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Commonwealth

vs. On an indictment for a felony (involuntary manslaughter)
Robert Forest Neff, Jr.

This day came the attorney for the commonwealth, and the accused, Robert Forest Neff, Jr., came pursuant to his recognizance and by his attorneys, W. W. Wharton and R. M. Weaver. And from persons summoned by the sheriff under a writ of venire facias, twenty persons were examined by the court and found duly qualified and free from exception; whereupon, a list containing the names of said twenty persons was handed to the attorney for the commonwealth and to the accused, who each alternately struck therefrom the names of four persons, the remaining twelve, namely: W. F. Berry, Avis Cook, Samuel S. Early, Chas. J. Dennett, O. W. Andes, Chas. H. Hinegardner, J. B. Grove, J. A. Fulk, O. R. Emswiler, Roy C. Henkle, Geo. N. Saufeley and Ernest A. Garber, selected as aforesaid to constitute the jury, were sworn to well and truly try and true deliverance make between the commonwealth and the prisoner at the bar and a true verdict render according to the evidence. And the court having heard the evidence on behalf of the commonwealth, thereupon the accused, by counsel, moved the court to strike the evidence introduced on behalf of the commonwealth, which motion the court overruled, and to which action of the court the accused, by counsel, excepted. And the accused ^{by counsel} ~~having~~ advised the court that he did not desire to introduce any evidence, thereupon, ^{said accused} ~~the~~ court, by counsel, ^{re}newed his motion to strike the evidence offered by the commonwealth, which motion the court again overruled, to which action of the court, the accused, by counsel, excepted. ^{continue until} ~~And having received the instructions of the court, and having heard the argument of counsel, thereupon, the jury retired to the jury room to consider their verdict, and after some time they came again into court and returned the following verdict:~~

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Commonwealth

vs. Robert Forest Nell, Jr.
On an indictment for a felony (involuntary manslaughter)

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Commonwealth

vs. On an indictment for a felony (involuntary manslaughter)
Robert Forest Neff, Jr.

This day came again the attorney for the commonwealth, and the accused, Robert Forest Neff, Jr., came pursuant to his recognition and by his attorneys, W. W. Wharton and R. M. Weaver. And the jury impanelled and sworn for the trial of this case came again, pursuant to adjournment; and having received the instructions of the court, and having heard the argument of counsel, thereupon retired to their room to consider their verdict, and after some time they came again into court and returned the following indictment: "We, the jury, find the accused guilty of involuntary manslaughter, as charged in the indictment, and fix his punishment at two years in the penitentiary. O. W. Andes, foreman." And thereupon, said accused, by counsel, moved the court to set aside the verdict of the jury and grant a new trial on the following grounds: (1) that the verdict of the jury was contrary to the law and the evidence and ^{is} without evidence to support it; (2) Because of the failure of the Court to strike the evidence at the conclusion of the commonwealth's case; (3) Because of the admission of certain highly prejudicial testimony which was irrelevant and immaterial to the issue; (4) Because of the failure of the Court to strike certain immaterial and highly prejudicial testimony; (5) Because of the improper instruction of the jury by the Court, the court having refused to give certain instructions rendered by the accused, which are of record and marked "refused," and having given certain erroneous instructions at the request of the attorney for the commonwealth, all of which was done over the objection of the accused. ~~And thereupon, the said court~~ And the court thereupon takes time to consider the motion aforesaid.

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- 1 W. F. Berry
- 2 curd Cook
- 3 Samuel S. Early
- 4 Elias J. Bennett
- 5 O. W. Cudde
- 6 Elias H. Hinesgardner
- 7 J. B. Grove
- 8 J. C. Full
- 9 O. A. Eisenler
- 10 Roy C. Heuball
- 11 Geo. W. Duffly
- 12 Ernest A. Barker

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COMMONWEALTH

VS.) Felony ^{in violation of} (mans.)

