

Commonwealth of Virginia,  
Rockingham County, To-Wit:

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the 24 day of Dec, 1929  
David Douel, principal and Fellie Douel  
surety, who justified to his sufficiency, came before me Stephey A. Dewar  
Bail Commissioner, of the said County of Rockingham,

(C. P. & Bail Commissioner)  
and acknowledged themselves to be indebted to the Commonwealth of Virginia each in the sum of  
Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars, (\$ 2,500.<sup>00</sup>),  
to be levied of their respective goods and chattels, lands and tenements, for the use of the Common-  
wealth of Virginia rendered, and they each severally waived their homestead exemption to their re-  
cognizance; yet upon this condition:

That if the said David Douel shall personally appear before  
Justices the Court of Rockingham County, at the Courthouse of said County, on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of the  
January 1930 at 10. a. m.  
19, and at such other time or times to which the proceedings may be continued or further

heard, and before any court or judge hereafter having or holding any proceedings in connection with  
the said charge, and then and there answer the Commonwealth of Virginia concerning a certain  
misdemeanor whereof the said David Douel stands  
charged, and be bound under said recognizance until the charge is finally disposed of or until it is  
declared void by order of a competent court, then the above recognizance shall be null and void; other-  
wise to remain in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto affix my signature this 24<sup>th</sup> day of  
Dec, 1929

Stephey A. Dewar  
(BAIL COMMISSIONER)



Oct. 1924

INSTRUCTION NO. 1.

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The Court instructs the Jury that involuntary manslaughter is the killing of a person accidentally or unintentionally while in the doing of some unlawful act, not felonious, or in the improper or negligent performance of a lawful act.

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INSTRUMENT NO. 1

The Court instructs the jury that involuntary manslaughter is the killing of a person unlawfully and unintentionally while in the act of committing some other crime.

THE COURT



INSTRUCTION NO. 2.

The Court instructs the jury that in this case, as in all criminal cases, the accused's plea of not guilty raises a presumption of innocence in his favor and puts on the Commonwealth the burden of proving his guilt beyond reasonable doubt. If, therefore, upon a consideration of the whole case, the testimony of the witnesses and the circumstances shown in evidence, there exists in the minds of the jury a reasonable doubt as to the guilt of the accused, they should find him not guilty. And the Court further tells the jury that a reasonable doubt is that state of the case which, after comparison and consideration of all the evidence, leaves the minds of the jurors in such condition that they cannot say that they feel an abiding conviction to a moral certainty of the truth of the charge.



INSTRUCTION No 3

The Court instructs the jury that any person driving an automobile on a highway shall drive the same at a careful and prudent speed not greater nor less than is reasonable and proper having due regard to the traffic, surface and width, of the highway and of any other conditions then existing; and that subject to these provisions it shall be prima facie lawful for the driver to drive the same at a speed not exceeding thirty-five miles per hour, except in passing a school during recess, in passing through a business district, and in passing through a residential district in a town or city.

RESOLUTION NO. 10

The Board of Public Works and the Board of Health are authorized to issue an ordinance to the effect that any person driving on a highway shall drive the same at a careful and prudent speed not greater than that which is reasonable and proper having regard to the traffic, surface and other conditions and to any other conditions then existing; and that subject to these provisions it shall be prima facie lawful for the driver to drive the same at a speed not exceeding thirty-five miles per hour, except in passing a school bus, in passing through a business district, and in passing through a residential district in a town or city.



INSTRUCTION NO. 5.

The Court instructs the jury that any person who drives an automobile upon a highway recklessly, that is, without reasonable care, or at a speed or in a manner so as to endanger, or be likely to endanger the life, limb, or property of any person, shall be guilty of reckless driving.

Illustration No. 2.

The Court instructs the jury that any person  
who drives an automobile upon a highway recklessly,  
that is, without regard to the safety of others,  
and in such a manner as to endanger the  
life, limb, or property of any person, shall be guilty  
of reckless driving.

