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1953

June 30: Arraigned, Pleaded guilty.
Probation officer 8/471

7-14-53 Tried by court
25 yrs - Pen - credit
8/475

Keystone Envelope Co., Phila., Pa.

Jan 31
Feb 28
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May 31
June 30
July 14
1953

Docket No. 7693

JUN 1953

COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

VS. ~~#1~~

2d Trial on Warrant

Felony (murder)

HERMAN HOOVER

Sam P. Connors

Own (X) Appointed ()

p. d.

1953

Jan. 30 Return of Grand Jury 8/413

Acc. & plea. n.g. 8/414

Apr 23 - to be tried

4/23/53. Plea changed to guilty
& explained to witnesses
excluded; evidence heard;
referred to Prob. Off. &
accused remanded to jail.

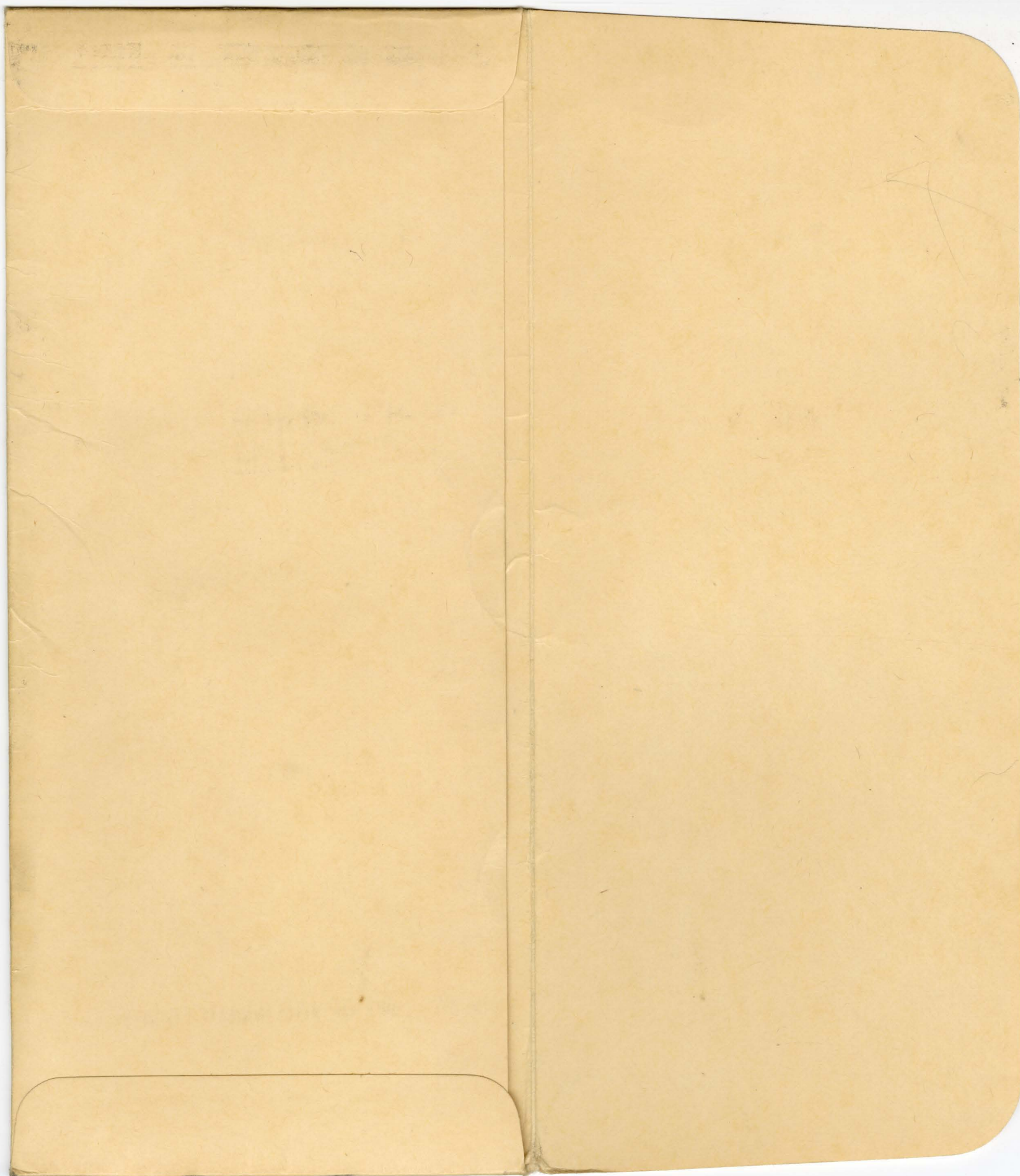
5/10/53. Report Prob. Off. filed 8/444
& cont. May 27. 8/454

6/5/53. Indictment amended to
read "feloniously"; accused
re-arraigned, plea of guilty &
evidence heard & Prob. Off.
& 25 yrs. in Pen. accused
moved in arrest of judgment,
& for sitting aside of judge.

CIRCUIT COURT OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, VA.

month & cont. 8/463

6/30 - Motion for arrest of judgment sustained 8/470
accused remanded to jail &



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 December Term, 1952, upon their oaths do present that HERMAN HOOVER on or about December 31, 1952, did ^{FELONIOUSLY} kill and murder Ernest Laco Carr.

