

PRE-SENTENCE INVESTIGATION

Staunton, Virginia  
December 17, 1956

NAME: Jane Foley Armstrong	CITIZENSHIP: American
ADDRESS: 320 East View Street Harrisonburg, Virginia	MARITAL STATUS: Married
AGE: 20 (Born 7-29-36)	NO. OF DEPENDENTS: One
SEX: Female	OFFENSE: Attempted Robbery
RACE: White	DEFENSE COUNSEL: Charles A. Hammer Employed

OFFENSE:

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The subject entered a plea of guilty to a warrant charging attempted robbery. The warrant reads that the subject did on or about June 12, 1956, feloniously attempt to commit robbery from the persons of W. H. Pye and Lawrence Oliver by presenting a toy pistol threatening their lives in violation of Section 18-183 of the Code of Virginia.

It is reported that on the evening of June 12 the subject left her home on East View Street with her baby, driving her husband's 1950 Ford automobile. She later met her brother-in-law, PeeWee Beach, at a local restaurant in Harrisonburg. This couple proceeded to the Blue Parrott Inn which is located approximately 4 miles north of Harrisonburg on U. S. Route #11. The subject and her brother-in-law consumed a number of bottles of beer and about 10:30 p.m. Mrs. Armstrong brought her brother-in-law back to Harrisonburg and returned to this restaurant where she continued to drink.

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It is reported she left this establishment sometime after midnight and drove south toward Harrisonburg and parked her car beside the U. T. C. Dance Hall approximately  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles north of Harrisonburg. She then admits stopping a car proceeding north occupied by two men. This woman entered the rear seat of this car and as the car pulled off, she told them that it was a stick-up. Mr. Oliver, the operator of this vehicle, applied his brakes suddenly, throwing the subject against the front seat at which time she was struck by one of the men, knocking the gun to the floor. This woman was then taken to Pye's Restaurant and while one of the men was calling the police, this woman slipped out of the automobile and fled. She was later apprehended in the back seat of her car with her baby in a driveway diagonally across the highway from the Pye Restaurant.

This woman told a number of stories regarding this offense which were very fantastic and later attempted to commit suicide in the Rockingham County Jail which resulted in the mental examination and committal to the Western State Hospital.

**PRIOR RECORD:** The subject has no prior record in this area, but it was found that she was committed to the Industrial School for Girls at Lancaster, Massachusetts, on March 18, 1953. She was charged with being a delinquent child in that she committed the offense of being a run-away. This girl was confined to this school for approximately 16 months, being released in the spring of 1954.

**FAMILY HISTORY:** Jane Foley Armstrong is the youngest of three children born to James H. and Grace LaPorte Foley. She was born at Medford, Massachusetts, on July 29, 1936. The father, who is now 51 years of age, is a native of Massachusetts, has a high school education and has been employed for the past fifteen years by the General Electric Corporation in Massachusetts. It is reported that the father is very stable, is a good provider and is very loyal to his family. He also bears a good reputation in his community. The mother, who is now 53 years of age, is also a native of Massachusetts and her chief experience has been that of a homemaker. The parents are Catholic and the mother apparently is active in church work and bears a favorable reputation. It is reported that the mother is neurotic and highly emotional. The Massachusetts Authorities report that the parents were overly-protective of this girl, in that she was the youngest child. The subject was pampered and spoiled by her parents who exercised very little discipline over her. It was found that the subject has one brother and one sister - James H., Jr., age 30, who lives with his parents and Mrs. Arline Munro, age 26, who lives at 19 Dell Street, Somerville, Massachusetts. In the fall of 1954 the subject entered the Littleton High School. At that time she was going with a soldier and became pregnant during that fall and dropped out of school. A son was born to the subject in June of 1955 out of wedlock. The subject started dating Leonard Edward Armstrong who was then in the Army and stationed at a Camp near the subject's home in Massachusetts. This boy was released from the Army in December. This young man secured employment in Arlington, Virginia, and the subject and her baby joined Armstrong the first of January 1956. They reported that they had been married in Fairfax County. They then came to Harrisonburg in April 1956 and were living in a small house located on East View Street at the time of the offense. Since the subject's confinement and apparent recovery from her mental illness, she and her common-law husband indicated a sincere desire to get married and as a result her parents came to Virginia and this couple was legally married in Harrisonburg on December 15, 1956.