The Court instructs the jury that under the law it is the duty of the driver of an automobile involved in an accident resulting in injuries or death to any person to immediately stop his car at the scene of such accident and any person violating this provision shall upon conviction be punished as provided by law as set out in the charge which has been designated in this trial as the "Hit and Run" charge.

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set out in the charge which has been designated in this trial as  
the "Hit and Run" charge.



INSTRUCTION No \_\_\_\_\_

The Court instructs the jury that if they believe from the evidence beyond any reasonable doubt that David T. Dovel was driving his automobile recklessly at the time Mrs. Annie Yancey was killed, and that the reckless operation of his car caused her death, then you will find him guilty, *under the indictment for involuntary manslaughter,*

INTRODUCTION

The first instance the fact is that it was before you the  
evidence showed that the fact was well known to  
during the automobile accident at the time that the injury was  
killed, and that the person operation at his car control but  
death, then you will find the following facts in connection with  
investigation of the accident.

INSTRUCTION NO. 11.

The Court instructs the jury that mere suspicion or probability of guilt will not suffice to justify the conviction of the accused, but in order to a conviction the minds of the jury must be satisfied by the evidence of the guilt of the accused beyond reasonable doubt. The guilt of the accused is not to be inferred merely because the facts proven are consistent with his guilt, but they must be inconsistent with his innocence.

INSTRUCTION NO. 11.

The Court instructs the jury that mere suspicion or probability of guilt will not suffice to justify the conviction of the accused, but in order to a conviction the minds of the jury must be satisfied by the evidence of the guilt of the accused beyond reasonable doubt. The guilt of the accused is not to be inferred merely because the facts proven are consistent with his guilt, but they must be inconsistent with his innocence.