ROBERT FOREST NEFF, JR. ^{N.N.N.}
 + R.M.H.

bill
Sit. Nov. 4
 10/11/48 - N.Y. 7/385
 11/4/48 jury - heard
~~part~~ evidence.
 Motion under Cons. 7/396-397
 jury 2 days 2 yrs

7 Motion to
 406 set aside verdict
 overruled + imp.
 of sent. suspended
 Sheriff Jan 8³⁰
 12/7/48 - 2 yrs Pen
 7
 407 Sentenced

SALE
MAIL PERMIT
NO 10006 1/2 AK
EAST WALK
CHICAGO, ILL. 60604

December 16, 1948

Division of Motor Vehicles
Richmond, Virginia

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing herewith a Form O. L. 18-B on Robert Forest Neff, Jr., who was convicted in this court of a charge of involuntary manslaughter.

Yours very truly,

J. Robert Switzer, Clerk

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Enc. 1.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

COMMONWEALTH

V.

ROBERT F. NEFF, JR.

Thereupon, the defendant moved the Court to set aside the verdict of the jury and grant a new trial on the following grounds:
(1) that the jury's verdict was contrary to ^{the} law and ^{THE} evidence, and without evidence to support it; ~~the~~ the failure of the Court to strike the evidence at the conclusion of the Commonwealth's case; ⁽³⁾ ~~is~~ the admission of certain highly prejudicial testimony which was irrelevant and immaterial to the issue; ⁽⁴⁾ ~~is~~ the failure of the Court to strike certain immaterial and highly prejudicial testimony.

~~As a further ground,~~ ^{(5) IMPROPER} the ~~instruction~~ instruction of the jury by the Court; ^{being requested} The Court ~~failing~~ failing to give certain instructions tendered by the accused, which are of record and marked "Refused"; ^{and} The Court ^{having given} gave certain erroneous instructions at the request of the Commonwealth, all of which ^{was done} ~~was~~ over the objection of the accused.

COMMONWEALTH

v.

ROBERT P. HAY, JR.

Thereupon, the defendant moved the Court to set aside the verdict of the jury and grant a new trial on the following grounds:

(1) that the jury's verdict was contrary to law and evidence, and without evidence to support it; ^{the} failure of the Court to strike the evidence as the conviction of the Commonwealth's case; ^{the} the admission of certain highly prejudicial testimony which was material and material to the issue; ^{the} failure of the Court to strike certain material and highly prejudicial testimony.

As a result of the admission of the testimony of the jury by the Court, the Court failed to give certain instructions requested by the accused, which are of record and marked "A" and "B". The Court gave certain erroneous instructions at the request of the Commonwealth, all of which are over the objection of the accused.

The jury find the accused
guilty ^{of involuntary manslaughter} as charged in the indictment
and fix his punishment at two years
in the penitentiary

O. W. Andes foreman

not guilty
murdered by

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STATE OF VIRGINIA,

COUNTY OF ROCKINGHAM, to-wit:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF SAID COUNTY:

The grand jurors of the State of Virginia, in and for the body of the County of Rockingham and now attending the Circuit Court of said County, at its ~~October~~ August term, 1948, upon their oaths do present that ROBERT FOREST NEFF, JR., on or about the 15th day of May, 1948, in said County, unlawfully and feloniously did kill and slay one V. S. See, against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

This indictment is found upon the testimony of E. E. Martin, Clarence S. Leake and Lester Higgs, witnesses sworn in Court and sent before the grand jury to give evidence.

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COMMONWEALTH

V.) INDICTMENT *m/s*

ROBERT FOREST NEFF, JR.

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Felony
August term 1948

A true bill:

Spencer
Foreman

Witnesses:

- 1. E. E. Martin
- 2. Clarence S. Leake
- 3. Lester Higgs

George D. Conrad
Commonwealth's Attorney

STATE OF VIRGINIA,
COUNTY OF ROSELINGHAM, to-wit:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, VIRGINIA:

COMMONWEALTH

V.

CHARGE TO JURY

ROBERT FOREST NEFF, JR.

