

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

Whereas, Mike Randall of said County, has this day made complaint and information on oath before me, J. C. Swartz, Clerk of Trial Justice Court of the said County, that Roy Coffman, Grottoes, Virginia on the 2nd day of December, 1947, in the said County, did unlawfully and feloniously take and secrete one, Lucille Randall, a female child of the age of 15 years, from Mike Randall and Georgia Randall, the father and mother of said child, and the persons having lawful charge of her, 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 Roy Coffman

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

Given under my hand this 3rd day of December, 1947.

J. C. Swartz
 Clerk

T. J. or J. P.

Memo. of Commonwealth Witnesses:

Name

I, Roy Coffman, the accused in the above warrant, appeared in court before Judge W. V. Ford this 17th day of June 1949, do hereby waive indictment on the above charge and request and consent that all matters of law and fact be heard and determined by the judge without a jury.

witness:

Nancy Blatt

Roy Coffman

JUDGEMENT

June 13, 1949

Upon the hearing of the within charge, and on a plea of guilty the defendant is held for the Grand Jury. Given under my hand this 13th day of June 1949.

Fine	- - - - -	\$
Issuing Justice's Fee	- - - - -	\$	1.00
Clerk's Fee	- - - - -	\$	1.25
Trial Justice Fee	- - - - -	\$	2.00
Arrest and Mileage	- - - - -	\$	5.82
Summoning Witness	- - - - -	\$
Witness Attendance and Mileage	- - - - -	\$
Commonwealth's Attorney	- - - - -	\$
Jail Fees	- - - - -	\$.50
		\$
Total	- - - - -	\$	10.57

Porter P. Gorman
Trial Justice

142
Trial Justice Court

Criminal Docket No. **A-324**

Commonwealth

vs.

Arrest Warrant

Roy Coffman

Executed the within warrant by arresting and delivering the body of

Roy Coffman

before

In jail

this 11 day of

June, 1949
V.E.O. Reed

Officer's Mileage

Miles travelled by officer - - 36

Miles carried prisoner - - 18

Total mileage - - - 54

8-x-54 equals 4.32

Given under my hand this, the

day of

19

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

STATE OF VIRGINIA—COUNTY OF ROCKINGHAM, TO-WIT:
I, T. J. or J. P. or Bail Commissioner of Virginia, do hereby certify that in and for the County of Rockingham, State of Virginia, do hereby certify that and as his surety 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. Ray Hoffman

DESCRIPTION OF PRISONER

Last known address Groveland
Color _____ Height 5 10 1/2 Eyes Br Hair Bl Weight 150
Marks ~~Carpenter~~ O.K.
Age 33 Occupation Carpenter
Date of Trial July 7-49
Result 3 yrs

COMMONWEALTH vs. Pop. Coffman

DESCRIPTION OF PRISONER

Last known address W. 1st St. N. W. Wash. D. C.
Color W Height 5' 10 1/2" Eyes Brn Hair Brn Weight 150
Marks Scar on N. side of face
Age 32 Occupation Carpenter
Date of Trial July 1904
Result Acquitted

JUN 1949

Docket No. 2270.

COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

VS.

)
) Felony
) On Warrant

ROY COFFMAN

Harry Blatt

p. d.

Own () Appointed (x)

1949

June 17. Indictment waived, arraigned,
plea not guilty. 7/491

July 7. Jury imp. &
verdict 3 yrs. in
Pen. 8/3

Keystone Envelope Co., Phila., Pa.

CIRCUIT COURT OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, VA.

Sheriff Fees \$11.83

January 9/7/49

1. Paul W. Deputy
2. J. J. Slick
3. W. R. Lowman
4. Bernard F. Allen
5. Julian H. Brack
6. Boyd Cline
7. Rudolph Miller
8. Joseph J. Driver
9. Russell P. Eagle
10. Wm. M. Bowers
11. R. Nelson Hawkins
12. W. F. Koontz

PRE-SENTENCE INVESTIGATION

Staunton, Virginia
July 6, 1949

NAME: Roy Edward Coffman CITIZENSHIP: American
ADDRESS: Grottoes, Virginia MARITAL STATUS: Widower
AGE: 33 (Born 11-29-15) NO. OF DEPENDENTS: Two
SEX: Male OFFENSE: Taking a juvenile girl without
her parent's consent
RACE: White

OFFENSE:

On or about December 2, 1947, Roy Edward Coffman gave Lucille Randall \$20 and placed her on a train in Elkton, Virginia, bound for Front Royal, Virginia. Later Roy joined Lucille in Front Royal and they made their home with Gladys Williams as man and wife. While the couple were staying in this home, police officials were attempting to locate the two. On one occasion the police called at the Williams' home and ask for Lucille Randall. Mrs. Williams stated that the girl had been there but left a few days ago and she did not know of her whereabouts. However, Lucille was in the home at this time. A few days after this event the couple moved to Daniels, Maryland where they lived with Charles Evans. While here, Coffman took employment with a local cotton mill. The two lived with Evans a few months and then moved to Margaret Via's home for a few months. Later they made their home with Benny Shifflett. It seems as if Coffman was afraid to stay in one place for a long period of time. Later they left Daniels, Maryland, and moved to Wallay Ford, West Virginia. Here the two made their home with the defendant's uncle, Herman Morris. This situation was unsettled and they finally located themselves in a small mountain shack near Spring Gap, West Virginia. Lucille Randall claims that she ran away with Coffman because he promised to marry her. However, the marriage did not materialize even though a child was born on January 1, 1949. While away from this area, Lucille wrote her parents on various occasions stating that she and Roy were happily married and getting along well. During the Easter weekend of 1949, the couple came within four miles of the Randall home in Grottoes but did not call on Lucille's parents because Roy's people had informed them that the girl was going to be placed in a reform school. At this time the Randall's had consoled themselves with the idea that their daughter was happily married. On May 14, 1949, Mr. Randall located his daughter and persuaded her and the would-be-husband to return to Grottoes. The couple then moved in with the Randall family in their home but soon the elders became suspicious of their not being married and took the matter up with the Commonwealth's Attorney. Coffman maintains that he wanted to marry Lucille but feared he would get into difficulties if he tried to do so in other states. He stated that he still wished to marry the girl but cannot gain the consent of the Randall family. Coffman further claims that he took the girl because her parents were cruel to her, they had encouraged her to date him, and that Lucille feared she was pregnant by him and did not wish to confront her parents with this fact.

PRIOR RECORD: No charges were found on the Rockingham Court Records against the subject except a misdemeanor for driving a truck improperly lighted.

FAMILY HISTORY: Roy Coffman is the son of Margaret Coffman Roach. His father and step-father are now deceased. He was born in Washingtonville, Ohio, November 29, 1915 and since that time he has lived for periods in the states of Ohio, Maryland, West Virginia, and Virginia. The larger portion of his life being spent in Grottoes. In the year of 1935 he married Mary Elizabeth Morris. This marriage is reported by former neighbors to have been of a congenial nature. Mrs. Coffman died of a heart ailment February 1, 1945, and her two children were placed in the home of Coffman's mother, Margaret Roach. During the latter part of this affair, the children were with their father in West Virginia.

HOME AND NEIGHBORHOOD: Since the death of the subject's wife, he and his children have lived with his mother in a five-room house on a small acreage. The home is a wood-frame structure composed of five rooms and appears to be in a fair state of repair. It is not too neatly kept.

EDUCATION: The defendant completed the first year of high school at the age of fifteen. The last school attended was the Green Street High School in Cumberland, Maryland.

RELIGION: The subject is not a member of any church. However, he states that he has attended services infrequently at the Church of God.

INTERESTS & ACTIVITIES: Coffman claims to have a great amount of interest in such outdoor sports as fishing and hunting. He also spends some of his leisure time in reading.

HEALTH: This man seems to be in a good state of health both physically and mentally. However, I believe that he possesses low morals.

EMPLOYMENT: The following employment record was established for the defendant:

1930-31	Celanese Plant, Cumberland, Md.	Laborer	\$35 a week
1934-36	CCC Camp		\$1 a day
1938-39	Duplan, Grottoes, Va.	Laborer	40¢ an hour
1941-43	Merck & Co., Elkton, Va.	Laborer	\$34 a week
1943-45	Verona Silk Mill	Laborer	\$30 a week
1945-47	Les Claytor	Carpenter's Assistant	75¢ an hour

During the time lapses noted in the above-named jobs, Coffman claims that he did piece work for various road construction companies, with the W. P. A., and farmers in the Grottoes area.

RESOURCES: He has no resources except a small amount of personal property such as furniture.