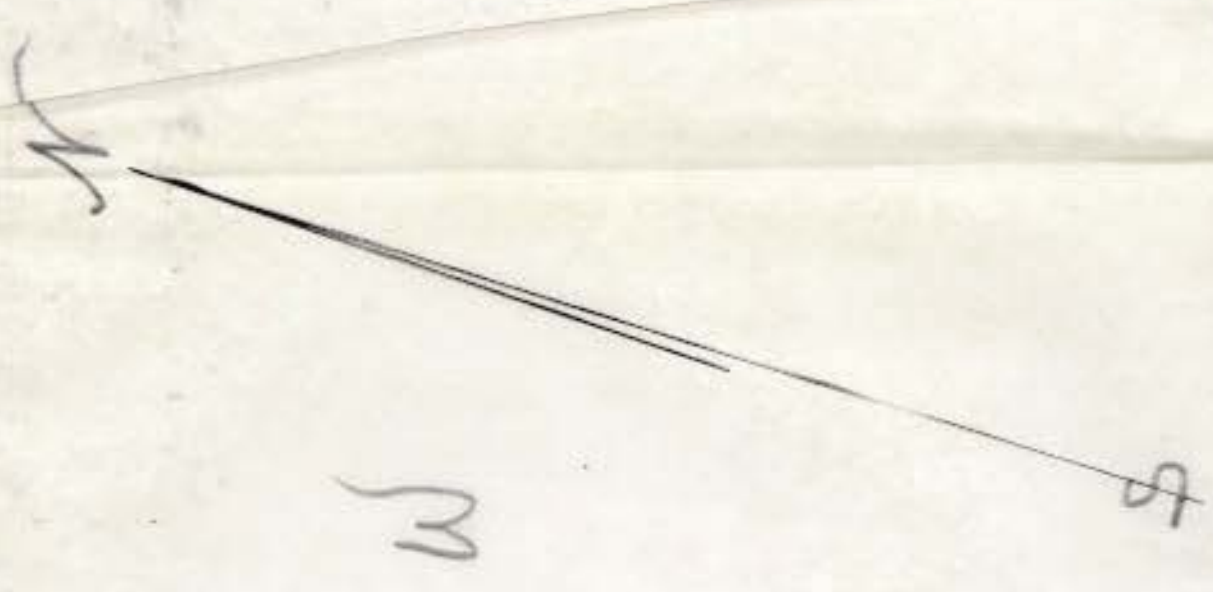


INSTRUCTION No \_\_\_\_\_

The Court instructs the jury that although they believe from the evidence that the accused in the operation of his car struck Annie Yancey and that her death thereby resulted, yet, if the jury believes from the evidence that the accused was free from reckless driving as defined in another instruction given, and that his striking her was due to an unavoidable accident, they will find him not guilty under the indictment for involuntary manslaughter.

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The Court instructs the jury that although they believe from the evidence that the accused in the operation of his car under Article Twenty and that her death thereby resulted, yet if the jury believe from the evidence that the accused was free from reckless driving as defined in another instruction given, and that his striking her was due to an unavoidable accident, they will find him not guilty under the indictment for involuntary manslaughter.



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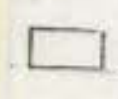
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C. Argensbright



W. McQuinn

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Involuntary Manslaughter 1  
Not Guilty

Violation automobile law

guilty  
Fine 800<sup>00</sup>

J. L. Fork & Cannon

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

To the Sheriff of Rockingham County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon

Heruel Life & Henry Davis

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 28th day of Oct. 1927, to testify and the truth to say in behalf of the Commonwealth against

David J. Daul

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 28 day of Oct., 1927 and in the 52<sup>nd</sup> year of the Commonwealth.

J. F. Blackburn, Clerk.

Executed Oct 28 1927 By delivring  
a true copy of this writ to  
Hensley Life Henry Lewis  
in person G.A. Lawson Esq  
for C.W. Law S.R.C.

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David J. Daul

Sheriff fee 1.00



Commonwealth of Virginia:

To the Sheriff of Rockingham County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon

Frank Rogers, Ellsworth Shifflett, Irvin Shifflett,  
Miss Ella Shifflett, and Mrs. Ethel Thompson

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 17th day of October 1927 to testify and the truth to say in behalf of the Commonwealth before the GRAND JURY vs. David T. Dovel

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 14th day of October 1927, and in the 352d year of the Commonwealth.

Clerk

Commonwealth

vs.

David T. Dovel

Shuff fee \$2.50

1927

Oct. 19

Executed Oct 14 1927 By  
delivered a true copy of this  
Writ to James Rogers  
Ellsworth Shifflet minor Shifflet  
Miss Ella Shifflet and also  
Ethel Thompson in person  
J. A. Lawson, J. S.  
for, L. W. Dean S. R. L.

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Virginia:

To the Sheriff of Rockingham County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon

A. P. Curry

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 fourth day of October, 1927.

to testify and the truth to say in behalf of the Commonwealth against

David P. Dault

who stands charged with and indicted for a felony misdemeanor.

And this he 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 27 day of Oct., 1927 and in the 1927 year of the Commonwealth.

J. F. Blackburn, Clerk.

Excused Oct 27 1922 by delivering a true copy of the

within Summons to A. P. Dwyer

~~In presence~~

C. W. Dore, S. R. C.

Com.

David J. Dore

Sheriff fee .50

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

To the Sheriff of Rockingham County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon *C. W. Dave, Geo. A. Lawson,*  
*Frank Rogers, Ellsworth Shifflett,*  
*Irwin Shifflett, Miss Ella Shifflett,*  
*Mrs. Ethel Thompson &*  
*----- Nyank.*

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 *27th* day of *Oct.* 19*27*  
to testify and the truth to say in behalf of the Commonwealth against

*David T. Dauel*

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  
*21* day of *Oct.*, 19*27* and in the *15th* year of the Commonwealth.

*J. F. Blackburn*, Clerk.