If you find the accused, Robert Forest Neff, Jr., guilty of involuntary manslaughter, as charged in the indictment, then you will say so and fix his punishment at 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 a fine not exceeding One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or by both such fine and imprisonment.

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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, VIRGINIA:

COMMONWEALTH

CHARGE TO JURY

v.

ROBERT FORREST WELF, JR.

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guilty of involuntary manslaughter, as charged in the

indictment, then you will say so and fix his punishment

at confinement in the penitentiary for a period of not

less than one nor more than five years, or, in your dis-

cretion, by confinement in jail for a period not exceeding

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or by both such fine and imprisonment.

If you find him not guilty, then you will say so

and no more.

Cow
vs
Hegg.

INSTRUCTION 1

The Court instructs the jury that involuntary manslaughter is the killing of one accidentally, contrary to the intention of the accused; in the prosecution of some unlawful, but not felonious act; or in the improper performance of a lawful act.

H.A.S.

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C. W. H.

1 INSTRUCTION

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W. H. H.

Cow
vs
Zeff.

INSTRUCTION 2

The Court instructs the jury that under the laws of the State of Virginia, an operator who drives an automobile upon the highway recklessly, or at a speed or in a manner such as to endanger the life, limb, or property of any person; is guilty of reckless driving.

~~W. J.~~

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2 INSTRUCTION

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of the State of Virginia, an operator who drives an automobile
upon the highway recklessly, or at a speed or in a manner such
as to endanger the life, limb, or property of any person; is
guilty of reckless driving.

~~Woff~~

Cow
vs
Huff

Instruction No 3

The Court further instructs the Jury that under the laws of the State of Virginia the operator of an automobile is required to have the same equipped with two headlights and to have the same lighted whenever the natural light is insufficient to enable the operator to discern an object at an distance of 300 feet and that any violation of this law is unlawful but not felonious.

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INSTRUCTION NO. 4

The Court instructs the jury that if you believe from the evidence beyond a reasonable doubt that the death of V. S. See resulted from his being struck by an automobile driven by the accused, Robert Forest Neff, Jr., and that such accident resulted from Neff's operation of said car in an unlawful or reckless manner, such as to indicate carelessness or indifference incompatible with a proper regard for human life, then you shall find him guilty of involuntary manslaughter as charged in the indictment.

W.F.

Case
No. 111

3 INSTRUCTION NO.

The Court instructs the jury that if you believe from the evidence beyond a reasonable doubt that the death of V. S. See resulted from his being struck by an automobile driven by the accused, Robert Forest Weff, Jr., and that such accident resulted from Weff's operation of said car in an unlawful or reckless manner, such as to indicate carelessness or indifference incompatible with a proper regard for human life, then you shall find him guilty of involuntary manslaughter as charged in the indictment.

Weff

Case,
vs
Huff

INSTRUCTION 5

The Court instructs the jury that circumstantial evidence is just as legal and just as effective as any other, provided the circumstances are of such character and force as to satisfy the minds of the jurors of the defendant's guilt, beyond a reasonable doubt.

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W. J. [unclear]

INSTRUCTION 2

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W. J. [unclear]

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is
Huff.

INSTRUCTION 6

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 an absolute 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.

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M.A.

Cow
vs
Neff

INSTRUCTION NO. C

The Court instructs the jury that the indictment in this case raised no presumption against Robert F. Neff, Jr., but on the contrary *he* is presumed as a matter of law to be innocent of the crime charged, and the burden is upon the Commonwealth to prove every essential element of the offense with which he is charged, beyond all reasonable doubt before the jury would be warranted in finding him guilty. And unless the jury believe from the evidence in the case that the Commonwealth has proven the guilt of the defendant beyond all reasonable doubt, then it is the jury's duty to find Robert F. Neff, Jr., not guilty.

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2 INSTRUCTION NO.