SUMMARY:

On December 2, 1947, Roy Coffman lured Lucille Randall away from the home of her parents with the promise of marriage. Obviously he was not serious about the promise since he did not marry the fifteen-year old girl during the eighteen months that he lived with her. During the period of time they were living together, Coffman kept constantly on the move so as to avoid any contact with the law. He is now the father of one child by Lucille Randall and admits that she is to have a second one by him sometime in the early fall. Roy Coffman was born in Washingtonville, Ohio, however, he lived the larger part of his life in Grottoes, Virginia. He married Mary Elizabeth Morris in 1935 and by her had two children who are now twelve and six years of age. His wife died in 1945 and since that time he and the children have lived with Margaret Coffman Roach. The people of Grottoes give the subject a favorable reputation as an employee and could not recall of his ever being in any difficulties. No criminal record was established through the court records of Rockingham County except for a misdemeanor charge. The subject completed the first year of high school with little difficulty. He is not a church member and his general attitude does not establish him as being religiously inclined. He has worked for short periods of time for many of the local industries and claims to have never been fired from a job. He appears to be in a good state of health.

PLAN:

No plan or recommendation is offered the court at this time.

Respectfully yours,

Milton O. Culpepper

Milton O. Culpepper
Probation and Parole Officer

MOC/aee

SUMMARY:

On December 2, 1947, Roy Coffman interviewed Lucille Randall away from the home of her parents with the promise of marriage. Obviously he was not serious about the promise since he did not marry the fifteen-year old girl during the eighteen months that he lived with her. During the period of time they were living together, Coffman kept constantly on the move so as to avoid any contact with the law. He is now the father of one child by Lucille Randall and admits that she is to have a second one by him sometime in the early fall. Roy Coffman was born in Washingtonville, Ohio, however, he lived the larger part of his life in Grovesee, Virginia. He married Mary Elizabeth Morris in 1932 and they had two children who are now twelve and six years of age. His wife died in 1935 and since that time he and the children have lived with Margaret Coffman Rosen. The people of Grovesee give the subject a favorable reputation as an employee and could not recall of his ever being in any difficulties. No criminal record was established through the court records of Roanoke County except for a misdemeanor charge. The subject completed the first year of high school with little difficulty. He is not a church member and his general attitude does not establish him as being religiously inclined. He has worked for short periods of time for many of the local industries and claims to have never been fired from a job. He appears to be in a good state of health.

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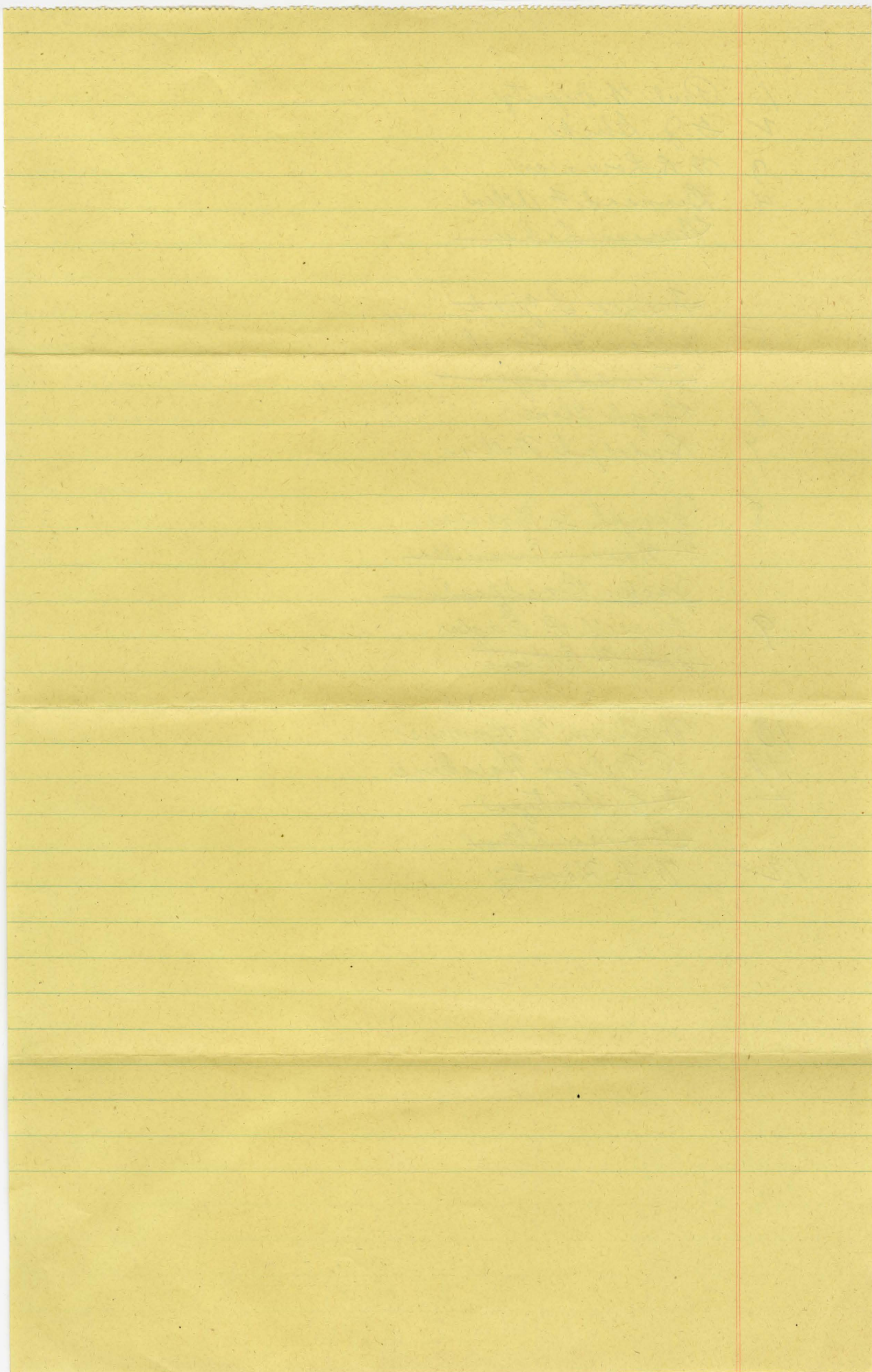
Wilton O. Coffey