Commonwealth of Virginia:

To the Sheriff of Rockingham County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon

C. W. Dove and W. E. Lucas

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 17th day of October, 1927, to testify and the truth to say in behalf of the Commonwealth before the GRAND JURY vs. David T. Dovel

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 11th day of Oct. 1927 and in the 162d th year of the Commonwealth.

J. F. Blackburn Clerk

Executed *Oct 12, 1927* by delivering a true copy of the

within documents to *the within named individual*

In person

*E. W. Adams & Co.*

Commonwealth

vs

David T. Dovel

*Sheriff fee 1.00*

Oct. 17/27

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COMMONWEALTH

v )

CHARGE TO THE JURY

DAVID T. DOVEL

If you find the accused, David T. Dovel, 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 fix his punishment by confinement  
*in jail for not less than thirty days nor more than one year or*  
in the penitentiary for a term of not less than one year  
nor more than five years, or by a fine of not less than  
*one*  
~~five~~ hundred dollars nor more than five thousand dollars,  
or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Wit - Penn. case  
Charge to the jury

It was found that the deceased, David E. Denny, was killed  
and that the same was done by the defendant.  
It was also found that the defendant was charged to the jury  
and that the jury was instructed to find the defendant guilty  
if the evidence showed that the defendant was the person  
who shot the deceased.  
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*Gov. Manslaughter*

COMMONWEALTH

v)

CHARGE TO THE JURY

DAVID T. DOVEL

If you find the accused, David T. Dovel, 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 fix his punishment by confinement in the penitentiary for a period of not less than one nor more than five years; or, in your discretion, by confinement in jail for a period not exceeding one year, or by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars, or both such imprisonment and fine.

We the jury on the issues joined  
find

General, Grand Jury

Commonwealth

v)

David T. Dovel

Charge to the Jury

We the jury find the accused  
Hansford White, not guilty  
A. D. White

No 1

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, 1927, upon their oaths do present that David T. Dovel on or about the 11th day of September, 1927, in the county aforesaid, while driving an automobile at a fast and unlawful rate of speed on the public highway (Spotswood Trail) near Herring's Store, in said county did run said automobile with great force and violence into, upon and against one Mary Yancey, thereby throwing the said Mary Yancey to the ground, injuring and wounding her, the said Mary Yancey and causing her to suffer a mortal wound, of which mortal wound she, the said Mary Yancey then and there instantly died. And so the jurors aforesaid upon their oaths aforesaid do say that the said David T. Dovel the said Mary Yancey in the manner and form aforesaid feloniously did kill, against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

And the jurors aforesaid upon their oaths aforesaid do further present that on or about the 11th day of September, 1927, in the county aforesaid, David T. Dovel, while unlawfully driving an automobile on the left side of the public highway (Spotswood Trail) near Herring's store, in the said county, ran said automobile with great force and violence into, upon and against one Mary Yancey, thereby throwing the said Mary Yancey to the ground, injuring and wounding her, the said Mary Yancey and causing her to suffer a mortal wound, of which mortal wound she, the said Mary Yancey then and there instantly died. And so the jurors aforesaid upon their oaths aforesaid do say that the said David T. Dovel the said Mary Yancey in the manner and form aforesaid feloniously did kill, against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

This indictment is found on the testimony of C. W. Dove, Geo.







A. Lawson, Frank Rogers, Ellsworth Shifflett, Irvin Shifflett,  
Miss Ella Shifflett, and Mrs. Ethel Thompson, witnesses sworn in  
Court and sent before the grand jury to give evidence.

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Involuntary Manslaughter

Commonwealth

v) Indictment

David T. Dovel

Felony

October term, 1927

A True Bill:

*J. C. Cooper*  
Foreman

*H. N. A.*  
*Oct 27*

D. W. Earman  
Commonwealth's Attorney

Commonwealth of Virginia,  
Rockingham County, to-wit;

Be it remembered, that on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of Septemb., 1927.