This indictment is found upon the testimony of Sheriff A. L. Strawderman, Ama Fulk, Earl Hess, and Gilbert Fulk, witnesses sworn in Court and sent before the grand jury to give evidence.

#2693

murder

COMMONWEALTH

V.) INDICTMENT

HERMAN HOOVER

#1

Felony

December term, 1952

A true bill:

James L. Hedrick
Foreman

Witnesses:

1. Sheriff A. L. Strawderman
2. Ama Fulk
3. Earl Hess
4. Gilbert Fulk

George D. Conrad
Commonwealth's Attorney

Sec 102a

Commonwealth

v

John D Long.

Upon the order of the court this day came again the attorney for the Commonwealth and the defendant, John D Long, who was convicted by the jury at former day of this term of court, of the offense for which he was indicted, and his punishment fixed by the verdict of said jury, at imprisonment in the penitentiary for five years and six months, as ordered by the court pending the report of the commission consisting of Howard Armstrong and two qualified physicians to inquire into the sanity of said convict as shown by former order of the court. It is now appearing from the report of said commission this day returned and said convict is insane, ~~the court~~ ~~ordered that said John D Long~~ ~~be committed to the~~ ~~State Hospital at Marion~~ ~~as provided by law~~ and pending his removal to said convict shall be safely kept at the clerk of the court.

REPORT
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

January 30, 1953

To: Mr. George D. Conrad
Commonwealth's Attorney
Rockingham County
Harrisonburg, Virginia

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on January 19, 1953.

This examination has been made with the understanding that the evidence is connected with an official investigation of a criminal matter and that the Laboratory report will be used for official purposes only, related to the investigation or a subsequent criminal prosecution. Authorization cannot be granted for the use of the Laboratory report in connection with a civil proceeding.

Re: HERMAN D. HOOVER, Suspect
LACO CARR, Victim
MURDER; 12-31-52
Rockingham County, Virginia

A handwritten signature of John Edgar Hoover in dark ink.

John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO.
FBI FILE NO. 95-47792
LAB. NO. PC-34778 BX

Examination requested by: Addressee

Reference: Personal visit 1-19-53

Examination requested: Firearms

Specimens:

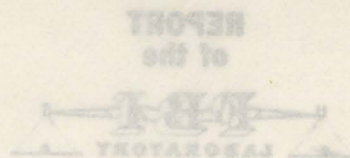
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Q6-Q12 Seven lead pellets
Q13 Six 12 gauge shotgun shells in shell belt

K1 12 gauge Remington shotgun #147565

RESULTS OF EXAMINATION:

Test shotgun shells were fired in the submitted 12 gauge Remington shotgun, K1, and compared with the five shells listed above as Q1 through Q5. As a result of this comparison Q1 through Q5 were identified as having been fired in K1. Due to the mutilation of the seven lead pellets listed above as Q6 through Q12 it was not possible to determine their exact size. The three smaller pellets were most similar

1 - Mr. Alfred L. Strawderman
Sheriff of Rockingham County
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J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER
404-406 NORTH 12TH STREET
RICHMOND 19, VA.

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION BY MEDICAL EXAMINER

DECEDENT Laco Ernest Carr AGE: 43 SEX: M COLOR OR RACE: W
First name Middle name Last name

ADDRESS Fulks Run, Va. M W S D OCCUPATION: Farm Work

TYPE OF DEATH: In prison ☐ Suspicious ☐ Unusual ☐

Sudden in apparent health:

Instantaneous without obvious cause ☐

After unexplained coma ☐

After unexplained rapidly fatal illness ☐

Unattended by a physician: ^{suspected}

Found dead without obvious cause ☐

Unattended during fatal illness ☐

Stillbirth attended by midwife ☐

Violent or Unnatural ☒

Means:

Gun

IF MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT
CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING

DRIVER ☐

PASSENGER ☐

PEDESTRIAN ☐

	LAST SEEN ALIVE	INJURY OR ILLNESS	DEATH	MEDICAL EXAMINER NOTIFIED	VIEW OF BODY	POLICE NOTIFIED
DATE	12/31/52	12/31/52	12/31/52	12/31/52	12/31/52	12/31/52
TIME		8:15 PM	10:00 PM	11:30 PM	11:45 PM	

NOTIFICATION BY: Hospital ADDRESS Harrisonburg, Va.