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HOME AND NEI-  
GHBORHOOD:

The subject's parents now live in a five-room apartment which is located in the better-class residential section of Everett, Massachusetts. At the time of this offense the subject and her common-law husband were living in a small house located on East View Street in Harrisonburg, Virginia, which is a lower-class white and colored residential section.

EDUCATION:

The subject entered school when she was six years of age and last attended the Littleton High School at Littleton, Massachusetts, where she quit in the 12th grade due to pregnancy. The reports from Massachusetts indicate that the subject has an I. Q. of 116, placing her in the bright, normal group. It was also found that she was not a behavior problem in school.

RELIGION:

Jane Foley Armstrong is a member of the St. Anne's Catholic Church, Littleton, Massachusetts.

INTERESTS AND  
ACTIVITIES:

It is reported that this woman has a talent for art and that she can do free-hand drawing. She also likes to participate in group singing and was a member of several choirs and is very fond of horse back riding.

HEALTH:

The mother reports that this girl's birth was normal and apparently she was a normal child with the exception of emuresis until she was 14 years of age. It appears that the mother was very critical of the subject's associates and refused to realize that this girl was developing into adolescence. As a result this girl rebelled and ran away from home on several occasions. On these occasions this girl became involved in immoral conduct which later resulted in her committal to the Industrial School for Girls at Lancaster, Massachusetts. During her confinement and afterwards this girl would take spells of depression and imagine that she could see grotesque faces, little men, dragons, etc. It appears that she would commit delinquent acts - in fact would act them out. After committing the acts, this girl would go into periods of depression and then would try to punish herself for her deeds.

After this woman's committal to the Western State Hospital she was under the care and supervision of a psychiatrist and other doctors. The staff changed the diagnosis, stating that they did not feel that this woman had malignant psychosis. They feel that she has made a marked improvement and possibly has matured and that if she is now willing to accept the realities of life and be honest with herself, as well as her associates, it is possible that she can reach a satisfactory adjustment.

EMPLOYMENT:

The subject has had very little work experience. She was employed for a short period of time as a file clerk and for other short periods as a waitress. The subject's husband is now employed by the Bare Tile Company, Harrisonburg, Virginia, and is now making \$1.25 per hour. This woman has no Military history and no resources.

RECOMMENDATION  
AND PLAN:

It is found that the subject's husband has accepted and appears to be very fond of her child. He has cared for this child during her confinement and has been very loyal to Jane.

The subject's parents now live in a live-room apartment which is located in the better-class residential section of Everett, Massachusetts. At the time of this offense the subject and her common-law husband were living in a small house located on East View Street in Harrisonburg, Virginia, which is a lower-class white and colored residential section.

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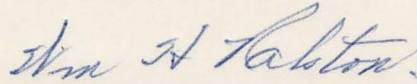
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Inasmuch as Jane Foley Armstrong has been confined for more than six months during which time she has received psychiatric treatment and also the fact that her husband is ready and willing to give her a satisfactory home, I am of the opinion that a trial on probation would not be against public interest.

Respectfully yours,



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Probation and Parole Officer

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VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY,

November 1, 1956.

Commonwealth

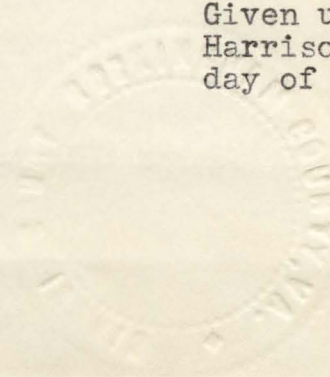
v. On a warrant charging a felony (attempted robbery)  
Jane Foley Armstrong

It appearing that the Superintendent of the Western State Hospital at Staunton, Virginia, has advised this court that Jane Foley Armstrong is now recovered from the mental disorder she had when sent to said institution, it is ORDERED that she be delivered into the custody of the sheriff of this county or one of his deputies in order that she may be returned and brought before this court to stand trial on this charge.

STATE OF VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF ROCKINGHAM, To-wit:

I, J. Robert Switzer, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, Virginia, the same being a Court of Record, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of an order of the said Court entered on the 1st day of November, 1956, in the case of Commonwealth v. Jane Foley Armstrong, as the said order appears of record in my office as Clerk aforesaid.

