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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA.

COUNTY OF ROCKINGHAM, to-wit:

In the Circuit Court of said County:

The jurors of the Commonwealth of Virginia, in and for the body of said county and now attending said Court at Its October term, 1924, upon their oaths do present that A. J. Brawford, Jr., on the 28th day of June. 1924, in the county aforesaid, in and upon one Ralph Shifflett, feloniously, wilfully, and of his malice aforethought, did make an assault; and that the sald A. J. Crawford, Jr., with a certain stone, in his hand them and there threw, the said Ralph Shifflett, in and upon the left side of the head, above the par, the said Ralph Shifflett, then and there feloniously, wilfully, and of his malice aforethought did strike and thrust; giving to the said Rulph Shifflett, then and there, with the stone aforesaid, in and upon the aforesaid left wide of the head, above the war, a fractured skull to him, the said Balph Shiftlett, one mortal wound; of which said mortal wound, he, the said Ralph Shifflett, from the said 28th day of June, in the year aforesaid, to the 1st day of July, in the year aforesaid, in the county aforesaid, did languish and languishing did live; on which said 1st day of July, in the year 1924, the said Ralph Snifilett, in the county aforesaid, of said mortal two and, died; and so the jurors aforesaid, upon their caths aforesaid, no say, that the said A. J. Crawford, Jr., the said Ralph Shirflett, in manner and form aforesaid, feloniously, wilfully. and of his malice aforethought, did kill and marder, against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

This indictment is found on the testimony of Jack Snow.

Wm. Stanley, James Snow, Lester Lam, and L. H. Bruce, witnesses

sworn in court and sent before the grand jury to give evidence.

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