	LOCATION	CITY OR COUNTY	TYPE OF PREMISES (E. G. HOSPITAL, HOTEL, HIGHWAY, ETC.)
INJURY OR ONSET OF ILLNESS	Fulks Run	Rockingham	Home
DEATH	" "	"	" and on way to hospital
VIEWING OF BODY BY MEDICAL EXAMINER	Rockingham Memorial Hospital		

DESCRIPTION OF BODY	BLOOD	NOSE	MOUTH	EARS	NON FATAL WOUNDS	RIGOR	LIVOR
CLOTHED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNCLOTHED <input type="checkbox"/>		X	X		ABRASION <input type="checkbox"/> BURN <input type="checkbox"/>	JAW <input type="checkbox"/> ARMS <input type="checkbox"/>	COLOR
PARTLY CLOTHED <input type="checkbox"/> HAIR	FROTH				CONTUSION <input type="checkbox"/> STAB <input type="checkbox"/>	NECK <input type="checkbox"/> CHEST <input type="checkbox"/>	ANTERIOR <input type="checkbox"/> POSTERIOR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
BEARD _____ MUSTACHE _____	OTHER (Sand, dirt, water, etc.)				GUNSHOT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INCISED <input type="checkbox"/>	BACK <input type="checkbox"/> ABDOMEN <input type="checkbox"/>	LATERAL <input type="checkbox"/>
CIRCUMCISED <input type="checkbox"/> PUPILS: R. _____ L. _____					LACERATION <input type="checkbox"/>	LEGS <input type="checkbox"/>	REGIONAL
EYES: Color _____ OPACITIES, ETC. _____					FRACTURE <input type="checkbox"/>	SCALP <input type="checkbox"/> FACE <input type="checkbox"/> NECK <input type="checkbox"/> CHEST <input type="checkbox"/>	
	WEIGHT _____ LENGTH _____				DISTRIBUTION: BACK <input type="checkbox"/> ABDOMEN <input type="checkbox"/> ARMS <input type="checkbox"/> LEGS <input type="checkbox"/>		
	BODY HEAT: _____						

FATAL WOUNDS:

TYPE (GUNSHOT, INCISED, STAB, ETC.)	SIZE	SHAPE	LOCATION	PLANE, LINE OR DIRECTION
Gunshot-	$\frac{1}{2}$ cm	round	30 to 35 round holes in upper back between shoulder blades	horizontal
Buck shot				

Probable cause of death: Internal hemorrhage

Manner of death:

Accident ☐ Suicide ☐ Homicide ☒

Natural ☐ Unknown ☐ Pending ☐

check one only

DISPOSITION OF CASE:

1. Not a medical examiner case ☐

2. Autopsy authorized ☐

By: _____

I hereby declare that after receiving notice of the death described herein I took charge of the body and made inquiries regarding the cause of death in accordance with Section 19-23, Title 19 of the Code of Virginia as amended by Chapter 318 of the Acts of Assembly, 1952; and that the information contained herein regarding such death is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

1/5/53

Rockingham

/s/ F. L. Byers, M.D.

Date

City or County of Appointment

Signature of Medical Examiner

I hereby declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief this is a true and correct copy of the original report filed with the Chief Medical Examiner by Dr. F. L. Byers concerning the death of Laco Ernest Carr

DATE Jan. 20, 1953

CME FORM No. 1—Revised 7-52

Chief Medical Examiner

MEDICAL AND OTHER PERSONAL HISTORY:

SYMPTOMS AND DISEASE, PAST AND PRESENT:

Addiction to Narcotics <input type="checkbox"/>	Convulsions <input type="checkbox"/>	Fever <input type="checkbox"/>	"Indigestion" <input type="checkbox"/>	Precordium <input type="checkbox"/>	Vertigo <input type="checkbox"/>
Anorexia <input type="checkbox"/>	Coryza <input type="checkbox"/>	Habituations: <input type="checkbox"/>	Jaundice <input type="checkbox"/>	Radiating to Arms <input type="checkbox"/>	Visual <input type="checkbox"/>
Aphasia <input type="checkbox"/>	Cyanosis <input type="checkbox"/>	Sedatives <input type="checkbox"/>	Nausea <input type="checkbox"/>	Paralysis <input type="checkbox"/>	Disturbances <input type="checkbox"/>
Aphonia <input type="checkbox"/>	Delirium <input type="checkbox"/>	Alcohol <input type="checkbox"/>	Pain: <input type="checkbox"/>	Skin Rash <input type="checkbox"/>	Vomiting <input type="checkbox"/>
Chills <input type="checkbox"/>	Diarrhea <input type="checkbox"/>	Headache <input type="checkbox"/>	Abdomen <input type="checkbox"/>	Somnolence <input type="checkbox"/>	Weakness <input type="checkbox"/>
Coma <input type="checkbox"/>	Dyspnea <input type="checkbox"/>	"Head Cold" <input type="checkbox"/>	Back <input type="checkbox"/>	Stiff Neck <input type="checkbox"/>	Weight Loss <input type="checkbox"/>
	Edema <input type="checkbox"/>	Hemorrhage from <input type="checkbox"/>	Chest <input type="checkbox"/>	Syncope <input type="checkbox"/>	Weight Excess <input type="checkbox"/>
		Body Orifices <input type="checkbox"/>			

OTHER PERSONAL HISTORY: Suicide attempts ☐ Suicide threats ☐ Hobbies, aptitudes or skills with firearms, chemicals, etc. ☐ Domestic, premarital or marital conflicts ☐ Financial or business reverses ☐ Social or religious conflicts ☐ Legal difficulties ☐ Criminal record ☐ Unemployment ☐ Fear of disease ☐

CONDUCT BEFORE DEATH: Efforts to prevent help ☐ Efforts to obtain help ☐ Suicide attempt: Admitted ☐ Denied ☐ Refusal to talk ☐ Written declaration of intended suicide ☐ Accusations against others ☐

