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Richmond 10 May 28, 1959

Mr. J. Robert Switzer, Clerk Circuit Court of Rockingham County Harrisonburg, Virginia

Dear Mr. Switzer:

The case of Kirby Strawderman v. Commonwealth of Virginia, Record No. 4928, having been disposed of in this court, I am returning herewith the record. The style of this case in your court is Commonwealth of Virginia v. Kirby Strawderman.

Please acknowledge receipt on copy of letter enclosed.

Yours very truly,

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COUNTY OF ROCKINGHAM, to-wit:

In the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, December Term, 1957.

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 Kirby Strawderman, on the 25th day of December, 1957, in the County aforesaid, feloniously did make an assault upon the body of one Mary Elizabeth Miller, a female child under the age of sixteen years, to-wit, the age of five years, and her, the said Mary Elizabeth Miller, then and there unlawfully and feloniously did abuse, ravish and carnally know, against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Upon the evidence of Dr. Hertzler and Clifford Miller, witnesses sworn in open Court and sent to the Grand Jury to give evidence.

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- (c) The absence of stains of blood on said grey shirt and on said pair of men's white shorts.
- (d) The presence of a seminal stain containing spermatozoa on the fly of said pair of men's white shorts.
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CHARGE TO JURY

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If you do not find him guilty of rape but find him guilty of attempted rape, as charged in the indictment, you will say so and fix his punishment at death or, in your discretion, by confinement in the penitentiary for life or for any term not less than three years.

If you do not find him guilty of either of the felonies aforesaid, but find him guilty of assault and battery, then you will say so and fix his punishment by confinement in jail for a period not exceeding twelve months, or by a fine not exceeding Five Hundred Dollars, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

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The Court instructs the jury that if you believe from the evidence beyond a reasonable doubt that the prisoner, Kirby Strawderman, had carnal knowledge of Mary Elizabeth Miller, then you shall find him guilty as charged in the indictment.

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There is no shifting of this burden, as it remains upon the Commonwealth throughout the whole trial. The accused is not required to prove his innocence and if, after considering the evidence for the Commonwealth and the defense, from the whole trial it is your duty to, and you must acquit him.

You are instructed that the presumption of innocence is not a mere form to be disregarded by the jury at pleasure but/is an essential and substantial part of the law of the land, and binding on the jury in this case; and it is the duty of the jury to give the defendant the full benefit of the presumption.

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You are further instructed that the defendant is not to be prejudiced by the inability of the Commonwealth to point out any other guilty agent, nor is he called upon to windicate his own innocence by naming the guilty party. He rests secure in the presumption of innocence until proof is adduced by the Commonwealth which establishes his guilt beyond all reasonable doubt.

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In considering whether or not the Commonwealth has met its burden of proving the guilt of the accused beyond reasonable doubt, the Court instructs the jury that you should not overlook the word "reasonable" nor its meaning. A reasonable doubt is a doubt which is founded on reason, and is not to be confused with imaginable or possible doubt, for the law does not say that a man must be proved guilty beyond every imaginable, conceivable or possible doubt.

In passing upon the sufficiency of the proof of the charge, the jury must limit its consideration to the evidence presented at the trial of this case, including the natural and reasonable inferences to be drawn therefrom. The jury cannot go beyond such evidence to create doubt, nor can you go beyond such evidence to find inferences of guilt.

Furthermore, the jury should bear in mind that any doubt arising from lack of evidence, from conflicting testimony, or from questionable proof of any particular fact, should be a doubt of a material fact essential to the proof of the guilt of the accused and not a mere doubt concerning immaterial and nonessential circumstances.