Given under my hand and the seal of the said Court, at Harrisonburg, Rockingham County, Virginia, this 1st day of November, 1956.

  
J. Robert Switzer, Clerk.

Executed this 5th day of December 1956  
by transporting the said Jane Foley  
Armstrong from the Western State Hospital  
to Harrisonburg and placing her in the  
Rockingham County Jail.

A. L. Strawderman, S.R.C.  
by W. A. Spitzer  
Warren A. Spitzer, D.S.R.C.

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Clerk



Executed this 5th day of December 1956 by transporting the said Jane Foley Armstrong from the Western State Hospital to Harpersburg and placing her in the Rockingham County Jail.

A. L. Strawderman, S.R.C.

Warren A. Spitzer, D.S.R.C.

*Cy for Rockingham  
Co. Sheriff's office*

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

WESTERN STATE HOSPITAL  
STAUNTON, VA.



JAMES B. PETTIS, M. D.  
SUPERINTENDENT

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DEPARTMENT OF  
MENTAL HYGIENE AND HOSPITALS  
5 December 1956

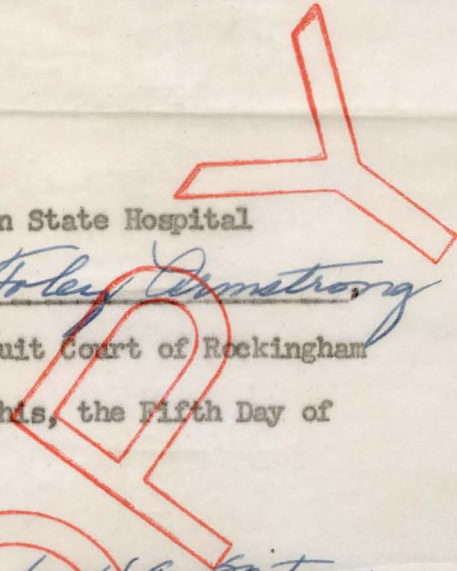
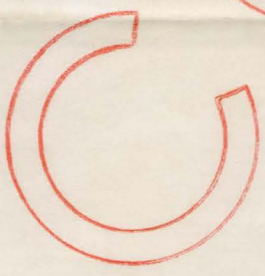
Received of the Western State Hospital

Patient: *Jane Foley Armstrong*

for return to the Circuit Court of Rockingham  
County, Virginia, on this, the Fifth Day of  
December, 1956.

*131 by W.A. Spitzer  
Deputy Sheriff of Rockingham Co.  
Harrisonburg, Va.*

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*By for Rockingham  
C. Sheriff's office*

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA



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WESTERN STATE HOSPITAL  
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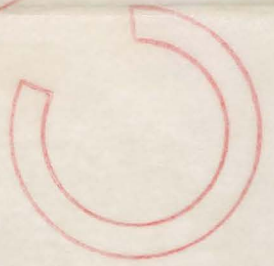
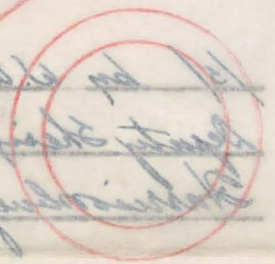
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for return to the Circuit Court of Rockingham

County, Virginia, on this, the 15th Day of

December, 1956.

*By W. W. Patton  
County Sheriff of Rockingham Co.  
Rockingham, Va.*



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# COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

WESTERN STATE HOSPITAL  
STAUNTON, VA.



JAMES B. PETTIS, M. D.  
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DEPARTMENT OF  
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5 July 1956

The Honorable Hamilton Haas, Judge  
Twenty-Fifth Judicial Circuit of Virginia  
Rockingham County Court House  
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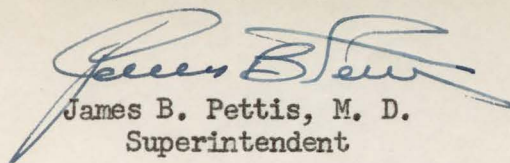
Re: Jane Foley Armstrong

Dear Judge Haas:

As ordered by the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, Virginia, I examined the above-named person in the Rockingham County Jail in Harrisonburg, on Monday, 2 July 1956. To assist me in this examination, I had Dr. Alvis W. Jeffreys, Jr., Director of the Psychology Department of Western State Hospital, to administer to Mrs. Armstrong a battery of psychometrics and a Rorschach examination.