MEDICAL ATTENTION AND HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTIONAL CARE:

NAME OF PHYSICIAN OR INSTITUTION	ADDRESS	DIAGNOSIS	DATE

PREVIOUS CHEMICAL OR MECHANICAL INJURY:

MANNER OF INJURY	PLACE: CHARACTER OF PREMISES	CHARACTER OF INJURY	DATE

CIRCUMSTANCES OF DEATH:

	NAME	ADDRESS
FOUND DEAD BY		
LAST SEEN ALIVE BY	Abe Carr and Mrs. Annie Fulk	Fulks Run, Va.
WITNESSES TO INJURY OR ILL- NESS AND DEATH	" "	

NARRATIVE SUMMARY OF CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING DEATH:

Decedent shot in the back - thru a window by Herman Dean Hoover (an army deserter) with a shot gun - loaded with buck shots.

Ambulance was called and patient brought to Rockingham Memorial Hospital where he was pronounced dead and the medical examiner notified.

DISPOSITION OF CASE: 1. Not a medical examiner case <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Autopsy authorized <input type="checkbox"/> By: <input type="checkbox"/>	Manner of death: Accident <input type="checkbox"/> Suicide <input type="checkbox"/> Homicide <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Natural <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> Pending <input type="checkbox"/> check one only	Probable cause of death: Internal hemorrhage
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DATE: Jan. 20, 1953
City or County of Appointment: Rockingham
I hereby declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief this is a true and correct copy of the original report filed with the
Chief Medical Examiner by: Dr. F. L. Byers
concerning the death of:
Spectator of Medical Examiner: *[Signature]*
Chief Medical Examiner: *[Signature]*

I, HERMAN HOOVER, the accused in the attached
warrant, in open court before the Judge of the Circuit Court of
Rockingham County, Virginia, this 30 day of June,
1953, do hereby voluntarily waive indictment on the said charge of
MURDER.

Witness:

Herman D. Hoover

Sam P. Cousad
Attorney

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warrant, in open court before the Judge of the Circuit Court of
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HERMAN HOOVER

Witness:

Sam P. Conrad
Attorney

STATE OF VIRGINIA

COUNTY OF Rockingham

To-Wit:

No. _____

TO ANY SHERIFF OR POLICE OFFICER:

Whereas, A. L. Strawderman, Sheriff of Rockingham Countyhas this day made complaint and information on oath before me, George R. Price,

(Name)

Justice of the Peace

(Title)

of the said Rockingham County, thatHerman Dean HooverRockingham
in the said Countydid on the 31 day of December, 1952. Unlawfully andfeloniously did kill and murder one Laco Corr,
against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth
of Virginia.

These are, therefore, to command you, in the name of the Commonwealth, to apprehend and bring before the Trial Justice Court of the Rockingham County, the body (~~bodies~~) of the above accused, to answer the said complaint and to be further dealt with according to law. And you are also directed to summon

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_____	color _____	Address _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____	color _____	Address _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____	color _____	Address _____	<input type="checkbox"/>

as witnesses.

Given under my hand and seal, this 1 day of January, 1953
George R. Price, Jr. (Seal)
(Title of Issuing Officer)

STATE OF VIRGINIA—COUNTY OF _____, to-wit:

I, _____ a Trial Justice
Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid, State of Virginia, do certify

that _____

and _____, as his surety _____, have this day each acknowledged themselves indebted

to the Commonwealth of Virginia in the sum of _____ Dollars

(\$ _____), to be made and levied of their respective goods and chattels, lands, and tenements to the use of the Commonwealth to

be rendered, yet upon this condition: That the said _____, shall appear before the Circuit Court

of _____ County, on the _____ day of _____, 19____,

at _____ M., at _____, Virginia, and at any time or times to which the proceedings may be continued

or further heard, and before any court thereafter having or holding any proceedings in connection with the charge in this warrant, to answer
for the offense with which he is charged, and shall not depart thence without the leave of said court, the said obligation to remain in full force
and effect until the charge is finally disposed of or until it is declared void by order of a competent court; and upon the further condition that

the said _____ shall keep the peace and be of good behavior for a period of _____ days

from the date hereof.

Given under my hand, this _____ day of _____, 19____.

T.J., J.P.

DOCKET NO. 11231 A

COMMONWEALTH

vs.

WARRANT OF ARREST

Herman Dean Heuser

Executed this, the 11 day of

1953

A. J. S. [Signature]
Shirley

Judgment
Upon the examination of the within charge, ~~that~~
~~thereafter~~ and upon a plea of guilty, this
case is sent on for action of the Grand
Jury.

Given under my hand this 2nd day of
January 1953.

Porter Q. Barnett, J.

Fine _____ \$ _____
Costs _____ \$ _____
Total _____ \$ _____

Wm. Quirk + Co. 1-2-53

The following witnesses were recognized
to appear before the Circuit Court of
_____ County,

Virginia, at _____

Virginia, at _____ M., on the _____

day of _____, 19____,

under penalty of \$ _____

COSTS

Warrant _____ \$1.00
Trial _____ 2.00
Bail _____
Arrest *yes* _____ 1.50
Mileage *90 total* _____ 6.40
Clerk _____ 1.25
Jail Fee and Board *yes* _____ .50
Witness Attendance _____
Summoning Witnesses _____ 2.50
Commonwealth Attorney _____
Total Costs _____ \$15.15
Fine _____
Total _____ \$ _____

PRE-SENTENCE INVESTIGATION

Staunton, Virginia
May 13, 1953

NAME: Herman Dean Hoover

CITIZENSHIP: American

ADDRESS: Fulks Run, Va.