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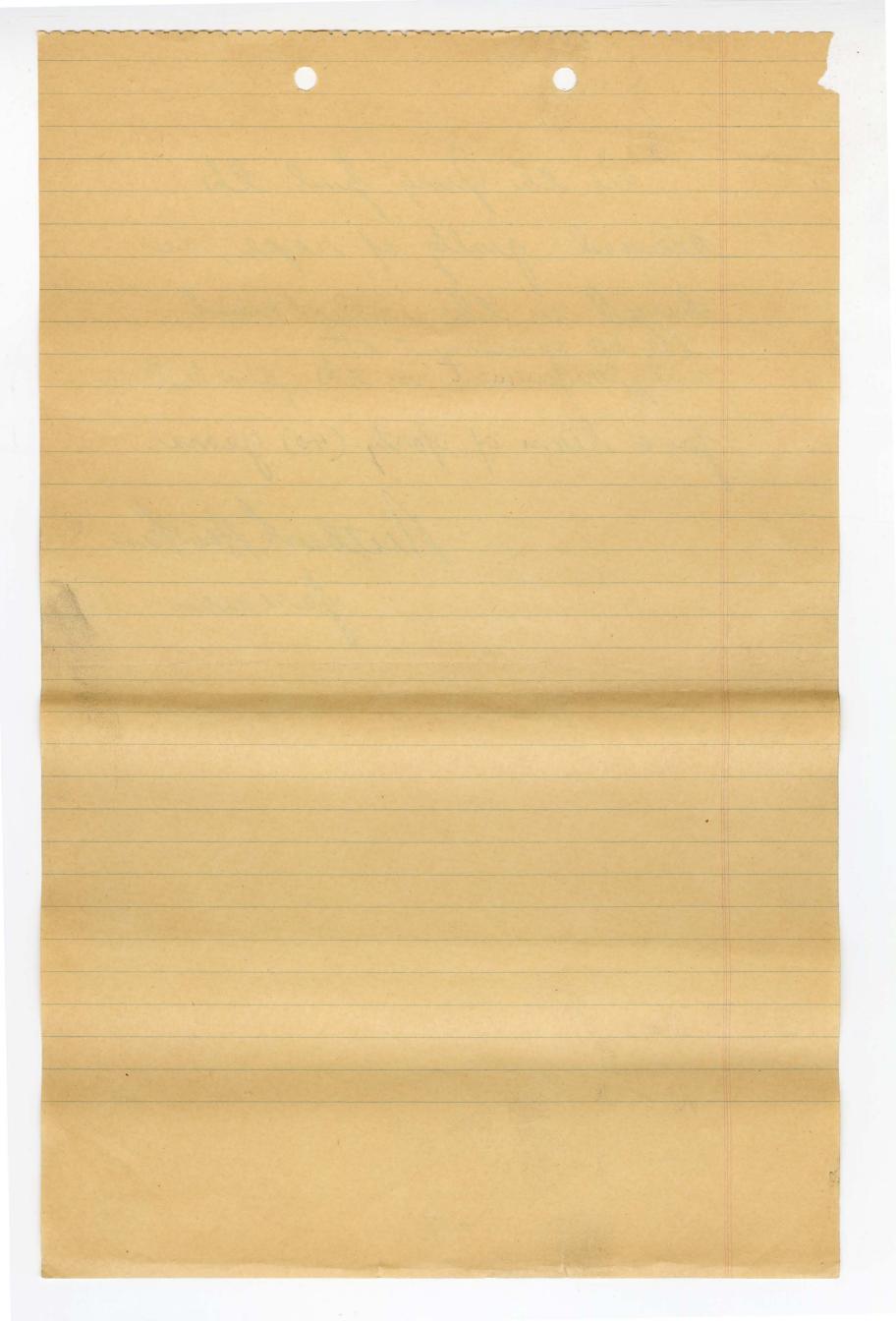
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VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, February 24, 1958.

