

POLICE DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF

W. J. KEAN
CHIEF OF POLICE



Cour. Exhibit A

HARRISONBURG, VIRGINIA

As witnessed

April 10, 1946

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When we arrived at the Smith home I knocked on the door, and one of the smaller Smith children came to the door. I then asked if Vergie was there, and the child said "yes, come on in." When we went in the house Vegie was out in the kitchen washing her hands, face and feet.

I asked her if she was coming in the front room and she said she was just as soon she got thru washing herself. We all sat down and waited for her to finish and come in where we were.

After a few minutes she finished what she was doing and came into the room. In the room we made love to Vergie in the usual way that men do--calling her "honey" and such like terms. After a few minutes Vegie went into the bed-room and lay down across the bed. Roy Shifflet followed her into the room and I believe he had sexual intercourse with Vergie Smith, but I did not see him. After Roy came out, then Marvin DePoy went into the room, and I did see him have sexual intercourse with Vergie Smith.

G. W. Joseph

Paul F. Crawford

Hermit D. Simmons

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This all took place between 3:00 P. M. and 4:00 P. M. on the afternoon of April 4, 1946. We remained at the Smith home around a half an hour. After we had intercourse with Vergie Smith, all three of us left the Smith home and went to Swift's Produce Co. where we picked up Roy Shifflet's mother and then ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ I came on down street and the rest went to Linville.

I did not see anyone use any force, and I know I did not myself, to make Vergie Smith have sexual intercourse with us. She did it willingly and freely without any one of us having to make her do it. From hearsay I have understood that Vergie was a wayard girl, and no one had to use force to have sexual intercourse with her.

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Paul J. Campbell

W. J. Keane

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Witness Subpoena

Commonwealth of Virginia:

County of Rockingham, to-wit:

To the Sheriff of said County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded, in the name of the Commonwealth of Virginia to summon
S. J. Smith, Vergie Smith, Ashby Smith, Ervin Smith and Stanley Smith
all at East Washington Street, Harrisonburg, Virginia.

to appear before the Trial Justice Court of said County, sitting at Harrisonburg, Virginia
in said County, on 29th day of April, 19 46, at the hour of 2:00 P.M.
of that day to give evidence in behalf of Commonwealth

in the pending case of Commonwealth

v. Paul Crawford and Roy Shifflett

Given under my hand this 26th day of April, 19 46.

J. C. Swartz
Clerk.

each in person.

of the within summons to

at the Court of the County of

Trial Justice Court

Docket No. 7699
7700

Commonwealth

V. (Witness Subpoena)

Paul Crawford and
Roy Shifflett

To April 29, 1946 at 2PM

Executed 4-26-1946 by delivering a true copy
of the within summons to S.S. Smith,
Vergie Smith, Ashley Smith
Ervin Smith and Stanley Smith.

each in person. Wm A. Rhodes Dep for
Sam H. Ballender S.R.B.

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Virginia:

To the Sheriff of Rockingham County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon

G.W. Joseph

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 *24th* day of *February*, 19*47*,
to testify and the truth to say in behalf of the Commonwealth against

Paul Crawford

who stands charged with and indicted for a felony misdemeanor.

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

LAWRENCE H. HOOVER, COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY
Witness, J. ROBERT SWITZER, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court House, the *21st*

day of *February*, 19 *47*, and in the 16 *th* year of the Commonwealth.

Lawrence H. Hoover, Clerk
Commonwealth's Atty.

Com.
v.
Paul Crawford

2/24/47

EXECUTED 2/24/47 IN THE COUNTY OF
ROCKINGHAM BY DELIVERING A TRUE
COPY OF THE WITHIN Summons
TO S. W. Joseph
IN PERSON.
R. H. Toliver Depy Jr
Sam H. Collier S. R. C.

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Virginia:

To the Sheriff of Rockingham County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon.....