MARITAL STATUS: Single

AGE: 23 (Born 3-13-30)

NO. OF DEPENDENTS: None

SEX: Male

OFFENSE: Murder

RACE: White

Felonious shooting (3 charges)

OFFENSE:

On New Year's Eve, December 31, 1952, Herman Dean Hoover shot and killed Laco Carr. He also wounded Miss Amie Fulk, Mr. Gilbert Fulk and Earl Hess.

The defendant had been AWOL from the Army for some time and had been staying interchangeably between the Abe Carr home and Earl Hess home. It was also reported that the spent considerable time camping out in the mountains. It is reported that Hoover had been going with Vivian Fulk for some time and was very much infatuated with her. They had attempted to get married on two previous occasions - once in West Virginia where they were refused due to the girl's age and they made another attempt at Woodstock, Virginia but could not secure license due to the fact that they were not residents of that county. It appeared that the subject was afraid to be seen in the Rockingham County Seat due to his AWOL status with the Army. Hoover had been staying at the Abe Carr home for several days prior to this offense. During the week before, he had stayed and cared for the home and livestock of Mr. Earl Hess, a neighbor who lives approximately one-quarter mile east of the Carr home. On December 31st the subject had gone to the home of his father, Orie Hoover, and returned late that evening to the Carr home with his father and Willard Reedy. Herman was somewhat intoxicated upon arrival and it is reported that he took his fiance, Vivian Fulk, to a back kitchen where an argument developed. The subject became very disorderly and due to his abusive language was ordered to leave the premises. During the disorder his father and Willard Reedy left. Laco Carr, a son of Abe Carr, was then living with his father having returned to this home only a few weeks previous. It is reported that the son, Laco Carr, took up the argument when his father ordered Herman Hoover off the premises. As a result he knocked Hoover from the front porch. Hoover then became enraged and knocked in a window in the east front side of the house. It is reported that he threatened Amie Fulk and other members of the family.

Herman Hoover left the Carr home and proceeded to the home of Earl Hess where he had left some clothing and his .12 gauge single-barrel shotgun and a belt full of shells. He secured his belongings and apparently returned to the Abe Carr house going to a point about five steps west of the kitchen window located on the southwest side of this house. He fired one round, the bulk of which was received in the corner of an old kitchen safe leaving a shot pattern about the size of a man's hand. There was a door just north of this safe leading into a living room. Apparently Laco Carr was standing facing the

mantle near a closet door on the east side of this room. Hoover fired a second shot through the window and this door which struck Laco Carr in the back just under his right shoulder blade. In the meantime Amie Fulk called Mr. Earl Hess for assistance. He arrived within a short time and Mr. Gilbert Fulk, a brother-in-law, and Mr. Hess carried Laco Carr out to the wounded man's automobile and were attempting to load him to take him to the hospital when two more shots were fired from the vicinity of an old apple tree located approximately 55 steps northeast of the house. Gilbert Fulk was hit by six shot and Mr. Hess was struck by three shot. They immediately returned the man to the house to await the arrival of the Sheriff. Amie Fulk was talking to the Sheriff at the time and another charge came through the east front window and side of the house, one buckshot striking Amie Fulk in the lip. Sometime later while awaiting the arrival of the Sheriff, a light was accidentally turned on in an upstairs room by Mrs. Gilbert Fulk at which time another charge was fired into the upper-back part of this house.

The defendant then left the scene of the shooting and travelled to the home of Mr. Shirley Ritchie where he had stayed at times and was provided lodging. At approximately 4:30 a.m. on the morning of January 1, 1953 a posse of officers headed by Sheriff Dick Strawderman found the subject hidden in the Ritchie home. He was then arrested and confined in the Rockingham County Jail where he has remained.

On April 23, 1953 the defendant was brought before the Rockingham County Circuit Court with the Honorable J. Harry May presiding. The Commonwealth was represented by Mr. George D. Conrad and the subject represented by his own employed attorney, Mr. Samuel P. Conrad. On this date through his attorney with permission of the court, he changed his plea from not guilty to guilty, waived trial by jury and entered a plea of guilty at which time the court ordered a pre-sentence report to be made on May 20, 1953.

PRIOR RECORD: Other than being charged by the Military Authorities with being AWOL on two occasions, police and court records of Rockingham County show that Herman Dean Hoover was arrested in 1947 with his father charged with dynamiting fish. He received a sixty-day suspended jail sentence and a \$200.00 fine in the Rockingham County Trial Justice Court. The case was appealed to the Rockingham County Circuit Court April 14, 1947 at which time he was found guilty and sentenced to sixty days in jail which was suspended and he was also fined \$200.00.