I have conferred with Dr. Richard Smith of Harrisonburg, who had previously examined the prisoner. As a result of my examination, together with that of Dr. Smith and Dr. Jeffreys, it is my opinion that Jane Foley Armstrong is suffering with a malignant form of psychosis, and should be committed to a mental institution for care and treatment. If I may be permitted to suggest the particular institution, I would urge that it be the Western State Hospital, where Mrs. Armstrong could receive a dynamic program of therapy. This is essential, as she is a young woman and may profit by such. Dr. Smith concurs in this opinion.

Very truly yours,

  
James B. Pettis, M. D.  
Superintendent

JBP:acl

cc: Clerk of the Circuit Court  
of Rockingham County

*Commit W S for treatment  
and report & when well  
to be returned here for  
trial*



# COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

WESTERN STATE HOSPITAL  
STAUNTON, VA.



JAMES B. PETTIS, M. D.  
SUPERINTENDENT

F-43235

DEPARTMENT OF  
MENTAL HYGIENE AND HOSPITALS

31 October 1956

The Honorable Hamilton Haas, Judge  
Twenty-Fifth Judicial Circuit of Virginia  
Rockingham County Court House  
Harrisonburg, Virginia

Re: Mrs. Jane Foley Armstrong

Dear Judge Haas:

You will recall that the above-named woman was committed to the Western State Hospital by order of the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, Virginia, on 11 July 1956. Since that date, Mrs. Armstrong has been in residence at this hospital. When admitted, she was somewhat apprehensive, confused, and disturbed, but she has responded well to treatment, and it is the opinion of the Staff of this hospital that she is now recovered from the mental disorder she had when sent here.

We are now ready to discharge Mrs. Armstrong, and would appreciate your advising us of the disposition you wish made in the case. If you desire that she be released to the custody of officials, in order that she may be returned to the court, an official designated by you may come to the hospital for Mrs. Armstrong any day except a Saturday or Sunday.

We shall be grateful for your advice in this matter.

Very truly yours,

J. F. Fulton, M. D.  
Acting Superintendent

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VIRGINIA:

In the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, July 10, 1956.

Commonwealth

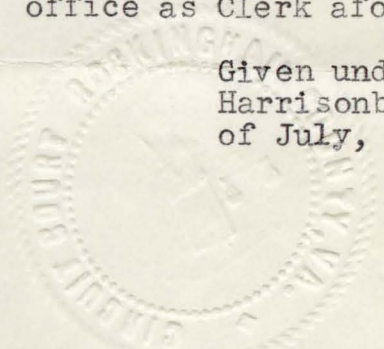
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STATE OF VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF ROCKINGHAM, To-wit:

I, J. Robert Switzer, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, Virginia, the same being a Court of Record, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of an order of the said Court entered on the 10th day of July, 1956, in the case of Commonwealth v. Jane Foley Armstrong, as the said order appears of record in Commonwealth Order Book No. 9, at page 316, in my office as Clerk aforesaid.

Given under my hand and the seal of the said Court, at Harrisonburg, Rockingham County, Virginia, this 11th day of July, 1956.

  
J. Robert Switzer, Clerk.

Executed this 11 day of July 1956 by delivering  
Jane Foley Armstrong to the authorities at the Western  
State Hospital at Staunton, Virginia.

A. L. Strawderman, S.R.C.

BY J. R. Switzer D.S.R.C.

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Commonwealth

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Witness my hand and the seal of the said Court, at Harrisonburg, Rockingham County, Virginia, this 11th day of July, 1956.



*[Signature]*  
Clerk.

Executed this 11th day of July, 1956, at the offices of the Western State Hospital at Staunton, Virginia.