Bettie Smith, Vergie Smith, Ashby Smith,
Eugene Smith, Erwin Smith

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 24th day of February, 1947,
to testify and the truth to say in behalf of the Commonwealth against.....

Paul Crawford

who stands charged with and indicted for a felony misdemeanor.

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

LAWRENCE H. HOOVER, COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY
Witness, J. ROBERT SWITZER, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court House, the 21st

day of February, 1947, and in the 16th year of the Commonwealth.

Lawrence H. Hoover, Clerk
Commonwealth's Atty.

Lt/Justice

Paul Newford
25
Cm

Executed 2/21/71 by delivering a true copy

of the within summons to Bertie Smith,

Virginia Smith, Coby Smith,

Ernie Smith and Ernie

Smith

each in person.

B. R. Hoover Dep. for

Seal of Colorado S.R.C.

Commonwealth of Virginia:

To the Sheriff of Rockingham County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon *Vergie Smith, Ashby Smith,*
Stanley Smith

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 *31st* day of *October* 19 *46*,

to testify and the truth to say in behalf of the Commonwealth before the GRAND JURY
Commonwealth v. Paul Crawford

who stands charged with a felony misdemeanor.

And this you 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 *17th*
day of *October* 19 *46*, and in the *171* year of the Commonwealth.

J. Robert Switzer, Clerk

Commonwealth

Paul Crawford

October 21, 1946

Not finding

ashley smith

~~at his new~~

~~place of abode. Executed~~

October 17-1946

by delivering a

true copy of this summons to Bettie Smith

his mother

in person, at _____

usual place of

Bettie Smith

being a member of

his family above the age of 16 years, and explaining the purport thereof to her.

Wm. A. Rhodes deputy for.

Sam H. Callender J.R.S.

EXECUTED 10-17-46 IN THE COUNTY OF
ROCKINGHAM BY DELIVERING A TRUE

COPY OF THE WITHIN summon

TO Stonley Smith & Vergie Smith
each in person. D

Wm. A. Rhodes deputy for.

Sam H. Callender J.R.S.

Trial Justice Court

Criminal Docket No.

M699

Commonwealth

vs.

Paul Crawford,

E.S. p.d.

A.W. Arraigned

4-18-46

TRIAL

4-29-46 at 2 PM

Required
Grand Jury. Bail \$1500.00

4-29-2 PM

MS-5 Com

JUDGEMENT

April 29, 1946

Upon the hearing of the within charge, probable cause is found and the defendant is held for the Grand Jury

Fine	-----	\$	-----
Issuing Justice's Fee	-----	\$	1.00
Clerk's Fee	-----	\$	1.25
Trial Justice Fee	-----	\$	2.00
Arrest and Mileage	-----	\$	-----
Summoning Witness	-----	\$	1.25
Witness Attendance and Mileage	-----	\$	1.25
Commonwealth's Attorney	-----	\$	2.50
Jail Fees	-----	\$.50
	-----	\$	-----
Total	-----	\$	9.75

Reuben M. Weaver
Subs. Trial Justice

Trial Justice Court

Criminal Docket No. 7699

Commonwealth

vs.

Arrest Warrant

Paul Crawford

Executed the within warrant by arresting and delivering the body of

Paul Crawford

before

Jail

this

9th

day of

April, 1946

S. W. Joseph
Hbg. Police Officer.

Officer's Mileage

Miles travelled by officer

Miles carried prisoner

Total mileage

Not guilty

STATE OF VIRGINIA—COUNTY OF ROCKINGHAM, TO-WIT:
I, T. J. or J. P. or Bail Commissioner of Virginia, do hereby certify that Paul Crawford as his suret Paul Crawford, have this day acknowledged themselves indebted to the Commonwealth of Virginia in the sum of ----- dollars (\$ -----) as to which they severally waived their exemption, to be made and levied of their goods and chattels, yet upon this condition: That the said Paul Crawford shall appear before the Trial Justice Court of Rockingham County at ----- day of -----, 19 ----- at ----- o'clock A. M., and not depart hence without leave of said Court, 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 said charge, and then and there answer the Commonwealth of Virginia concerning the within charge until the same is finally disposed of, then this recognizance shall be null and void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

Given under my hand this, the ----- day of -----, 19 -----.