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Probation and Parole Officer

WOC/ee

Ray Beethman
Report
Filed July 7-49

- 1 Paul W. Deputy
- 2 S. J. Glick
- 3 W. R. Lowman
- 4 Bernard F. Allen
~~Warren Lohel~~
- ~~Turner S. Gierke~~
- 5 Julian H. Brock
~~Donald Egert~~
- 6 Boyd Cline
- 7 Rudolph Miller
- 8 Joseph J. Driner
~~M. Warren Emmswiler~~
~~Jack Bradford~~
- 9 Russell P. Eagle
~~John H. Eustler~~
- ~~John H. Eustler~~
- 10 William M. Baums
- 11 R. Nelson Hawkins
- 12 ~~L. E. Switzer~~
~~Turner Clem~~
- 13 W. F. Koontz



In the Name of the Commonwealth of Virginia:

To the Sheriff of Rockingham County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon Mike Randall,

Mrs Mike Randall, Lucille Randall

June Randall + E.O. Peed

to appear before the Judge of the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, at the Court House thereof,
at 10:00 o'clock, a. m., on the 7th day of July 19 49,
to testify and the truth to say in behalf of the Commonwealth against

Roy Coffman

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 2^d
day of July, 19 49, and in the 17th year of the Commonwealth.

J. Robert Switzer, Clerk

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Roy Coffman

Sturiff Fees \$2⁰⁰

give to Mike, 7th floor

1949

July 7

Executed 7-2-49 by delivering a true copy

of the within summons to Mike Randall

Mrs. Mike Randall.

Lucille Randall. Irene Randall.

E.O. Reed.

each in person. R.S. Strandum det

for Sam A. Callender.

Trial Justice Court.

Criminal Docket No. A-324

Com'th

v.

Roy Coffman

a.w.

Arranged 6-13-49

20, m

{ Sent to GRAND JURY }

6/17/49
Held - on warrant
H held aft - waived

On a plea of guilty the defendant
is held for Grand Jury.

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A.W. to Sheriff's office

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Virginia:

To the Sheriff of Rockingham County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon ^{Wife} Buck Via, ^{Door} Mrs. Buck Via, Tuck Nutty,

^{Door} Tom Mauzy, and Howard Breeden,

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 7th day of July, 1949 to testify and the truth to
say in behalf of the Defendant in the prosecution of the Commonwealth against

Roy Coffman

who stands charged with and indicted for a felony ~~and defendant~~.

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 5th
day of July, 1949, and in the 173d year of the Commonwealth.

J. Robert Switzer
Mary Margie Bowers
Clerk
D.C.

ROY COFFMAN

ADS.) Wit. Spa.