A. I. Strawbrenner, M.D.  
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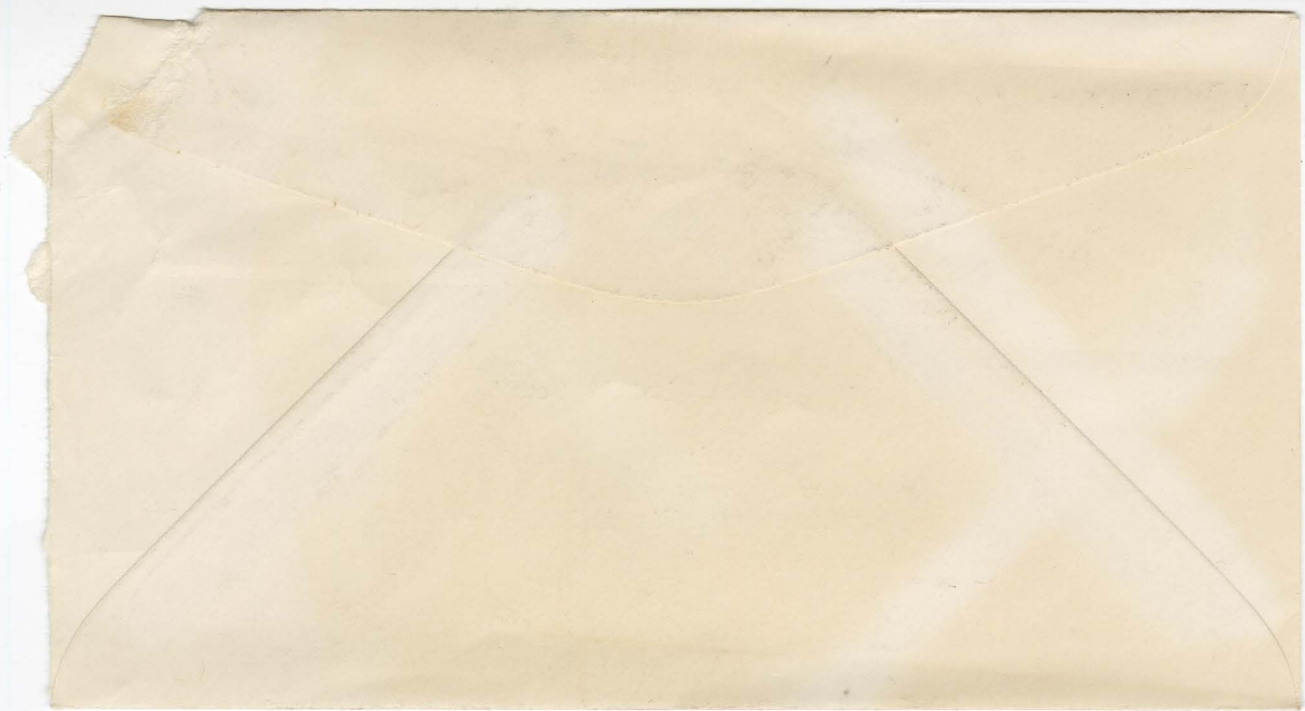
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STAUNTON, VIRGINIA

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Clerk of the Circuit Court  
of Rockingham County  
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# COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA



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Harrisonburg, Virginia

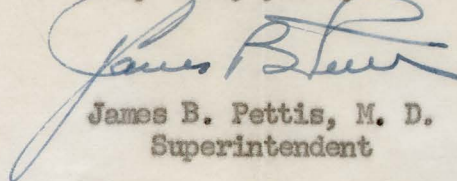
Re: Jane Foley Armstrong

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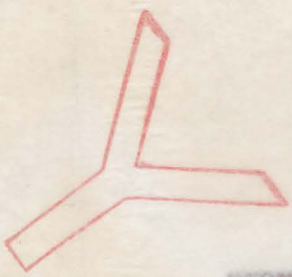
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA



JAMES B. PETTIS, M. D.  
SUPERINTENDENT

WESTERN STATE HOSPITAL  
STAUNTON, VA.

DEPARTMENT OF  
MENTAL HYGIENE AND HOSPITALS  
2 July 1956



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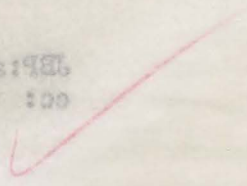
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COMMONWEALTH VS. Jane Foley Armstrong

DESCRIPTION OF PRISONER

Last known address 320 East View St Harrisonburg Va

Color W Height 5-5 Eyes Brown Hair Brown Weight 130

Marks O.K.