T. J. or J. P. or Bail Commissioner

COMMONWEALTH VS. Paul Crawford

DESCRIPTION OF PRISONER

Last known address Route 2 Harrisonburg VA
Color white Height 5'10" Eyes blue Hair Black Weight 140
Marks Tatoos of on both arms
Age 26 Occupation Labor
Date of Trial 7/24/47
Result 5 yrs Pen

DESCRIPTION OF PRISONER

COMMONWEALTH VS Paul [unclear]

Last known address

Paul E. [unclear] / [unclear]

Color of hair

5'10" Height
Blue Eyes
Black Hair

Marks

Scars on left arm

Occupation

Lab. [unclear]

Date of Trial

1921

Rank

1st Lt.

1921
121

7699 +
7700

Report of Witnesses for the Commonwealth

Month of April 29, 19 46

Whose mileage and attendance were not collected by the Trial Justice before the end of said month.

Russell M. Weaver, Subs., Trial Justice.

By *J. L. Swartz* Clerk.

WITNESSES	Fel. Pro. or Misd.	Days	Attendance	Miles	Mileage	Total	Date
Com. vs. Paul Crawford and Roy Shifflett	Fel.						1946 4-29
1. S. J. Smith		1	.50			.50	
2. Vergie Smith		1	.50			.50	
3. Ashby Smith		1	.50			.50	
4. Ervin Smith		1	.50			.50	
5. Stanley Smith		1	.50			.50	
6.						2.50	
Com. vs.							
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All witnesses summoned for the Commonwealth shall be entitled to receive for each day's attendance fifty cents, all necessary ferriage and tolls, and five cents per mile over five miles going and returning to place of trial or before grand jury. (Sec. 3512)

Report of Witnesses for the Commonwealth

Month of April 1928

Witnesses and attendance were not collected by the Trial Justice before the end of said month.

By Russell M. Wray, Subst. Trial Justice

Clerk.

Date	Total	Witness	Days	Attendance	Fees	Per. or	Miles	Witness
1928								Com. vs. Paul Crawford and Roy Shillock, Fel.
	.50		1	.50				S. J. Smith
	.50		1	.50				Vergie Smith
	.50		1	.50				Abby Smith
	.50		1	.50				Ervin Smith
	.50		1	.50				Stanley Smith

	\$2.50							
								Com. vs.

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State
in 6 P.M.

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Prisoners Report of Rockingham County Jail

Name Paul Crawford Date Arrested 4-9-46

Date Bailed Out _____ Again Placed in Jail _____

Male Female _____ Age 25 Race W Single Married _____ Divorced _____

Separated _____ Widow _____ Widower _____ Illiterate _____ Gr. School 5th High Sch. _____

Vocational _____ College _____ Drug Addict _____ Inebriate _____ Occupation Labor

Employed _____ Reason for Being in Jail awaiting trial

Reason for Release from Jail _____

Amount of Fine _____ Cost _____ Sentence Time 5 years in Penitentiary

State County _____ City _____ Town _____

Federal _____ Army _____ Navy _____ Others _____

Offense Rape Fel.