Commonwealth

v. On an indictment charging a felony (rape)
Kirby Strawderman

This day came the attorney for the commonwealth, and the accused, Kirby Strawderman, came in the custody of the sheriff of this county and by his attorney heretofore appointed, Donald D. Litten. And from persons summoned by the sheriff under writs of venire facias, twenty persons were examined by the court and found duly qualified and free from exception; whereupon, a list containing the names of said twenty persons was handed to the attorney for the commonwealth and the accused, who each alternately struck therefrom the names of four persons, and the remaining twelve, namely: Charles D. Click, L. B. Carr, Roy S. Wright, Westbrook Hawkins, Mervin Biller, Dwight Lantz, Leon Awkard, Willard E. Caricofe, Justus Biller, K. R. Alexander, Charles E. Simmons, and William A. Brock, who were selected as aforesaid to constitute the jury, and who were sworn to well and truly try and true deliverance make between the commonwealth and the prisoner at the bar and a true verdict render according to the law and the evidence. On motion of the accused it was ordered that all witnesses in this case be excluded from the court room during the trial. And having heard a portion of the evidence on behalf of the commonwealth, the accused, by counsel, moved the court to strike the evidence of the witnesses, Mary Elizabeth Miller and Clifford Miller, because their testimony was hearsay, which motion the court sustained; and having completed the hearing of the evidence on behalf of the commonwealth, the accused, by counsel, moved the court to strike the same, which motion the court overruled and the defendant, by counsel, excepted thereto. And the accused having offered no evidence in his behalf, thereupon,

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Kirby Strawderman

This day came again the attorney for the commonwealth, and the accused, Kirby Strawderman, came in the custody of the sheriff of this county and by his attorney heretofore appointed, Donald D. Litten. And the court having considered the motion of the accused made at a former day of the term to set aside the verdict of the jury, overruled the same, to which action of the court the accused, by counsel, excepted. And it being inquired of said Kirby Strawderman if anything he had or knew to say why the court should not pronounce sentence on him and nothing being offered or alleged in delay thereof, it is therefore considered by the court that the commonwealth recover of the said Kirby Strawderman the costs incident to this prosecution, and that he be confined in the penitentiary of this state for the term of forty (40) years at hard labor in accordance with the verdict of the jury, said term to be subject, however, to a credit of 62 days, time he was held in jail awaiting trial.

However, on motion of said accused, execution of said sentence is hereby suspended for a period of sixty (60) days in order to allow the said Kirby Strawderman opportunity to apply to the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia for a writ of error to the judgment of this court.

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This is to certify that a true copy of the within Assignments of Error was served upon Charles E. Earman, Jr., Attorney for the Commonwealth, by delivering the same to him on April 17th, 1958.

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(The narrative shows the grounds of objections made by accused)
WITNESSES CALLED BY THE COMMONWEALTH

CHARLES W. HERTZLER

(This witness's qualifications as a competent practicing medical doctor were stipulated by counsel for accused)

Being first duly sworn, the witness testified that he had examined Mary Elizabeth Miller on December 26, 1957, in his office at Bergton, Virginia. That the child appeared to be about five years old and was somewhat frightened. That her underpants were bloody. That her vagina was spread apart and somewhat bloody Derivars but that there was no hemorrhage. That the hymen was torn and the surrounding tissue was torn. Over objection and exception of the accused on the grounds that such testimony was immaterial and unduly prejudicial to the defendant the witness was permitted to testify that he knew the Miller family, that Mr. Miller was a day laborer and always paid his bills; that Mrs. Miller was a high moron.

The witness testified that in his professional medical opinion the injury to the child was done by a male penis and "a big one at that." That it couldn't have been done by a finger because the fingernails would have scratched or cut the vagina. That there was an outside possibility that the injury might have been caused by something other than a penis but such possibility was so remote, in his opinion, that he did not give it a second consideration. That he based this opinion on the fact of the complete absence of bruises. That a penis would not cause bruises whereas a "hard" object would bruise.

