

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

COUNTY OF ROCKINGHAM, to-wit:

In the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, April Term, 1956.

The Grand Jurors of the Commonwealth of Virginia, in and for the body of the County of Rockingham, now attending the Circuit Court of the said County, upon their oath present that Louis Benton Shifflett on the 6th day of April, 1956, in said County of Rockingham, feloniously and unlawfully did kill and slay one Kenneth Dove, against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Upon the evidence of Officer Allen Norvelle, Officer George Hansbrough, Trooper R. H. Crist and Herbert Gooden, witnesses sworn in open Court and sent to the Grand Jury to give evidence.

I, Louis Benton Shifflett, 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 involuntary manslaughter.

Given under my hand this 16th day of April, 1956.

Louis Benton Shifflett

Witness:

Charles A. Hammy

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Hammer, Trooper R. H. Crist and Herbert Gooden witnesses sworn

in open Court and sent to the Grand Jury to give their

COMMONWEALTH

INDICTMENT

V. LOUIS BENTON SHIFFLETT

A TRUE BILL

Foreman

Charles E. Earman, Jr.
Commonwealth's Attorney

Bill of Indictment

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[Signature]



S. P. 82 - REV. 1-6-53

DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE

B **604933**

County or City Rockingham

Date 4-7-56

M LEWIS BENTIN SHIFFLETT You are hereby summonsed to appear before:

Trial Justice P. Q. PAVES of WARR-BURG on 5-1-56 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 No Chauffeurs License

Improper IN VOLUNTARY MAN SLAUGHTER

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>RT #2 Box 22</u>				JURISDICTION, COUNTY, CITY OR TOWN		NAME OF COURT						
CITY <u>ELKTON</u>		STATE <u>VA</u>		PLEA <input type="checkbox"/> GUILTY <input type="checkbox"/> NOT GUILTY		CONVICTED OF		DATE				
RACE <u>W M</u>	SEX <u>M</u>	EYES <u>BLU</u>	HAIR <u>BRO</u>	OPR. OR CHAUF. LICENSE <u>7E 547639</u>	STATE <u>VA</u>		PENALTY IMPOSED			APPEAL TAKEN <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
HEIGHT <u>5 FT. 7 IN.</u>	WEIGHT <u>139</u>	YEAR BORN <u>1935</u>	LICENSE PLATE NO. <u>56R-127</u>		STATE <u>VA</u>		IF DEFENDANT CONVICTED OF SPEED- SPEED TRAVELED SPEED ZONE ING— MPH MPH					
STATE POLICE <u>R. H. Crist</u>				SHIELD NO. <u>163</u>		IF CONVICTED OF CARELESS AND RECKLESS DRIVING OR SPEEDING—			LICENSE SUSPENDED <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		PERIOD SUSPENDED	
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.

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Following too closely

Did not yield right of way

Failed to signal turn or stop

Improper passing

Disregarded stop sign

Operating wrong side of road—not overtaking

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PENALTY IMPOSED	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	IF DEFENDANT CONVICTED OF BREACH— SPEED TRAVELED SPEED ZONE	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
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WEIGHT		HEIGHT		LIC. PLATE NO.		STATE	
DRIVER'S LIC. NO.		IF DEFENDANT CONVICTED BY STATE		IF DEFENDANT CONVICTED BY FEDERAL COURT		RECEIVED	
STATE POLICE		IF CONVICTED BY FEDERAL AND LICENSE REVOKED		IF CONVICTED BY STATE AND LICENSE REVOKED		RECEIVED	
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STATE OF VIRGINIA

COUNTY OF Harrisonburg
City

To-Wit:

No. _____

TO ANY SHERIFF OR POLICE OFFICER:

Whereas, W.A. Norvelle

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

Justice of The Peace _____ of the said Rockingham City, that

(Title)

Lewis Shifflett

Rockingham
in the said County

did on the 6th day of April, 19 56. Unlawfully and feloniously
kill and slay Kenneth Eugene Dove, 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 said 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

- _____ color _____ Address _____
- _____ color _____ Address _____
- _____ color _____ Address _____
- _____ color _____ Address _____
- _____ color _____ Address _____

as witnesses.

Given under my hand and seal, this 7th day of April, 19 56

John G. Leake
(Title of Issuing Officer)

(Seal)

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

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

I, HARRY BLATT a BAIL COMMISSIONER Trial Justice in and for the County aforesaid, State of Virginia, do certify

that LEWIS B. SHIFFLETT and MAYNARD M. SHIFFLETT + WILBERT L. SHIFFLETT, RT. 2, ELKTON, VA. as his sureties, have this day each acknowledged themselves indebted to the Commonwealth of Virginia in the sum of FIVE THOUSAND Dollars

(\$5000⁰⁰/₁₀₀), 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 LEWIS B. SHIFFLETT, shall appear before the Circuit Trial Justice Court of ROCKINGHAM County, on the 13th day of APRIL, 1956, at 2:00 P. M., at HARRISONBURG, 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 LEWIS B. SHIFFLETT shall keep the peace and be of good behavior for a period of _____ days from the date hereof.