David J. Dovel and Otis D. Dovel and A. B. Dovel

came before me, Harry M. Strickler, Bail Commissioner, of the said County of Rockingham, and severally and respectively acknowledged themselves to be indebted to the Commonwealth of Virginia, in manner and form following, that is to say: the said David J. Dovel

in the sum of Ten Thousand dollars and the said Otis D.

Dovel in the sum of Ten Thousand dollars, and

~~the said A. B. Dovel in the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars~~  
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, to the use of the Commonwealth of Virginia, if the said David J. Dovel shall make default in the performance of the conditions underwritten.

The condition of the above recognizance is such that if the above bound David J. Dovel do and shall personally appear before the Circuit Court of the said County on the first day of the next term thereof, then and there to answer the Commonwealth for and concerning a certain Felony by him committed wherewith he stands charged, or to any time or times to which the proceedings may be continued or further heard, and before any Court or Judge hereafter having or holding any proceedings in connection with the said charge, and <sup>not</sup> depart thence without leave of Court, and be bound under this recognizance until said charge is finally disposed of or until it is declared void by order of a competent Court, then this recognizance shall be null and void, otherwise shall remain in full force and virtue.

Harry M. Strickler  
Bail Commissioner.





COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

COUNTY OF ROCKINGHAM, to-wit:

In the Circuit Court of said County:

The grand jurors of the Commonwealth of Virginia in and for the body of said county and now attending said Court at its December term, 1929, upon their oaths do present that David T. Dovel within one year next prior to the finding of this indictment, in the county aforesaid, while driving an automobile on the Valley Turnpike about three miles north of Harrisonburg, did unlawfully drive said automobile on the wrong side of the road, that is, on his left side of the road, and drove the same into an automobile being driven in the opposite direction by one Roy Good, thereby injuring and wounding him, the said Roy Good, against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

This indictment is found on the testimony of \_\_\_\_\_  
Strawhorn, John Bowman Biller, Carl Bowman, W. T. Wolfrey ✓  
Roy Good, and S. F. Newman ✓ witnesses sworn in Court and sent before the grand jury to give evidence.

DRIVING CAR ON WRONG SIDE  
OF ROAD

Commonwealth

v) Indictment

David T. Doyle - *(in fine)*

Misdemeanor

December term, 1929

A True Bill:

*J. J. Moran*

FORSMAN

D. W. Barran  
Commonwealth's Attorney





We the jury find the accused, David T. Howell, guilty as charged in the indictment and for his punishment at a fine of Eight Hundred (800<sup>00</sup>) Dollars

F. L. Fickler

COUNTY OF WASHINGTON, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THIS COUNTY:

The State of the Commonwealth of Virginia is of the law

VIOL. Automobile law

Commonwealth

v) Indictment

David T. Howell

#2

Felony

October term, 1927

A True Bill:

*J. A. ...*  
FORWARD

Mr. ...

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*F. L. F.*

D. W. Berman  
Commonwealth's Attorney



# 421

COMMONWEALTH

vs.

Felony #1  
(Inv. manslaughter)

DAVID T. DOVEL

*Plea Not Guilty  
Set for Oct. 21.*

Claude F. Whitmer  
M. O. Miller  
Roy H. Mason  
Chas W. Hoover  
J. L. Gible  
E. R. Harrison  
H. R. Vanter  
C. H. Gardner  
H. Raymond Lander  
R. J. Weaver  
Roy S. Hartman  
Chas W. Allen  
—H—

Sheriff costs  
Arrest 1.50  
Summons 9.00  
Imp. Jury  $\frac{1.50}{\$12.00}$

11-422

COMMONWEALTH

VS.

Felony #2  
(Viol. Auto. law)

DAVID T. DOVEL

*Plea Not Guilty  
Set for Oct. 27*





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#667

COMMONWEALTH

VS. )Misdr.

DAVID T. DOVEL

*John T. ...*