COMMONWEALTH

Harry Blatt, p.d.

1949

July 7

Not finding

Buck Vias

at his usual

place of abode, Executed

7-6-49

by delivering a

true copy of this

summons to Mrs Buck Vias

his wife

in person, at said

Buck Vias's

usual place of abode

Mrs Buck Vias,

being a member of

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

Executed by delivery of a copy of this summons to

Henry of the within summons to John Manly
Mrs Buck Vias

each in person.

E. D Reed sep for
Dawn H. Callahan DR

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Dawn H. Callahan DR

Not finding Tuck Nutty nor any member of his family above the age of 16 years at his usual place of abode, executed July 6, 1949 by posting and leaving posted a true copy of the within summons on the front door of the said Tuck Nutty's usual place of abode.

E. O. Reed, Dep.
for Sam H. Callender, S.R.C.

Not finding Howard Breeden nor any member of his family above the age of 16 years at his usual place of abode, executed July 6, 1949, by posting and leaving posted a true copy of the within summons on the front door of the said Howard Breeden's usual place of abode.

E. O. Reed, Dep.
for Sam H. Callender, S.R.C.

Not finding Mack Natty nor any member of
his family above the age of 10 years at his
usual place of abode, executed July 6, 1919,
by posting and leaving posted a true copy of the
within summons on the front door of the said
Mack Natty's usual place of abode.