FAMILY HISTORY: The defendant is the second of three children born to Orie Hoover and Florence Fulk Hoover of the Fulks Run Community. The parents separated in 1934 as the result of the father being convicted of an offense of housebreaking and for which he served two years in the state penitentiary. After this separation of the parents, Herman Hoover was cared for by his grandparents, other relatives and neighbors in that area. After his father's release from the Penal System, he also made his home with him for short periods of time. Herman Hoover has been more or less on his own since he was fifteen years of age living with people who would provide him with some employment. Little is known of the reputation of the defendant's mother - however, his father's reputation is

mantle near a closed door on the east side of this room. Hoover fired a second shot through the window and this shot struck Isaac Carr in the back just under his right shoulder blade. In the meantime Edna Falk called Mr. Earl Hess for assistance. He arrived within a short time and Mr. Herbert Falk, a brother-in-law, and Mr. Hess carried Isaac Carr out to the hospital and were attempting to load him to take him to the hospital when two more shots were fired from the vicinity of an old apple tree located approximately 55 steps northeast of the house. Herbert Falk was hit by one shot and Mr. Hess was struck by three shots. They immediately returned the man to the house to await the arrival of the Sheriff. Edna Falk was talking to the Sheriff at this time and another charge came through the east front window and shot at the man, one Herbert Falking Edna Falk in the leg. Sometime later, after the shooting had ended, the defendant returned to the house on an upstairs room by Mr. Herbert Falk at which time another charge was fired into the upper-back part of this house.

The defendant then left the scene of the shooting and travelled to the home of Mr. Shirley Nichols where he had stayed at times and was provided lodging. At approximately 1:30 a.m. on the morning of January 1, 1933 a posse of officers headed by Sheriff Dick Strickland went to the subject's home in the Nichols home. He was then arrested and confined in the Rockingham County Jail where he has remained.

On April 25, 1933 the defendant was brought before the Rockingham County Circuit Court with the Honorable J. Harry May presiding. The Commonwealth was represented by Mr. George E. Conrad and the subject represented by his own attorney, Mr. Samuel E. Conrad. On this date through his attorney, the defendant of the court, he changed his plea from not guilty to guilty, waived trial by jury and entered a plea of guilty at which time the court ordered a pre-sentence report to be made on May 10, 1933.

When the defendant was charged by the Military Authorities with being AWOL on two occasions, police and court records of Rockingham County show that Herman Hoover was arrested in 1917 with his father charged with dynamiting Klan headquarters. He received a ninety-day suspended jail sentence and \$100 fine in the Rockingham County Court (Judge) Court. The case was reported to the Rockingham County Court on April 14, 1917 at which time he was found guilty and sentenced to ninety days in jail which was suspended and he was also fined \$200.00.

THE DEFENDANT: The defendant is the second of three children born to Eric Hoover and Florence Falk Hoover of the Falks Farm Community. The parents separated in 1925 as the result of the father being convicted of an offense of housebreaking and for which he served two years in the state penitentiary. After this separation of the parents, Herman Hoover was cared for by his grandparents, other relatives and neighbors in that area. After his father's release from the Penitentiary, he also came to live with him for short periods of time. Herman Hoover has been more or less on his own since he was fifteen years of age living with people who would provide him with some employment. Little is known of the reputation of the defendant's mother - however, the father's reputation is

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doubted due to the felony conviction and the fact that he evaded the draft during World War I. Since his release from prison, the father has attempted to keep himself employed as stably as possible in an area where employment is seasonal.

A number of people were contacted in the community regarding the defendant's reputation. It appears that he has been more or less a quiet, unassuming individual, although he drank some at times. A number of persons contacted did not seem to look upon this offense in a serious light. It was pointed out by several older citizens contacted that this boy possibly was a little "hot blooded" and that Laco Carr with whom he had the beginning argument had a very bad reputation having been involved in two serious cutting scrapes and was shot by his own brother at one time. As one citizen put it, "Herman Hoover knew that Laco Carr was hard to kill and he made sure that he did a good job." These folks indicated that Hoover held employment whenever work was available which was seasonal and that his chief experience was that of a farmhand. It is also apparent that his opportunities in life were limited due to the family separation, his lack of a suitable home and failing to establish himself with much in the way of formal education.

HOME AND NEI-
GHBORHOOD:

The defendant claims his permanent home to be that of his father which is located in a remote rural mountainous area near Fulks Run. The home is a two-story, frame building in a poor state of repair consisting of six-rooms shared chiefly by the defendant and his father.

EDUCATION:

He states that he entered school at the approximate age of seven and completed the fifth grade when approximately fifteen years of age. He states that he did not like school and gave up his education in order to take part-time employment.

RELIGION:

The defendant claims to be a member of the Fulks Run United Brethren Church but his attendance has been very irregular.

INTERESTS AND
ACTIVITIES:

It appears that the most of his leisure time has been spent in such outdoor sports as hunting and fishing.

HEALTH:

The subject reports himself to be in a favorable state of health and claims no serious injuries or illnesses.

EMPLOYMENT:

Prior to the induction of Herman Hoover into the Armed Forces, he worked approximately one year for the State Highway Department as a laborer. Other than this he has worked on a part-time basis as a farm laborer for such people as Ernest Fulk, Charles Hoover, Earl Hess and Abe Carr. He entered the Armed Forces on February 27, 1951 and was assigned to the 199th Infantry Combat Battalion. The highest rank he reached in Service was that of Private and due to his being AWOL on two lengthy occasions, his service has consisted of only approximately five months.

