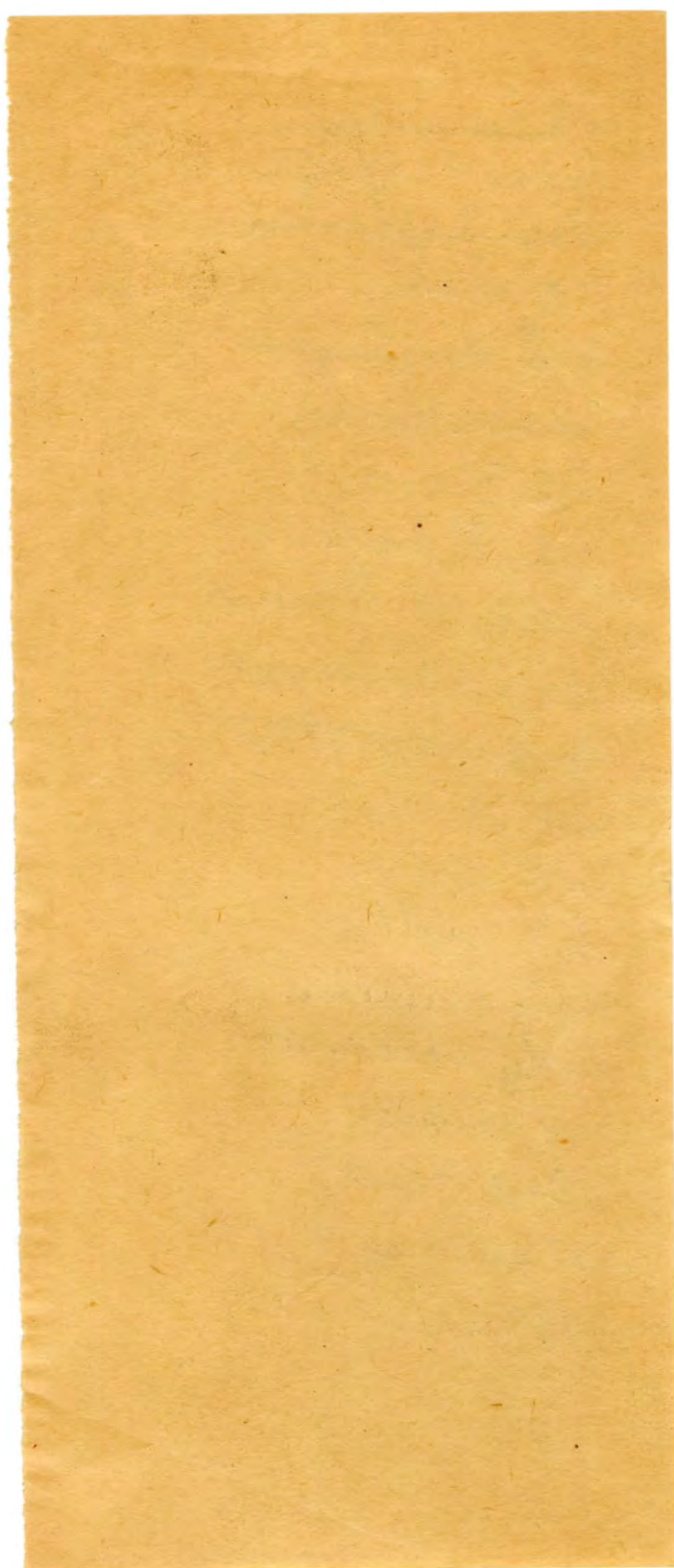
Written claim of ownership or interest having been filed to certain of the said things herein seized, this warrant, the said claim and the things in the claim particularly described, are hereby certified to the _____ Court of this _____ for determination' and the said things unclaimed are hereby adjudged and declared confiscated and forfeited to the Commonwealth.

Given under my hand this _____ day of _____, 1924.

Title of Magistrate.

NOTE.—Unless warrant issued for Ardent Spirits being transported in vehicle, boat or baggage, it is to be returned to the jurisdiction from which issued. If issued for Ardent Spirits so transported, it can be executed in any part of the State, and returned to any justice in any county or city through which they were carried.

~~S. H. Gallender~~
Gross & Spitzer
~~Ray Langfman~~
B. H. Lister
W. E. Pennington
~~Geo. W. Lister~~
D. E. Shank
John T. Miller
Harry R. Garter
~~Harry J. Garter~~
~~W. L. Stenalter~~
~~J. H. Strum~~
B. H. Lister
S. G. Mill
J. W. Linneman
~~R. H. Linneman~~
A. W. Linneman
J. Carl Funk
C. D. Sellers
W. R. Myers



HARRISONBURG, VA.

Jan. 3rd 1924

This day Elbert Lawson was brought before me a Justice of The Peace in and for the County of Rockingham State of Virginia, said Lawson waiving a preliminary hearing, was bailed in the sum of One Thousand dollars. (\$1000⁰⁰) with Frank Lawson as surety for his appearance before the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, February 1924, and not depart without leave of the Court.

Given under my hand this the 3rd day
of January 1924

F. J. Arguebright J. P.

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Search warrant 1.00

preliminary hearing 2.00

Sherriffs. Crsto 11.50

Jail fee 5.50

\$ 20.00

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Virginia:

To the Sheriff of Rockingham County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon

*C. W. Dore,
John Funk,
W. T. Repulse*

*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 March 1924
to testify and the truth to say in behalf of the Commonwealth against*

Gilbert Laurard
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
26 day of Feb., 1924, and in the 14⁸th year of the Commonwealth.*

J. F. Blackburn, Clerk.

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vs.