The Court instructs the jury that the indictment in this case raised no presumption against Robert F. Nell, Jr., but on the contrary is presumed as a matter of law to be innocent of the crime charged, and the burden is upon the Commonwealth to prove every essential element of the offense with which he is charged, beyond all reasonable doubt before the jury would be warranted in finding him guilty. And unless the jury believe from the evidence in the case that the Commonwealth has proven the guilt of the defendant beyond all reasonable doubt, then it is the jury's duty to find Robert F. Nell, Jr., not guilty.

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Case
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Neff.

INSTRUCTION NO. D

The Court instructs the jury that in the application of circumstantial evidence to the determination of the case the utmost caution and vigilance should be used. Such evidence is always insufficient where, assuming all to be true which the evidence tends to prove, some other reasonable hypothesis may still be true, for it is the actual exclusion of every other reasonable hypothesis which invests mere circumstances with the force of truth. Where the evidence leaves it indifferent which of several hypothesis is true, or establishes only some finite probability in favor of one hypothesis, such evidence cannot amount to proof, however great the probability may be.

Therefore, although the jury may believe from the evidence in this case that there is strong probability that Robert F. Neff, Jr. is guilty of the offense charged in the indictment, still, if upon the whole evidence there is any other reasonable hypothesis consistent with his innocence, they cannot find him guilty, and this is true, although it may appear from the evidence that the probabilities of his guilt are greater than the probabilities of his innocence.

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INSTRUCTION NO. 2

The Court instructs the jury that in the application of circumstantial evidence to the determination of the case the utmost caution and vigilance should be used. Circumstantial evidence is always insufficient where, excluding all other reasonable hypotheses, the evidence tends to prove, more than other reasonable hypotheses, that the defendant is guilty, for it is the actual exclusion of every other reasonable hypothesis which invests such circumstances with the force of truth. Where the evidence leaves it indifferent which of several hypotheses is true, or explains only some finite probability in favor of one hypothesis, such evidence cannot amount to proof, however great the probability may be.

Therefore, although the jury may believe from the evidence in this case that there is a strong probability that Robert F. Kelly, Jr. is guilty of the offense charged in the indictment, still, if upon the whole evidence there is any other reasonable hypothesis consistent with his innocence, they cannot find him guilty, and this is true, although it may appear from the evidence that the probability of his guilt is greater than the probabilities of his innocence.

W.A.

Conner.

*v.
Neff.*

INSTRUCTION NO. 13

The Court instructs the jury that the fact that the defendant did not testify as a witness in his own behalf cannot be taken or considered by the jury as any evidence or even a circumstance showing or tending to show in the slightest degree the guilt of the defendant, Robert F. Neff, Jr.

[Signature]

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10 INSTRUCTION NO.

The Court instructs the jury that the fact that the defendant did not testify as a witness in his own behalf cannot be taken or considered by the jury as any evidence or even a circumstance tending to show in the slightest degree the guilt of the defendant.

Robert F. Bell, Jr.

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Instruction No. H

The Court instructs the jury that even though you believe from the evidence that Robert Neff, Jr. struck V. S. See and that See died as a result thereof that alone does not raise a presumption of guilt. In proving the crime charged in the indictment the Commonwealth has the burden of proving to you beyond a reasonable doubt that the death of V. S. See was the result of criminal or culpable negligence on the part of Neff at the time See was struck. If See met his death as a result of misadventure or unavoidable accident, the accused, Neff, cannot be found guilty.

You are further instructed that unless you believe from the evidence that the Commonwealth has proved beyond a reasonable doubt that the alleged act or acts of negligence of Neff relied on by the Commonwealth at the time it was alleged that Neff struck V. S. See were the proximate cause or one of the proximate causes of his striking See and that the accident would not have taken place had it not been for said alleged negligence then you will find for the defendant.

M.A.

4 Instruction No. 4

The Court instructs the jury that even though you believe from the evidence that Robert Nell, Jr. struck V. S. See and that See died as a result thereof that alone does not raise a presumption of guilt. In proving the crime charged in the indictment the Commonwealth has the burden of proving to you beyond a reasonable doubt that the death of V. S. See was the result of criminal or culpable negligence on the part of Nell at the time See was struck. If See met his death as a result of misadventure or unavoidable accident, the accused, Nell, cannot be found guilty.