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The witness was then asked whether Mary had made any statement as to what had occurred and counsel for the accused objected on the grounds that such statement would constitute hearsay and did not come within any exception to the hearsay rule. The matter was taken up in chambers, and the objection was overruled, and counsel for the defendant asked that the the bearsay be examined in chambers so that if it developed on cross-examination that said statement was, in fact, hearsay the jury would not be prejudiced by its admission. The Court refused to grant this motion and defendant excepted. Direct examination of the witness then continued and the witness testified that the child had made a statement that Kirby had hurt her, that she found blood on the child's panties and on her legs. That the child was taken to Dr. Hertzler the next day. That the reason she wasn't taken sooner was because there was no means of transportation.

On cross-examination the witness testified that it was only after she interrogated Mary as to whether Kirby had harmed her that the child made an affirmative answer. Upon motion of counsel for the accused the Court then struck all of said statements made by the child recited by the witness and instructed the jury to disregard such statement.

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On cross examination the witness testified that he did not see anything wrong with the child; that she stood just inside the doorway for 15 minutes to half an hour without saying anything; that his wife then examined the child and found blood on her legs; that he did not know whether the girl was questioned or not before she made such statement, and, the Court, upon motion of the accused, then struck the testimony of the witness as to the statement of the child and instructed the jury to disregard it.

W. A. SPITZER

Having been duly sworn, testified that he is a Deputy Sheriff of Rockingham County. That he arrested Kirby Strawderman on December 27, 1957, at 10:30 o'clock a.m. That he interrogated Strawderman and the accused stated that he had been at the Miller home on Christmas Day around 12:15 and had taken the child to get some candy. That the accused stated they went to Dove's store in Timberville and found the store closed and then went to a store (generally known to be in Rockingham County) operated by Benny Carr, and got two or three bottles of coca cola and one candy bar and that the girl had been in his sight all

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STIPULATION

A written stipulation, a copy of which is attached hereto, was entered into between counsel whereby it was stipulated that if an expert from the F. B. I. Laboratory were called as a witness he would testify to the facts therein conceded.

WITNESSES FOR THE DEFENDANT

The accused offered no evidence.

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The foregoing written statement, in narrative form, of testimony adduced at the trial of the case of Commonwealth of Virginia vs. Kirby Strawderman, was tendered to me on April 22nd, 1958, and is signed this 24th day of April, 1958.

Judge of the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, Virginia

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J. Robert Switzer, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, Virginia

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(3) If said expert witness were present he would testify that he was unable to state the rength of said seminal stein found on said white shorts had been present.

Is/ Charles E. Earman, f. Charles E. Eerman, Jr., Commonwealth Attorney

Donald D. Litten Counsel for defendant (3) If said expert withcas usrs present he would testify that he was unable to state the length of time said seminal stein found on said white shorts had been present.

/s/ Charles E. Earnen, b. Commonwestth Attorney

Donald D. Litten Counsel for defendant COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

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Be it remembered, that at the trial of the above case on #5 February 24, 1958, the following instruction was given on behalf of the Commonwealth over the objection and exception of the accused, the grounds of the objection being that the instruction tended to reduce the burden on the Commonwealth of establishing the guilt of the accused below the degree required by law.

Attest, this we day of April, 1958, to the above certificate, the same having been tendered to the undersigned within 60 days of final judgment.

Judge of the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, Virginia

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DESIGNATION OF ADDITIONAL PARTS OF THE RECORD WHICH DEFENDANT IN ERROR WISHES TO HAVE PRINTED

To the Clerk of the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia:

Pursuant to Rule 5:1, §6(b), of the Rules of Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia, the Commonwealth, Defendant in error, by counsel, hereby designates the following parts of the record which it wishes printed:

Instruction No. 3.

Print All of Pages 10 and 11.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, Defendant in error.

John W. Knowles Assistant Attorney General Of counsel for Defendant in

September 17, 1958
Supreme Court - State Library Building Richmond 19, Virginia

I hereby certify that I have this 18th day of September, 1958, mailed a copy of the above designation of additional parts of the record to be printed to George D. Conrad, Esquire, Attorney at law, First National Bank Building, Harrisonburg, Virginia, Counsel of record for plaintiff in error.

John W. Knowles

Assistant Attorney General

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