RESOURCES:

Hoover has no resources except a few items of a personal nature which are of little value.

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A number of people were contacted in the community regarding the defendant's reputation. It appears that he has been more or less a quiet, unassuming individual, although he drank some at times. A number of persons contacted did not seem to look upon this offense in a serious light. It was pointed out by several other citizens contacted that this boy possibly was a little "hot blooded" and that Leno Carr with whom he had the beginning argument had a very bad reputation having been involved in two serious carling scrapes and was shot by his own brother at one time. He one citizen put it, "Hoover was a good boy, these folks believed that Hoover had a good character and was a law-abiding citizen which was seasonal and that his criminal experience was that of a transient. It is also apparent that his opportunities in life were limited due to the family separation, his lack of a suitable home and failing to establish himself with much in the way of formal education.

The defendant claims his permanent home to be that of his father which is located in a remote rural mountainous area near White Hall. The home is a two-story frame building in a poor state of repair consisting of six rooms shared jointly by the defendant and his father.

It is stated that he entered school at the age of seven and was placed in the fifth grade where approximately fifteen years of age. He stated that he did not like school and gave up his education in order to take part-time employment.

The defendant claims to be a member of the White Mountain United Brethren Church but his attendance has been very irregular.

It appears that the most of his leisure time has been spent in such outdoor sports as hunting and fishing.

The defendant claims to be in a fair state of health and claims no serious injuries or illnesses.

Prior to the induction of Herman Hoover into the Armed Forces, he worked approximately one year for the State Highway Department as a laborer. Other than this he has worked on a part-time basis as a farm laborer for such people as Ernest Bill, Charles Hoover, Earl Hess and Joe Carr. He entered the Armed Forces on February 27, 1941 and was assigned to the 193rd Infantry Central Postal Directory. The highest rank he reached in Service was that of sergeant and due to his being ill on two lengthy occasions, his service was considered of only approximately five months.

Hoover has no resources except a few items of a personal nature which are of little value.

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SUMMARY:

On New Year's Eve, December 31, 1952, Herman Dean Hoover admits that he shot into the Abe Carr home with a .12 gauge single-barrel shotgun, using heavy shot. He shot into the southeast kitchen window twice, the second shot striking Laco Carr in the back which resulted in his death a short time later. He also fired two shots at Gilbert Fulk and Earl Hess while they were attempting to load the wounded man in his automobile. A fifth shot was fired through the southeast window and side of the house, one shot striking Amie Fulk in the lip. Another shot was fired in the upstairs bedroom at the back of the house at the northwest corner. As a result of this shooting Laco Carr was killed, Mr. Gilbert Fulk, Earl Hess and Amie Fulk received injuries. Herman Hoover is the second of three children born to Orie and Florence Fulk Hoover near Fuls Run, Virginia. Little is known of his mother. His parents separated in 1934. The father bears a questionable reputation due to one felony conviction and not registering for the draft in World War I. The defendant bore a fair reputation up until the time of this offense--it being reported that he was more or less a mild-mannered, unassuming youth who would drink on occasions but was not known to drink to excess. It is alleged that the victim of this shooting bore a very unfavorable reputation in that community and it seemed to be the feeling of some of the citizens contacted that the defendant meant to kill Laco Carr. This man claims his home with his father as his residence, although he has lived among his relatives and neighbors the greater part of his life. He began his formal education when approximately seven years of age completing the fifth grade when fifteen years old. Hoover claims to be a member of the Fuls Run United Brethren Church but displayed very little interest in religion. He spent his leisure time in such outdoor sports as hunting and fishing. The defendant appears to enjoy good health and claims no injuries or illnesses. His employment record is unstable and he has a very poor Army Record having been AWOL on two lengthy occasions. Hoover was AWOL at the time of this offense. He has no resources other than a few personal belongings which have little value.

RECOMMENDATION: None.

Respectfully yours,

Wm. H. Ralston

William H. Ralston
Probation and Parole Officer

WHR/aee

SUMMARY:

On New Year's Eve, December 31, 1932, Herman Dean Hoover, residing at 1234 Main Street, New York City, was shot and killed by an unknown person. The victim was a 35-year-old single man, a native-born American, and a member of the New York City Police Department. He was a well-known and popular figure in the community, and his death was a great loss to the city. The shooting took place in the rear of the house, and the victim was killed by a single bullet. The police are currently investigating the case, and have received several tips from the public. It is hoped that the person responsible for this crime will be caught soon.

Hoover -

Report filed

6/5/53

Hoover

Filed

7-14-53

Hoover

William F. Ralston
Probation and Parole Officer

EXECUTED 4/14/53 IN THE COUNTY OF
ROCKINGHAM BY DELIVERING A TRUE
COPY OF THE WITHIN Sumner
TO Carl Huer
IN PERSON.

W.A. Blitzer Dep. Sec.
C.L. Shanderman Sec

EXECUTED 4/14/53 IN THE COUNTY OF
ROCKINGHAM BY DELIVERING A TRUE
COPY OF THE WITHIN Sumner
TO Person Carl
IN PERSON.