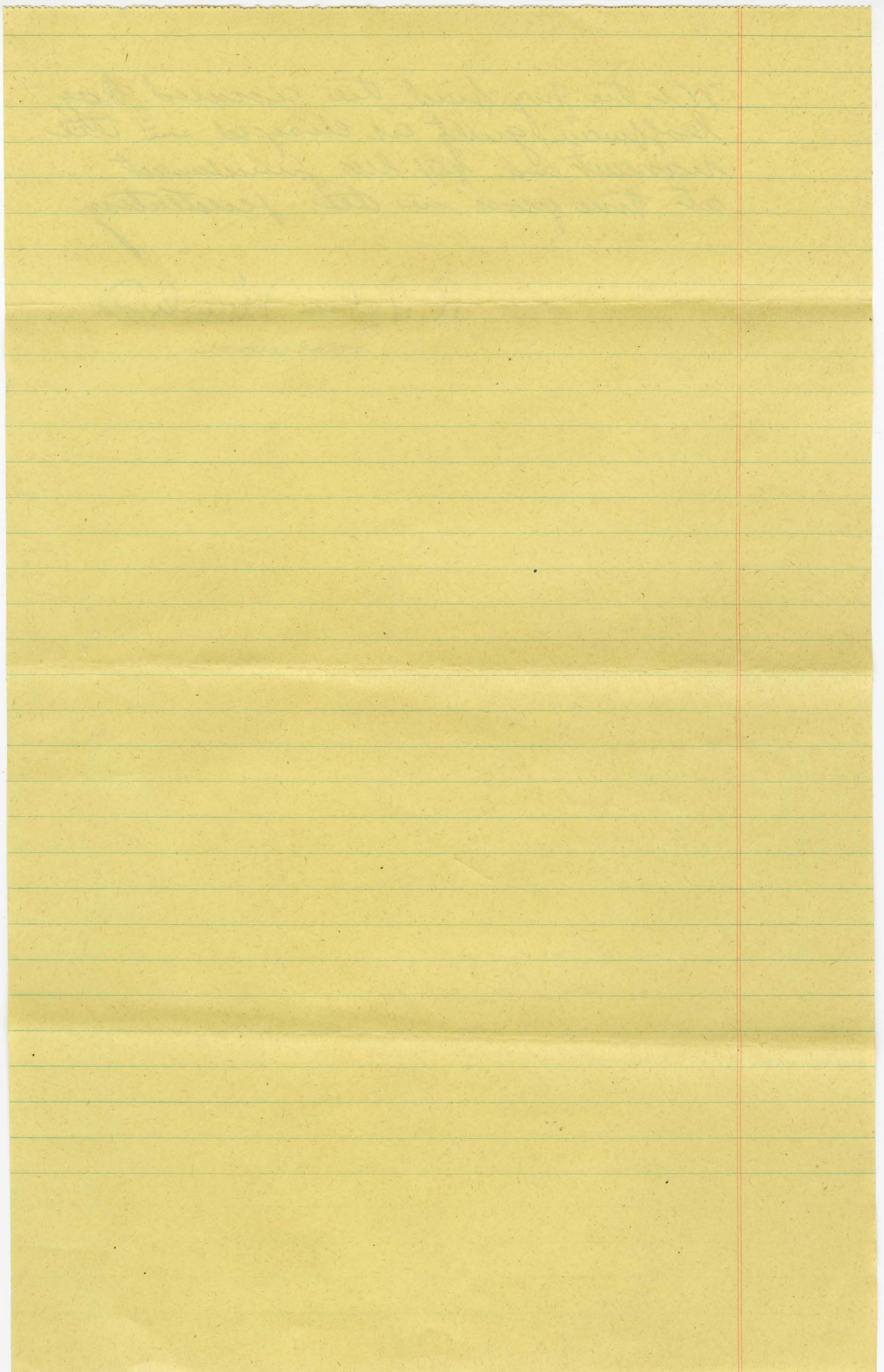

Dep. _____
for Sam H. Callender, S. R. C.

Not finding Howard Breeden nor any mem-
ber of his family above the age of 10 years at
his usual place of abode, executed July 6,
1919, by posting and leaving posted a true
copy of the within summons on the front door
of the said Howard Breeden's usual place of
abode.


Dep. _____
for Sam H. Callender, S. R. C.

W. C., the jury find the accused Roy
Leffman, guilty as charged in the
warrant and pay his punishment
at three years in the penitentiary

R. Nelson Hawkins
Foreman



IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, VIRGINIA

COMMONWEALTH

V.

CHARGE TO JURY

ROY COFFMAN

If you find the accused, Roy Coffman, guilty of taking or secreting a child from the person having lawful charge of such child as charged in the warrant you will say so and fix his punishment by confinement in the penitentiary not less than two nor more than five years, or in your discretion by confinement in jail not exceeding one year and by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars.

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

We the jury find the accused, Roy Coffman, guilty as charged and fix his punishment at three, 3, years in the state penitentiary.

R. Nelson Hambrick
Foreman.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, VIRGINIA

COMMONWEALTH

CHARGE TO JURY

v.

ROY GOFFMAN

If you find the accused, Roy Goffman, guilty of taking or secreting a child from the person having lawful charge of such child as charged in the warrant you will say so and fix his punishment by confinement in the penitentiary not less than two nor more than five years, or in your discretion by confinement in jail not exceeding one year and by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars.

If you find him not guilty you will say so and

no more.

We the jury find the accused,
 Roy Goffman, guilty as charged and fix
 his punishment at three, 3, years in
 the state penitentiary.

R. H. [unclear]
 Foreman.

Prisoners Report of Rockingham Jail

Name Ray Hoffman Date Arrested 6-11-49

Date Bailed Out _____ Again Placed in Jail _____

Male Female _____ Age 33 Race W Single _____ Married _____ Divorced _____

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

Vocational _____ College _____ Drug Addict _____ Inebriate _____ Occupation labor

Employed yes Reason for Being in Jail Held for trial

Reason for Release from Jail _____

Amount of Fine _____ Cost _____ Sentence Time 3 years in Penitentiary

State Stat County _____ City _____ Town _____

Federal _____ Army _____ Navy _____ Others _____

Offense secretion of a Journal under 16 years of age

Miscellaneous _____ ABC _____ Ins. _____

Date Committed 6-11-49 Date of Trial 6-7-49 Date of Release _____

Court Committee From l. l. l. 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 Jailer _____

_____ Sheriff _____

Recd.
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Prisoners Report of Rockingham Jail

Name *Ray, Raymond* Date Arrived *1-11-19*

Date Released _____

Reason for being in jail _____

Separated _____ Or School _____ High Sch _____

Occupation *Electrician* _____

Employed _____ Reason for being in jail *Hold for trial*

Reason for Release from jail _____

Amount of fine _____

State *Miss* County _____ City _____ Town _____

Marital _____ Army _____ Navy _____ Other _____

Other *member of fundamentalist group of org*

Mechanics _____

Date Committed *1-11-19* Date of Release *1-17-19*

Court/Committee _____ Type of Court _____

Transferred From _____ Transferred To _____

Reason for Transfer _____

Physical Condition *Good* Contagious Disease, If Any _____

Time After Prisoner at Jail, Amount to State _____ Amount to City _____

Date Reported _____ Deputy and Jailor _____

Sherriff _____

Ray