Miscellaneous _____ ABC _____ Ins. _____

Date Committed 4-9-46 Date of Trial 2-26-45 Date of Release _____

Court Committed From _____ Type of Court _____

Transferred From _____ Transferred To _____

Reason for Transfer _____

Physical Condition good Contagious Disease, if Any no

Fine After Prisoner at Jail; Amount to State \$ _____ Amount to City \$ _____

Date Reported _____ Deputy and Jailor _____

_____ Sheriff _____

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

It appearing to the Court that a sufficient number of jurors to constitute a panel of twenty free from exception cannot be had from those summoned and in attendance at this term of Court, in the trial of the case of Commonwealth vs. Paul Crawford, on an indictment for a felony, set for trial this 24th day of February, 1947, it is ordered that the following persons selected from the names on the list of jurors provided for by Sections 5988 and 5989 of the Code of Virginia, be summoned forthwith to complete the panel aforesaid, viz., Thos. L. Yancey, Wm. C. Grandle, F. H. Blakemore, and J. O. Marsh.

Enter:

W. H. Hurd, Judge.

7/2/47

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Ex Re:

FEB 1947

William J. [Name]
Comy
Carroll

Judge.

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INSTRUCTION 1

The Court instructs the jury that rape is the having of sexual intercourse with a woman against her will by force. Before the jury will be warranted in convicting the accused on a charge of rape, they must be satisfied from the evidence beyond all reasonable doubt that the act of sexual intercourse was accomplished by force and against the will of the prosecutrix and, considering under the evidence the time, the place, the relative physical strength, and endurance of the prosecutrix and the accused, the whole situation as it confronted her, and all the circumstances of the case, it must appear from the evidence beyond all reasonable doubt that the prosecutrix resisted her assailant by every means at her command until she was overcome by his superior strength.

Com 15 Paul Crawford

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John H. ...

INSTRUCTION 3

The Court instructs the jury that the burden resting upon the Commonwealth to prove the accused guilty beyond all reasonable doubt of an offense and every material element thereof, charged against the accused, does not mean that it is necessary for the Commonwealth to establish the guilt of the accused to a mathematical certainty or beyond all possibility of mistake or to do more than satisfy the jury that upon the evidence as a whole the accused is guilty thereof beyond all reasonable doubt.

Case vs Paul Crawford

Handwritten signature or name, possibly "L. J. ..."

Wholly thereof belong all reasonable doubt.
... the fact that upon the evidence as a whole the accused is
... of bearing all responsibility of mistake or to do more than
commonly to describe the facts of the accused to a representative
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doubt of an offense and every material element thereof, ...
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INSTRUCTION 2

The Court instructs the jury that if they believe the defendant, Paul Crawford, had sexual intercourse with the prosecuting witness, Vergie Smith, at the time charged in the indictment, then in determining the question as to whether or not it was by force and without her consent, the jury may take into consideration her age, size, weight and her condition and physical appearance, all of which testimony and facts the jury are authorized to consider in connection with all the other evidence in the case determining whether or not said prosecuting witness consented to such sexual intercourse and in whether or not force was used therein.

Case vs Paul Crawford

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Case vs Paul Crawford

INSTRUCTION NO. 4

The court instructs the jury that the law presumes the accused to be innocent until he is proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt, and if there is upon the minds of the jury any reasonable doubt of the guilt of the accused, the law makes it their duty to acquit him, and that mere suspicion or probability of his guilty, however strong, is not sufficient to convict, nor is it sufficient if the greater weight or preponderance of the evidence supports the charge in the indictment, but to warrant his conviction his guilt must be proved so clearly that there is no reasonable theory consistent with the evidence upon which he can be innocent.

Cover vs Paul Crawford

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Case v Paul Crawford

INSTRUCTION NO. 5

The Court instructs the jury that the issue in the case is not whether the entire statement made by the accused on the stand is true, or otherwise, but the sole issue is whether or not the accused raped Virgie Smith by force and against her will. Therefore, upon their consideration of the case, even should the jury disbelieve any part or all of the evidence of the accused, still, if upon the whole evidence in the case they entertain a reasonable doubt of his guilt on the charge of rape, it is their duty to acquit him of such charge.

