

*Mr. Lester Wright is accused, State Wright  
not guilty of murder in the indictment  
W. F. Hooper, Attorney*

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

In the Circuit Court of said County:

The grand jurors in and for the County of Rock-  
ingham and now attending said Court at its October term,  
1932, upon their oaths do present that Lester Wright,  
on or about October 9, 1932, in said County, did kill  
and slay one Roy Shoemaker, against the peace and dignity  
of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

This indictment is found on the testimony of Harry  
Lee Dechert, Herbert Thompson, E. E. Kiser, Ernest Snyder,  
Bessie Virginia Snyder, Leona Thompson, and Ida Thompson,  
*Merin Mills*  
witnesses sworn in Court and sent before the grand jury  
to give evidence.

*It is the jury find the accused, Lester Wright  
not guilty as charged in the indictment  
W. H. Koontz, Foreman*

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,  
COUNTY OF ROCKINGHAM, CO-MIT:  
In the Circuit Court of said County:

Homicide ✓ Nov 9

Commonwealth

v) Indictment N.G.

Lester Wright-

Felony

October term, 1932

A True Bill:

*A. H. Shank.*  
Foreman  
*acting foreman.*

Witnesses: ✓ Harry Lee Dechert  
✓ Herbert Thompson  
✓ E. E. Kiser  
✓ Ernest Snyder  
✓ Bessie V. Snyder  
✓ Leona Thompson  
Ida Thompson

D. W. Earman  
Commonwealth's Attorney

to give evidence.

Witnesses sworn in Court and sent before the Grand Jury

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, VA.

COMMONWEALTH

v.

CHARGE TO THE JURY

LESTER WRIGHT

If you find the accused, Lester Wright,  
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  
at confinement in the penitentiary for 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, by  
both such fine and imprisonment.

Charge to the jury

Charge to the Jury

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or by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars, or, by  
confinement in jail for a period not exceeding one year,  
not more than five years; or, in your discretion, by  
or confinement in the penitentiary for not less than one  
indictment, then you will say so and fix his punishment  
If you find him guilty as charged in the  
not guilty, you will say so and no more.

If you find the accused, Lester Wright,

LESTER WRIGHT

v.

CHARGE TO THE JURY

COMMONWEALTH

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, VA.

OCT

1932

#1068

COMMONWEALTH

V.

Felony

(homicide)

LESTER WRIGHT *N.S.*

*Nov. 9 - 32*

*H. Le Pauckey Surety 1000.00*

*Ent.*

H. F. Clark

H. C. Myers

W. F. Koorey

A. C. Gladwell

F. H. Harmon

Jos O. Coffman

Galen H. Floy

Jos. D. Myers

A. S. Strick

A. L. Chapman

Ralph L. Gove

C. J. Simons

**Commonwealth of Virginia:**

To the Sheriff of Rockingham County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon

*Harry Lee Dechent,*  
*Herbert Thompson, E. E. Kiser, Ernest*  
*Snyder, Bessie Virginia Snyder, Lona*  
*Thompson & Ida Thompson*

to appear before the Judge of the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, at the Court House thereof,  
at <sup>9:30</sup> ~~10~~ o'clock, a. m., on the *17<sup>th</sup>* day of *Oct.* 19 *32*,

to testify and the truth to say in behalf of the Commonwealth before the GRAND JURY

v. *Lester Wright*

who stands charged with and indicted for a felony misdemeanor.

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

Witness, J. ROBERT SWITZER, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court House, the *12<sup>th</sup>*  
day of *Oct* 19 *32*, and in the *15<sup>th</sup>* year of the Commonwealth.

*J. Robert Switzer*, Clerk

Executed Oct 14-1932 by delivering a true copy

of the within summon to Harry Lee Heckart

Herbert Thompson, E.E. / Vice Evert Snyder

Bessie Snyder, Lena Thompson's

Ida Thompson

each in person.

W. Newman Deputy  
Jr. C.R. Finley S.H.

Com.

W.

Lester Wright

1932

Oct. 17



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

To the Sheriff of Rockingham County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon

*E. E. Kiser, C. R. Gandy,  
Ernest Robinson, Ernest Snyder, Bessie  
Snyder, Herbert Thompson, Virginia Thompson,  
Laura Thompson, Ida Thompson,  
Howard Caldwell, + Harry Lee Dechert,*

to appear before the Judge of the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, at the Court House thereof,  
at <sup>9:30</sup> ~~10~~ o'clock, a. m., on the *9th* day of *Nov.* 19 *32*,

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

*Lister Wright*

who stands charged with and indicted for a felony *widemeanor*.