You are further instructed that unless you believe from the evidence that the Commonwealth has proved beyond a reasonable doubt that the alleged act or acts of negligence of Nell relied on by the Commonwealth at the time it was alleged that Nell struck V. S. See were the proximate cause or one of the proximate causes of his striking See and that the accident would not have taken place had it not been for said alleged negligence then you will find for the defendant.

The Commonwealth of Virginia, } To-wit
 Rockingham County, }
 To the Sheriff of Said County:

Whereas, Sgt. E. E. Martin of Harrisonburg, Va. Police of said County, has this day made complaint and information on oath before me, J. C. Swartz, Clerk T. J. Court of the said County, that Robert Forest Neff, Jr. on the 15th day of May, 19 48, in the said County, did unlawfully and feloniously kill and slay one V. S. See, against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

These are therefore, in the name of the Commonwealth of Virginia, to command you forthwith to apprehend and bring before the Trial Justice of the said County, the body of the said Robert Forest Neff, Jr.

to answer the said complaint and to be further dealt with according to law.

Given under my hand this 17th day of May, 19 48.

J. C. Swartz
 Clerk.

T. J. or J. P.

Memo. of Commonwealth Witnesses:

Name

Address

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
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JUDGEMENT

June 4, 1948

~~Upon the hearing of the within charge,~~

Upon motion by the defendant that preliminary hearing be waived, it is hereby ordered that such hearing is hereby waived, and he is held for action by 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	-	\$
Witness Attendance and Mileage	-	\$
Commonwealth's Attorney	- - - - -	\$
Jail Fees	- - - - -	\$.50
	-	\$
Total	- - - - -	\$	4.75

Robert R. Gandy
Trial Justice

Trial Justice Court

Criminal Docket No. A 975

Commonwealth

vs.

Arrest Warrant

Robert Forest Neff, Jr.

Executed the within warrant by arresting and delivering the body of

Robert Forest Neff, Jr.

before In Jail

this 15th day of

May, 19 48.

E. E. Martin
Sgt. Hbg Police.

Officer's Mileage

Miles travelled by officer - -

Miles carried prisoner - -

Total mileage - - -

N.G. 70-5-26-48 -
2: P.M

Given under my hand this, the

day of

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

I, T. J. or J. P. or Bail Commissioner of Virginia, do hereby certify that in and for the County of Rockingham, State of as his suret 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 shall appear before the Trial Justice Court of Rockingham County at on the 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.

COMMONWEALTH VS. West Forest Veff Jr

DESCRIPTION OF PRISONER

Last known address 744 N 7th
Color W Height 5-10 Eyes Br Hair lt Weight 150
Marks O.A.
Age 19 Occupation Bulldozer
Date of Trial Nov - 4 + 5th
Result _____

COMMONWEALTH VS *John Edward Murphy*

DESCRIPTION OF PRISONER

Last known address *1111 13th St*

Color *W* Height *5-10* Eyes *Brn* Hair *Blk* Weight *170*

Mark *0.9*

Age *35* Occupation *Bookkeeper*

Date of Trial *Dec 14 + 15*

Book *100-1111*

THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

TO THE SHERIFF OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, GREETING:

We command you that you take Marvin Long,
if he be found within your bailiwick, and him safely keep, so
that you have his body forthwith before the Circuit Court of
Rockingham County, at the Court House thereof, to show cause,
if any he can, why he should not be punished for his failure
to appear before said Court in response to summons served
upon him by an officer of this court to appear and testify
on behalf of Comm. of Virginia in the trial of the
case of Commonwealth vs. Robert F. Neff, Jr.

And have then and there this writ.

Witness, J. Robert Switzer, Clerk of our said Court,
at the Court House the 4th day of November, 1948, in the 173rd
year of the Commonwealth.