Age 20 Occupation House wife

Date of Trial 12-18-1956

Result 2 yrs - suspended

COMMONWEALTH VS *James Foley, County*

DESCRIPTION OF PRISONER

Last known address 250 East Main St Haverhill, Ma  
 Color W Height 5-5 Eyes Brown Hair Brown Weight 130  
 Marks W.P.  
 Age 40 Occupation Home wife  
 Date of Trial 12-15-1926  
 Result Acquitted



I, Jane Foley Armstrong, the accused in the attached  
warrant, in open court, before the Judge of the Circuit Court  
of Rockingham County, Virginia, do voluntarily waive indictment  
on the said charge of Attempted Robbery

Given under my hand this 18<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1956.

Jane Foley Armstrong

Witness:

Charles Hammock

I, John P. [unclear], the accused in the attached  
warrant, in open court, before the Judge of the Circuit Court  
of Rockingham County, Virginia, do voluntarily waive indictment  
on the said charge of [unclear]

Given under my hand this 18 day of June, 1956.

John P. [unclear]

Witness:

[unclear]



S. P. 82 - REV. 7-15-54

DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE *B671780* ~~*B671777*~~

County or City *Brockingham* Date *6-12-56*

M *JANE MARIE FOLEY ARMSTRONG* You are hereby summonsed to appear before:  
Trial Justice *GRAVES, P. R.* of *HARRISBURG, VA* on *6-26-56* at *2* o'clock *P* M.  
to answer for violating the Motor Vehicle Laws of Virginia, to wit: Reckless Driving  Exceeding Speed Limit  No Operators License   
Improper *ATTEMPT ARMED ROBBERY*  Chauffeurs

I hereby promise to appear at the time and place specified above  
(Defendant's Signature) \_\_\_\_\_

Summons required under Title 46--Section 193, Code of Virginia.  
Failure to comply with this summons constitutes a separate offense.

ABSTRACT OF CONVICTION OF WITHIN NAMED DEFENDANT

ADDRESS <u><i>320 E. VIEW ST</i></u>				JURISDICTION, COUNTY, CITY OR TOWN		NAME OF COURT	
CITY <u><i>HARRISONBURG</i></u>		STATE <u><i>VA</i></u>		PLEA <input type="checkbox"/> GUILTY <input type="checkbox"/> NOT GUILTY	CONVICTED OF		DATE
RACE <u><i>WF</i></u>	SEX <u><i>BRN</i></u>	WEIGHT <u><i>121</i></u>	HEIGHT <u><i>5</i></u> FT. <u><i>5</i></u> IN.	OPR. OR CHAUF. LICENSE <u><i>now</i></u>	STATE <u><i>VA</i></u>		PENALTY IMPOSED
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STATE POLICE <u><i>J. C. Nash</i></u>				SHIELD NO. <u><i>308</i></u>		IF CONVICTED OF CARELESS AND RECKLESS DRIVING OR SPEEDING— LICENSE SUSPENDED PERIOD SUSPENDED <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
SIGNATURE OF JUDGE OR CLERK				TITLE		DATE	

This abstract is filed by the Judge or the Clerk of the Court having jurisdiction of this case as required by Section 46-414 of the Code of Virginia of 1950.



### TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS DO CAUSE ACCIDENTS

Main violations indicated from Virginia Accident Analysis are:

- Speed too fast for conditions
- Did not yield right of way
- Improper passing

- Following too closely
- Failed to signal turn or stop
- Disregarded stop sign

Operating wrong side of road—not overtaking

<input type="checkbox"/> I hereby certify that the Motor Vehicle Laws of Virginia, to which this violation is subject, have been read and understood by the defendant.		<input type="checkbox"/> I hereby certify that the Motor Vehicle Laws of Virginia, to which this violation is subject, have been read and understood by the defendant.	
DEFENDANT'S NAME (Print Name) _____		DEFENDANT'S ADDRESS _____	
DEFENDANT'S CITY _____		DEFENDANT'S STATE _____	
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DEFENDANT'S LICENSE NO. _____		DEFENDANT'S STATE _____	
DEFENDANT'S SEX <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female		DEFENDANT'S RACE <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Black <input type="checkbox"/> Other	
DEFENDANT'S OCCUPATION _____		DEFENDANT'S EMPLOYER _____	
DEFENDANT'S PHONE NO. _____		DEFENDANT'S HOME PHONE NO. _____	
DEFENDANT'S SIGNATURE _____		DEFENDANT'S DATE _____	