Given under my hand, this 9th day of APRIL, 1956, Harry Blatt T.J., J.P. Bail Commissioner

NONAPPEARANCE SHALL BE DEEMED TO CONSTITUTE A WAIVER OF TRIAL BY JURY

DOCKET NO. 207014
COMMONWEALTH

WARRANT OF ARREST
Lewis Shifflett

Executed this, the 9th day of April, 1956
Harry Blatt

Upon the examination of the within charge, I find the accused This warrant was taken directly to the grand jury by Mr. C. E. Sumner, Jr. Sumner this attorney. Sumner's my hand this 13th day of April 1956.

Fine _____
Costs _____
Total _____
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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 _____
Trial _____
Bail _____
Arrest _____
Mileage _____
Clerk _____
Jail Fee and Board _____
Witness Attendance _____
Summoning Witnesses _____
Commonwealth Attorney _____
Total Costs _____
Fine _____
Total _____

Warrant \$1.00
Trial 2.00
Bail -
Arrest -
Mileage -
Clerk 1.25
Jail Fee and Board 1.50
Witness Attendance _____
Summoning Witnesses _____
Commonwealth Attorney 2.50
Total Costs \$ 9.25
Fine _____
Total _____

April 17, 1956

Selective Service Board
Federal Building
Harrisonburg, Virginia

In Re: Louis Benton Shifflett

Gentlemen:

This is to advise that on yesterday, April 16, 1956, the above named defendant was convicted on a charge of involuntary manslaughter after entering a plea of guilty thereto, and was sentenced to five (5) years in the Virginia State Penitentiary.

Yours very truly,

Margie Bowers, Deputy Clerk

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COMMONWEALTH VS. Lowell Benton Shufflett

DESCRIPTION OF PRISONER

Last known address Elkton Rt 2

Color W Height 5-8 Eyes Blue Hair Per Br Weight 150

Marks Q. 14

Age 70 Occupation Metro Paints Co

Date of Trial 4-16-56

sult 5 yr

COMMONWEALTH vs. James Robert Huffelt

DESCRIPTION OF PRISONER

Last known address _____ William R. J.
 Color _____ W Height 5-5 Eyes Blue Hair _____ Weight 150
 Marks _____ 0 11
 Age _____ 40 Occupation _____ William R. Huffelt
 Date of Trial _____ 11-10-20
 Result _____

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Virginia:

To the Sheriff of Rockingham County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon

.....OFFICER ALLEN NORVELLE, Elkton, Va.

.....OFFICER GEORGE HANSBROUGH, Elkton, Va.

.....HERBERT GOODEN, Island Ford, Va.

.....TROOPER R. H. CRIST

.....
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 16th day ofApril....., 1956, to testify and the truth to say in behalf of the
Commonwealth before the Grand Jury, against.....LOUIS BENTON SHIFFLETT.....

.....
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, CHARLES E. EARMAN, JR., Commonwealth's Attorney for Rockingham County and the City of
Harrisonburg, Virginia, at the Court House, the 11th of April....., 1956., and in the 180th year
of the Commonwealth.

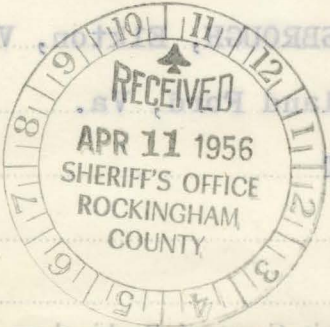
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~~EXECUTED~~ *4-12-56* IN THE COUNTY OF ROCKINGHAM

BY DELIVERING A TRUE COPY OF THE WITHIN *Summons*

TO *Allen Norvelle,*

George Hansborough,

Herbert Gooden and

R. H. Crist IN PERSON.

A. D. Strawderman S. R. C.

BY *Wesley E. Honey* DEPUTY SHERIFF.

A faint, handwritten signature in the bottom left corner, likely belonging to the Commonwealth's Attorney.

4 wit sum 40¢ = \$ 1.20

TRIAL JUSTICE COURT

Criminal
Docket

Nº 20701 A

manclaylter

Com'th

v.

Lewis Bentin Shifflett
Defendant

*T.J. Kan -
R.H.C*

Appearance Date 4-13-56

Trial Date .

Case taken Direct

*KB - Grand Jury
DR 9.18*



Docket No. 3132.

APR 1956

COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

VS. Bill of)
Indictment) Felony (inv. mans.)

LOUIS BENTON SHIFFLETT *hul*

Charles A. Hammer

p. d.

Own (x) Appointed ()

1956

April 16. Indictment &c. waived;
accused arraigned and plea of
guilty; plea explained, etc.;
evidence heard, accused found
guilty of involuntary manslaughter,
and sent. to 5 yrs. in Pen.

9/282.

CIRCUIT COURT OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, VA.

Keystone Envelope Co., Phila., Pa.