J. Robert Switzer, Clerk.

Nov. 4, 1948 Executed the within
Writ by delivering Marvin Long
in Circuit Court of Rockingham Co.

B. L. Hise Dep. for
J. R. Callender S. R. C.

THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,
TO THE SHERIFF OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, GREETING:

We command you that you take MARVIN JONES

if he be found within your bailiwick, and him safely keep, so
that you have his body forthwith before the Circuit Court of
Rockingham County, at the Court House thereof, to show cause,
if any he can, why he should not be punished for his failure
to appear before said Court in response to summons served
upon him by an officer of this court to appear and testify
on behalf of James P. Williams in the trial of the
case of Commonwealth vs. Robert F. Nell, Jr.

And have then and there this writ.

Witness, J. Robert Switzer, Clerk of our said Court,
at the Court House the 4th day of November, 1948, in the 173rd
year of the Commonwealth.

James P. Williams, Clerk.

Writ of Habeas Corpus
in Circuit Court of Rockingham Co.
Nov 11, 1948 & returned the within

J. R. Switzer
Clerk of Court

Commonwealth of Virginia:

To the Sheriff of Rockingham County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon E. E. Martin, ✓ Clarence S. Leake, ✓
and Lester Higgs

to appear before the Judge of the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, at the Court House thereof,
at ^{11:00}~~9:30~~ o'clock, a. m., on the 11th day of October 1948,
to testify and the truth to say in behalf of the Commonwealth before the GRAND JURY
against ROBERT FOREST NEFF, JR.

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, GEORGE D. CONRAD
~~J. ROBERT SWITZER, Clerk of our said Court,~~ at the Court House, the 30th
day of September 1948, and in the 173rd year of the Commonwealth.

George D. Conrad
Commonwealth's Attorney, Clerk

COMMONWEALTH

V.

ROBERT FOREST NEFF, JR.

To October 11, 1948 at
11:00 a.m.

Grand Jury witnesses

Shirley Fern 120

Executed 10-7-48 by delivering a true copy
of the within summons to E. E. Martin
Charles S. Clark

Each in person. G. T. Shanchuman per for.
Sam A. Callender, Secs

place of abode, Executed 10-7-48 by delivering a
true copy of this summons to ma Duke Rogers
of finding Dorlin Rogers at his usual

his wife in person, at said Dorlin Rogers,
usual place of abode ma Duke Rogers as a member of

his family above the age of 16 years, and explaining the purport thereof
to her,
G. T. Shanchuman per for.
Sam A. Callender

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Virginia:

To the Sheriff of Rockingham County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon Dr. F. L. Byers, Dr. Wm. Baugher,
Marion H. Long, and J. W. Stidley

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 4th day of November 19 48,
to testify and the truth to say in behalf of the Commonwealth against
Robert Forest Neff, Jr.

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.

Witness, ~~J. ROBERT SWITZER, Clerk of our said Court~~, at the Court House, the 27th
173rd
day of October, 19 48, and in the 46 year of the Commonwealth.

[Signature]
Commonwealth's Attorney, Clerk

COMMONWEALTH

V.) Witness Subpoena

ROBERT FOREST NEFF, JR.

To November 4; 1948 at
9:30 a.m.

Sheriff fees \$1.60

EXECUTED ~~10-29-48~~ 10-29-48 IN THE COUNTY OF
ROCKINGHAM BY DELIVERING A TRUE
COPY OF THE WITHIN Summons
TO Dr. W. W. J. J. Byrum
IN PERSON. and W. W. Staley

for Sam A. Callender, Reg.
W. W. Staley

Not finding Marion A Long at his usual

place of abode, Executed 10-29-48 by delivering a

true copy of this Summons to Mrs Marion A Long

his wife in person, at said Marion A Long

usual place of abode Mrs Marion A Long, being a member of
his family above the age of 16 years, and explaining the purport thereof
to her. Wm Q. Rhodes *for*

Sam A. Callender S.P.B.