S. P. 82 - REV. 7-15-54

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STATE POLICE *J. C. Nash* SHIELD NO. *508* IF CONVICTED OF CARELESS AND RECKLESS DRIVING OR SPEEDING— LICENSE SUSPENDED PERIOD SUSPENDED  YES  NO

SIGNATURE OF JUDGE OR CLERK \_\_\_\_\_ TITLE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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(1956)

STATE OF VIRGINIA

COUNTY OF Harrisonburg

City

To-Wit:

No. \_\_\_\_\_

TO ANY SHERIFF OR POLICE OFFICER:

Whereas, E.F. Turner

has this day made complaint and information on oath before me, John G. Leake

(Name)

Justice of The Peace

City

of the said County, that

(Title)

Jane Armstrong

Rockingham

in the said County

or about 12th day of June, 19 56: Unlawfully and feloniously

attempt to commit robbery from the persons of W.H. Pye and Lawrence Oliver by presenting a toy pistol, threatening their lives, in violation of section 18-163 of the Code of Virginia, 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 Rockingham Trial Justice Court of the said 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:

- Lawrence Oliver color White Address 332 South High
- W.H. Pye color White Address Singers Glen, Va.
- \_\_\_\_\_ color \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ color \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ color \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

as witnesses.

Given under my hand and seal, this 12th day of June, 19 56

*John G. Leake*

(Title of Issuing Officer)

(Seal)

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

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 suret \_\_\_\_\_, 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 Trial Justice 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 further condition that the said \_\_\_\_\_ shall keep the peace and be of good behavior for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ days from the date hereof. Nonappearance shall be deemed to constitute a waiver of trial by jury.

Given under my hand, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_.

T. J., J. P.

DOCKET NO. 21217 A

COMMONWEALTH

WARRANT OF ARREST

vs.

*Jesse Armstrong*

Executed this, the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_.

*June 12, 1956*

*By E. J. Turner Dep. for A. L. Stouderman S.R.C.*

Upon the examination of the within charge, ~~find the~~ *accused* *found a guilty* *of this grand jury* *for section* *12 of the Code of 1954.*

*T. J.*

The following witnesses were recognized to appear before the Circuit Court of \_\_\_\_\_ County, Virginia, at \_\_\_\_\_ M., on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, under penalty of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Warrant	\$ 1.00
Trial	2.00
Bail	<i>9</i>
Arrest	1.50
Mileage	.72
Clerk	1.25
Jail Fee and Board	.50
Witness Attendance	
Summoning Witnesses	
Commonwealth Attorney	2.50
Total Costs	\$ 9.47
Fine	
Total	

Fine \_\_\_\_\_  
Costs \_\_\_\_\_  
Total \_\_\_\_\_

*Plura. guilty \$6-12-56 P.R. 9.75*



DEC 7 1956

Docket No. 3149.

## COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

VS. WARRANT )  
                                  ) Felony (attempted  
                                  ) robbery)JANE FOIEY ARMSTRONG *jail*Charles A. Hammer p. d.  
Own () Appointed ( )

1956

June 18. Indictment &c. waived, and  
physicians appointed to examine as  
to mental condition of accused.

July 10. Accused committed to  
Nutcracker State Hospital for  
observation, care & treatment,  
Sept to report thereon.  $\frac{9}{316}$

Nov. 1. Order for return to  
jail to await trial  $\frac{9}{344}$

Dec. 18. Accused arraigned & plea of  
guilty; report of Prob. Off. filed,  
evidence heard and accused  
found guilty & sent. to 2 yrs. in  
Pen.; suspended during good  
behavior  $\frac{9}{355}$

CIRCUIT COURT OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, VA.

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Keystone Envelope Co., Phila., Pa.

TRIAL JUSTICE COURT

Criminal  
Docket

Nº 21217 A

Com'th

*sail*  
v. *boat own*

Jane Armstrong

Defendant

AW-1

Appearance Date

*To 6-12-56 2: P.M.*

Trial Date

Held for action of the Grand Jury on  
a plea of guilty.

*GRAND JURY - 6-12-56 P.R.G.T.S.*