Done at Paul Crawford

2 INSTRUCTION NO.

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Wm. A. Paul Crawford

INSTRUCTION NO. 6

The Court instructs the jury that in determining whether or not the act of carnal intercourse as involved in this case, if they believe from the evidence such carnal intercourse took place, was accomplished by force and against the will of the prosecutrix, or otherwise, it is their duty to take into consideration, as shown by the evidence in the case, the conduct and deportment of prosecutrix immediately after the time of the alleged act, the time and all the circumstances of her complaint of the alleged assault, the presence or absence of bruises, or other marks of violence upon her person, the presence or absence of marks of violence on the person of the defendant, whether or not her underclothing or other clothing was torn, whether or not at the time the prosecutrix made an outcry, and the time, the place, the relative strength and endurance of the prosecutrix and the defendant, the whole situation as it confronted both the prosecutrix and the defendant and all the circumstances disclosed by the evidence in the case, and if so considered the jury entertain a reasonable doubt that such act of carnal intercourse, if they believe from the evidence such carnal intercourse took place, was accomplished by force and against the will of the prosecutrix, such doubt is decisive and they must find the accused not guilty of the crime of rape.

Com. vs Paul Crawford

The Court instructs the jury that in determining whether or not the act of carnal intercourse as involved in this case, if they believe from the evidence such carnal intercourse took place, was accomplished by force and against the will of the prosecutrix, or

otherwise, it is their duty to take into consideration, as shown by the evidence in the case, the conduct and deportment of prosecutrix immediately after the time of the alleged act, the time and all the circumstances of her complaint of the alleged assault, the presence or absence of bruises, or other marks of violence upon her person, the presence or absence of marks of violence on the person of the defendant, whether or not her underclothing or other clothing was torn, whether or not at the time the prosecutrix made an outcry,

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crime of rape.

Case vs. Paul Greenfield

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, VIRGINIA

COMMONWEALTH)
v.)
PAUL CRAWFORD)

CHARGE TO JURY

If you find the accused, Paul Crawford, guilty of rape, as charged in the indictment, you will say so and fix his punishment at death, or by confinement in the penitentiary for life, or for any term not less than five years.

If you find him not guilty, you will say so and no more.

*Guilty and a recommendation of the
minimum sentence of 5 years.
Minor P. Restweil Foreman*

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 the County of Rockingham, and now attending the Circuit Court of said County, at its October term, 1946, upon their oaths do present that Paul Crawford, on or about the 4th day of April, 1946, in said County, with force and arms, upon one Vergie Smith, a female over the age of sixteen years, to-wit, of the age of twenty-one years, unlawfully and feloniously did make an assault; and her, the said Vergie Smith, then and there, to-wit, on the day and year aforesaid, and in the County aforesaid, unlawfully and feloniously did ravish and carnally know, against her will and by force, against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

This indictment is found upon the testimony of Vergie Smith, Ashby Smith and Stanley Smith, witnesses sworn in Court and sent before the grand jury to give evidence.

Rape

COMMONWEALTH

v.) Indictment *paid*

PAUL CRAWFORD

Felony:

October Term, 1946.

A True Bill:

Lawrence H. Hoover
Foreman

Witnesses:

- ✓ 1. Vergie Smith
- ✓ 2. Ashby Smith
- ✓ 3. Stanley Smith

Lawrence H. Hoover
Commonwealth's Attorney

LAWRENCE H. HOOVER
ATTORNEY AT LAW
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

*Mr. the jury find the accused Paul
 Crawford guilty of rape as charged
 in the indictment and put him
 imprisoned at hard labor for life
 in the penitentiary at the State Prison
 at Richmond, Virginia.*

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COMMONWEALTH

VS.

Felony (rape)

PAUL CRAWFORD

NS

Jail

Plus $\frac{7}{204}$

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Feb. 24-1947

M. L. Keatcott

Le B. Reebuck

Scott E. Farley

F. Lawrence Brown

Wm. W. Estep

B. C. Cooper

Frank A. Coffman

Lea. Hoghead

Harry Le Herberman

A. L. Cleafman

T. Le. Meyer

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