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

Witness, J. ROBERT SWITZER, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court House, the *7th*  
day of *Nov.* 19 *32*, and in the 15 *7th* year of the Commonwealth.

*J. Robert Switzer*, Clerk

Executed Nov, 8th 1932, by delivering a true copy of the within summon to E.E.Kiser, C.R.Fawley, Evert Snyder, Bessie Snyder, Herbert Thompson, Virginia Thompson, Leona Thompson, Ida Thompson, Howard Caldwell, Harry Lee Dechart, each in person, Not finding Earnest Roberson at his usual place of abode executed by delivering a true copy of the within summon to Vernie Roberson at his usual place of abode.

S. F. Newman Deputy for  
C.R.Fawley, S.R.C.

Com

the Commonwealth of Virginia.  
To the Sheriff of Rockingham County, Greensboro

Lewis Wright

1932

Nov. 9

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Virginia:

To the Sheriff of Rockingham County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon *Wright Armentrout,*  
*Mrs Wright Armentrout, Richard D. Mason,*  
*Miss Lizzie A. Carmier, & Robert Wehl,*  
*Hinton Caldwell, & Della Knight*

to appear before the Judge of the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, at the Court  
House thereof, at <sup>9:30</sup> 10 o'clock, a. m., on the *9<sup>th</sup>* day of *Nov.* 19*33*  
to testify and the truth to say in behalf of the Defendant in the prosecution of the Common-  
wealth, plaintiff, against

*Lester Wright*

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. ROBERT SWITZER*, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court House, the  
*8<sup>th</sup>* day of *Nov.* 19*33*, and in the *147<sup>th</sup>* year of the Commonwealth.  
*J. Robert Switzer*, Clerk.

Executed Nov 8th 1932, by delivering a true copy of the within summon to Hinton Coldwell in person, Not finding Robert Webb, at his usual place of abode executed by delivering a true copy of the within summon to Ollie Webb at his usual place of abode.

D. R. Wright Deputy for  
C.R.Fawley, S.R.C.

Mar. 9

1932

*Daniel's Cornwell*  
*attys*

*Doctor Wright*  
*at the Court*  
*to the Court*

Executed Nov, 8th 1932, by delivering a true copy of the within summon to Wright Armetron, Mrs ~~Richard N. Mason, and Mrs Lizzie~~ ~~Armer each in person.~~  
*was done a*  
*Deputy for*  
*C.R.Fawley, S.R.C.*  
*in my presence,*

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

To the Sheriff of Rockingham County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon *amos Pauley, arthur  
Meyers, Frank Eye, Ray Eye, S. do. Mrs. weerman,  
Merlin Meyers, H. H. Harpial, Bridger Day,  
Glen Simpson, Harry Caldwell, Forward,  
Caldwell, Margaret Knight, alfred Knight,  
Robert Venev, Jake Admitt, and  
Ernest Robinson.*

to appear before the Judge of the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, at the Court House thereof,  
at 9:30 o'clock, a. m., on the *9* day of *Nov -* 19*32* to testify and the truth to  
say in behalf of the Defendant in the prosecution of the Commonwealth against

*Lester Wright*

who stands charged with and indicted for a felony misdemeanor.

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

Witness, J. ROBERT SWITZER, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court House, the *7*  
day of *Nov -* 19*32*, and in the *1932* year of the Commonwealth.

*J. Robert Switzer*, Clerk

Executed Nov, 8th 1932, by delivering a true copy of the within summon to Frank Eye, Geo McDorman, Glen Sommons, Howard Coldwell, Alfred Knight, each in person. Not finding Ray Eye at his usual place of abode executed by delivering a true copy to Bessie Eye at his usual place of abode, Not finding Bridger Ray at his usual place of abode executed by delivering a true copy to Jim Ray at usual place of abode, Not finding Robert Veany at his usual place of abode executed by delivering a true copy to Geo Spinnard at his usual place of abode, Not finding Jacob Smith at his usual place of abode executed by delivering a true copy to Mary Shifflett at his usual place of abode, Not finding Earnest Roberson at his usual place of abode executed by delivering a true copy to Bessie Roberson at his usual place of abode. Harry Coldwell & Margarte Knight, not found in my bailwick. *SP* Deputy for C.R.Fawley, S.R.C.

Executed Nov, 8th 1932, by delivering a true copy of the within summon to Amos Pankey, Arthur Myers, Melvin Myers & H.D.Harpine each in person.  
*C.R.Fawley*  
 Deputy for  
 C.R.Fawley, S.R.C.

*John Knight*