EXECUTED ~~10-29-48~~ 10-29-48 IN THE COUNTY OF
ROCKINGHAM BY DELIVERING A TRUE
COPY OF THE WITHIN Summons
TO for Wm Baughen
IN PERSON.

Wm Q. Rhodes *for*
Sam A. Callender S.P.B.

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Virginia:

To the Sheriff of Rockingham County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon Sgt. E. E. Martin, Sgt. W. M. Norvelle, Officer C. S. Leake, Officer Gleason Shaver and Officer 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 4th day of November 1948, to testify and the truth to say in behalf of the Commonwealth against Robert Forest Neff, Jr.

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.

Witness, ~~J. ROBERT SWITZER, Clerk of our said Court~~, at the Court House, the 27th day of October, 1948, and in the ~~46~~^{173rd} year of the Commonwealth.

John Leonard
Commonwealth's Attorney, Clerk

COMMONWEALTH

V.) Witness Subpoena

ROBERT FOREST NEFF, JR.

To November 4, 1948 at
9:30 a.m.

Sherriff fees \$2.00

recd 10-28-48 by delivery

of the within summon to *Sgt. E.E. Martin*

Sgt. W.M. Norwell, Officer G.S. Leake,
Officer Nelson Shann

& Officer W.W. Joseph

each in person. R.L. Traudum Det

Mr. Sam A. Callahan

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Virginia:

To the Sheriff of Rockingham County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon A. F. Hanger, Winfred Keagy,
Robert Gaines, Lester Higgs, and Tracie Hines

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 4th day of November 19 48,
to testify and the truth to say in behalf of the Commonwealth against
Robert Forest Neff, Jr.

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.

Witness, ~~J. ROBERT SWITZER, Clerk of our said Court~~, at the Court House, the 27th
day of October, 19 48, and in the 173rd year of the Commonwealth.

[Signature]
Commonwealth's Attorney, Clerk

COMMONWEALTH

V.) WITNESS SUBPOENA

ROBERT FOREST NEFF, JR.

To November 4, 1948 at
9:30 a.m.

Sheriff Fee \$2.00

EXECUTED 10-29-49 IN THE COUNTY OF
ROCKINGHAM BY DELIVERING A TRUE
COPY OF THE WITHIN Summons
TO Tracie Hines
IN PERSON.

Wm Q. Rhodes *for*
Sam H. Ballender & P.A.

Executed 10-29-48 by delivering a true copy

of the within summons to A. F. Hanger

Clara Hinson
and Robert Hanger

each in person.

A. F. Hanger
for Sam H. Ballender & P.A.

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Virginia:

To the Sheriff of Rockingham County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon *Walter Stidley v. A. F. Hanger,*
L. O. Higgs, Stanley Simmon, Meredith
Simmon, Winfred Kacey & Robert Gaines

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 *4th* day of *Nov.* 19 *48* to testify and the truth to
say in behalf of the Defendant in the prosecution of the Commonwealth against

Robert F. Neff, Jr.

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.

Witness, J. ROBERT SWITZER, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court House, the *2d*
day of *Nov.* 19 *48*, and in the *1738* year of the Commonwealth.

J. Robert Switzer, Clerk

Robert F. Neff, Jr.

adv

Com:

Whenton, Aldinger & Neamt,
Attys.

1948
Nov. 4

Executed 11-3-48

by delivering a true copy

of the within summons to

R. F. Neff, Jr. & R. F. Neff, Sr.

Marion Linnemann Wimpsey

& Robert Linn

each in person. R. F. Neff, Jr. & R. F. Neff, Sr.

Sam H. Callender HCS

Trial Justice Court

Criminal Docket No.

A 975

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V.

Robert Forest Neff, Jr.

A. W. Date Arraigned 5-17-48

Trial Date

~~To 5-26-48 2:PM.~~

To 6-4-48 2³⁰ PM

Preliminary hearing waived.

Held for action of the Grand Jury.

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