Gilbert Lawton

REC'D

Sheriff fee 1.50

March 14, 1924

Executed March 10 1924 by
summoning the within
named witnesses

Geo. D. Lee J.R.

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Virginia:

To the Sheriff of Rockingham County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon

*John Furr, C. W. Doe,
W. T. Reynolds*

*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 18th day of Feb. 1924,
to testify and the truth to say in behalf of the Commonwealth before the Grand Jury*

Gilbert 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
12th day of Feb., 1924, and in the 14th year of the Commonwealth.*

J. F. Blackburn, Clerk.

Com.

Gilbert Lawson

Sheriff fee 1.20

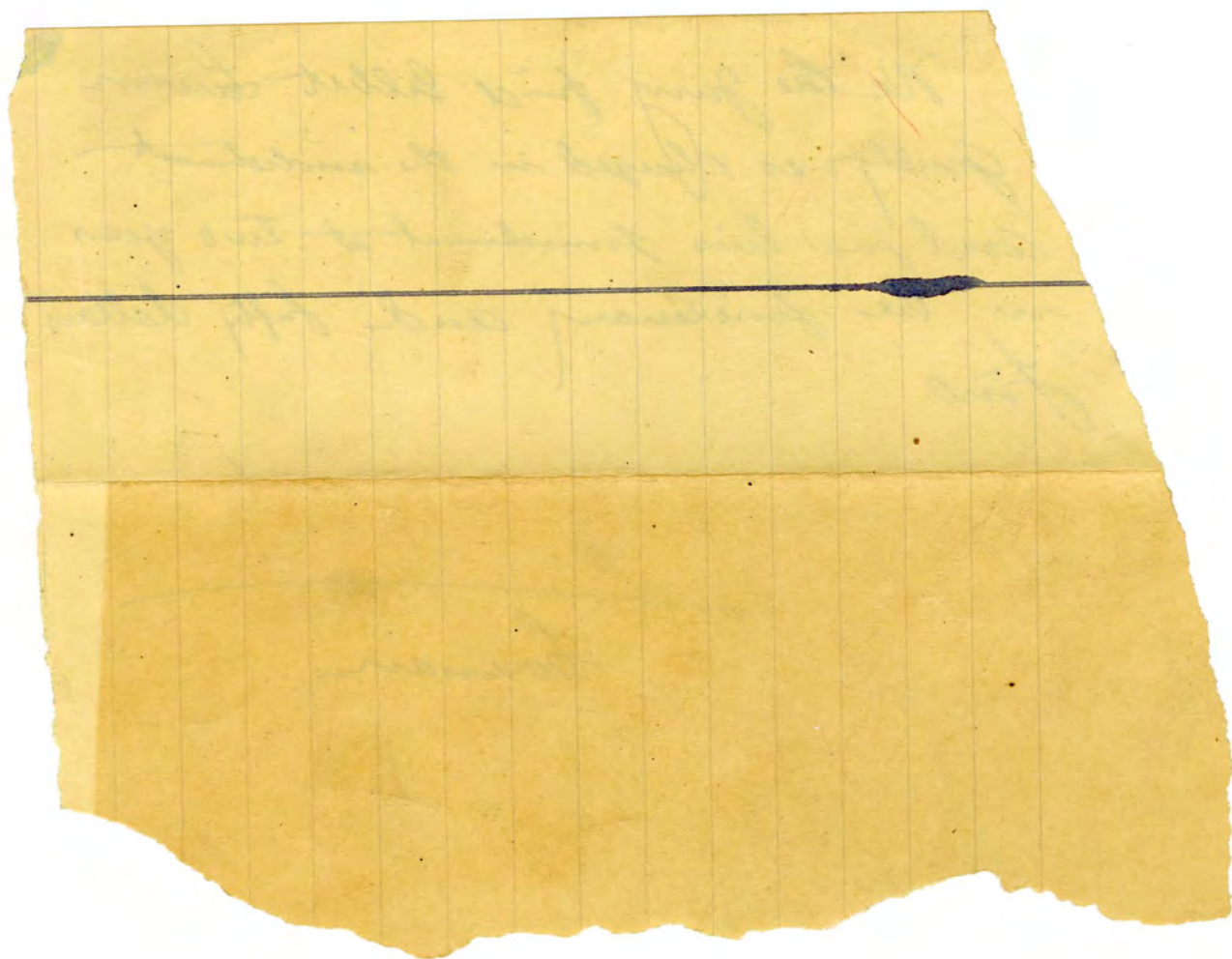
Grand Jury
Feb. 18, 1924

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Presented Feb. 13, 1924, by delivering a copy
of this summons to L. W. Lane, Jus. Frank
and W. T. Harrod - each person
L. W. Lane, Sheriff R. Co.

We the jury find Gilbert Lawson
Guilty, as charged in the indictment
and put him imprisonment at two years
in the penitentiary and fifty dollars
fine

Foreman



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Sheriff Cost.
 Imp. Jury 1.50
 summons 2.70
 arrest 1.50
 Premium 10.00
 Total \$15.70
 Defunct - ~~Winn~~
 Jail fees -

Feb. Term 1924⁷¹

Gilbert Lawson

vs

Commonwealth

Indictment for
a Felony.

March 14

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Jun
 Grover E. Spritzer 3.00
 L.H. Liskey 1.70
 D.E. Shank 2.00
 Jno T. Miller 2.40
 Henry R. Garber 3.30
 B.F. Leint 3.30
 S.Y. Will 2.10
 J.W. Linnemeyer 2.00
 A.W. Whitte 1.50
 J. Earl Funk 2.60
 O.N. Sellers 3.00
 G.R. Myers 2.60

 29.50