W.A. Blitzer Dep. Sec.
C.L. Shanderman Sec

EXECUTED 4/14/53 IN THE COUNTY OF
ROCKINGHAM BY DELIVERING A TRUE
COPY OF THE WITHIN Sumner
TO Dep. Paul Huer
IN PERSON.

W.A. Blitzer Dep. Sec.
C.L. Shanderman Sec

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Virginia:

To the Sheriff of Rockingham County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon Sheriff A. L. Strawderman,
Ama Fulk, Gilbert Fulk, Earl Hess, Abram Carr, Vivian
Fulk, Sgt. Birkhead and Officer Joseph.

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 23rd day of April 19 53,
to testify and the truth to say in behalf of the Commonwealth against

HERMAN HOOVER

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

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

Witness, J. ROBERTS SWITZER, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court House, the 17th
day of April, 19 53, and in the 17 7th year of the Commonwealth.

EXECUTED 4/15/53 IN THE COUNTY OF
ROCKINGHAM BY DELIVERING A TRUE
COPY OF THE WITHIN Summons
TO Ann. Fultz
IN PERSON.

W.A. Shultz Dep. for
A.L. Stankman Sec

Commonwealth

v.) Witness Subpoena

Herman Hoover

To April 23, 1953 at 10:00

EXECUTED 4/15/53 IN THE COUNTY OF
ROCKINGHAM BY DELIVERING A TRUE
COPY OF THE WITHIN Summons
TO Ann. Fultz
IN PERSON.

W.A. Shultz Dep. for
A.L. Stankman Sec

EXECUTED 4/15/53 IN THE COUNTY OF
ROCKINGHAM BY DELIVERING A TRUE
COPY OF THE WITHIN Summons
TO Edna Fultz
IN PERSON.

W.A. Shultz Dep. for
A.L. Stankman Sec

EXECUTED 4/15/53 IN THE COUNTY OF
ROCKINGHAM BY DELIVERING A TRUE
COPY OF THE WITHIN Summons
TO Edna Fultz
IN PERSON.

W.A. Shultz Dep. for
A.L. Stankman Sec

Shirley Sec
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Commonwealth of Virginia:

To the Sheriff of Rockingham County, Greeting:

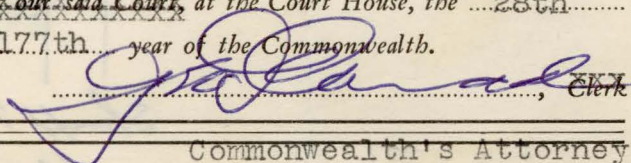
You are hereby commanded to summon..... Sheriff A. L. Strawderman.....

to appear before the Judge of the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, at the Court House thereof,
at ~~9:30~~ 10:30 o'clock, a. m., on the 30th day of January 19 53,
to testify and the truth to say in behalf of the Commonwealth before the GRAND JURY.....
..... against HERMAN HOOVER.....

who stands charged with a felony ~~misdeemeanor~~.

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

Witness, ~~I, ROBERT SWITZER, Clerk of our said Court,~~ at the Court House, the 28th
day of January 19 53, and in the 177th year of the Commonwealth.


Clerk

Commonwealth

v.) Grand Jury Summons

Herman Hoover

To January 30, 1953
at 10:30 a. m.

EXECUTED 1/26/53 IN THE COUNTY OF
ROCKINGHAM BY DELIVERING A TRUE
COPY OF THE WITHIN Summons
TO Wm. L. Strawderman
IN PERSON.

A. L. STRAWDERMAN

SHERIFF

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY.

Shirley Lee

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accused by counsel moved in arrest
of judgment and also moved set
aside as contrary to law & evidence
Court takes time to consider

Account of small island in south
of England and the small bay
which is situated to the south
of the bay of Poole

Small
island
in
the
bay
of
Poole

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Virginia:

To the Sheriff of Rockingham County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon Officer Joseph

Officer Joseph

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 14th day of July 1953,
to testify and the truth to say in behalf of the Commonwealth against Herman Hoover

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

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

Witness, J. ROBERT SWITZER, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court House, the 1st day of July, 1953, and in the 178th year of the Commonwealth.

Clerk

EXECUTED 7/8/32 IN THE COUNTY OF
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~~ROBERT SWITZER DELINER NG A TRUE~~

COPY
IN
PERSON.

A. L. Strawderman
A. L. STRAWDERMAN

SHERIFF

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY

Shenandoah
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COMMONWEALTH VS. Herman Hoover

DESCRIPTION OF PRISONER

Last known address Fulks Run, Va
Color W. Height 6 ft. Eyes Blue Hair Bn Weight 150 lb.
Marks
Age 23 Occupation Farmer
Date of Trial 7-14-33
Result 25 yrs

DESCRIPTION OF PRISONER

COMMONWEALTH VS

Result

Date of Trial

Occupation

Marks

Color

Height

Eyes

Hair

Weight

Last known address

#2693

TRIAL JUSTICE COURT

Criminal
Docket

Nº 11231

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V.

Herman Dean Hoover

Defendant

Appearance date 1-2-53

Trial Date

Sent on to
Plea of Guilty - Grand Jury

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