

Statement enclosed  
CRAUN, JERRY WAYNE

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statutory rape

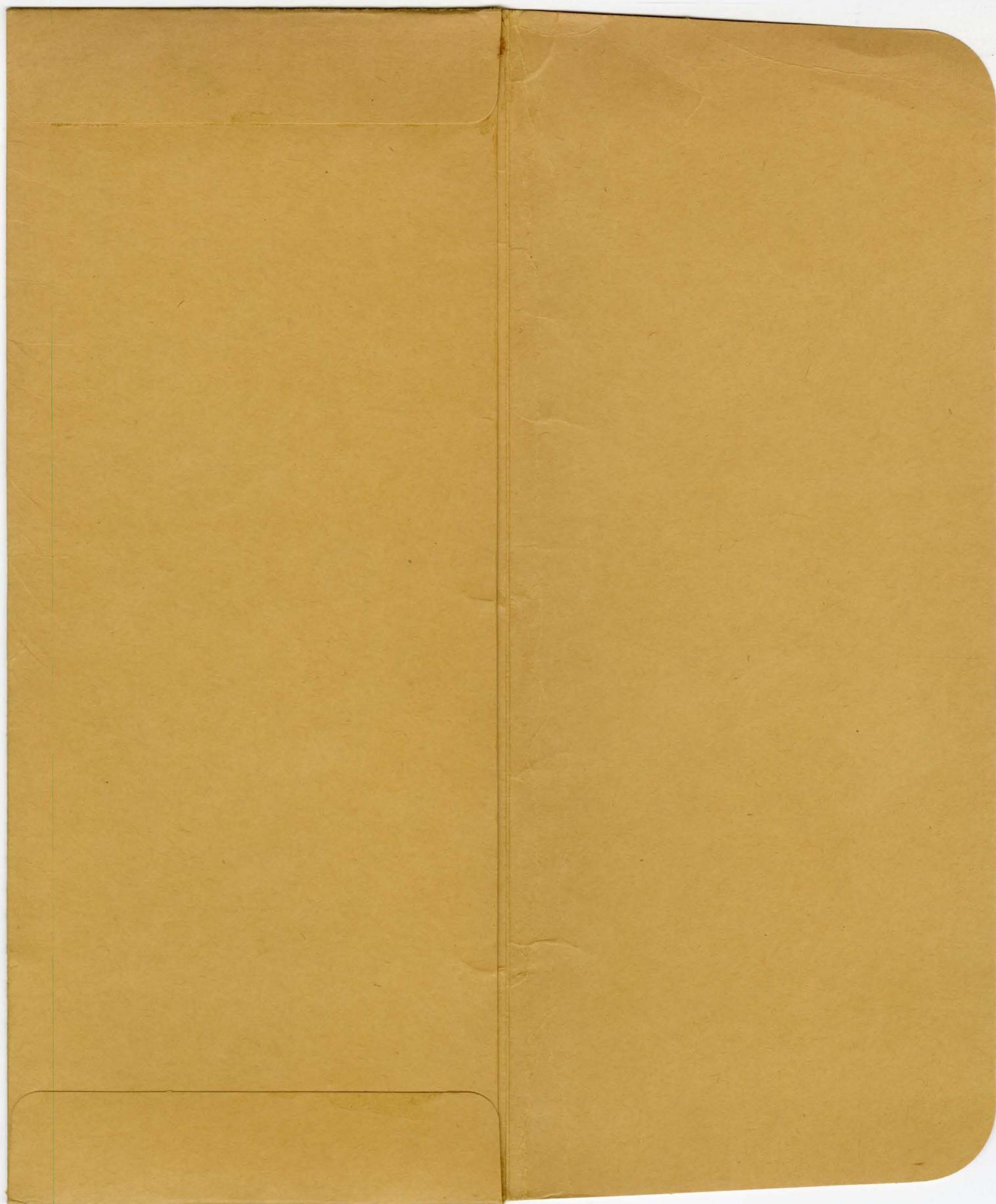
8/15/61 - g. n. - sent to D. G. -

8/21/61 - remained g. n. - entered  
plea of not guilty -

~~9/15/61 - trial~~

9/21/61 - changed plea to guilty -

9/22/61 - sentenced to 5 yrs.  
in penit. -



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Jerry Wayne Craun, No. 80277, 500 Spring Street, Richmond, Virginia

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I have before me the application for pardon in the case of Jerry Wayne Craun who was convicted of Statutory Rape in the Rockingham County Circuit Court on September 21, 1961 and was sentenced to five years in the Penitentiary.

Careful consideration has been given to all facts in connection with this case.

In view of the Judge, the Commonwealth's Attorney and the Sheriff of Rockingham County not objecting, I hereby pardon this man. The effective date of this pardon shall be October 23, 1961.

Sincerely yours,

*J. Lindsay Almond, Jr.*  
J. Lindsay Almond, Jr.

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Commonwealth of Virginia

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

RICHMOND

October 6, 1961

Honorable Hamilton Hans, Judge, Twenty-Fifth Judicial Circuit, Harrisonburg, Va.  
Honorable James R. Stipe, Commonwealth's Attorney, Harrisonburg, Virginia  
Mr. A. L. Strawderman, Sheriff, Rockingham County, Harrisonburg, Virginia  
Director, Division of Corrections, Richmond, Virginia  
Superintendent of the Penitentiary, Richmond, Virginia  
Parole Board, Welfare and Institutions Building, Richmond, Virginia  
Jerry Wayne Gram, No. 80377, 500 Spring Street, Richmond, Virginia

Dear Sirs:

I have before me the application for pardon in the case of Jerry Wayne Gram who was convicted of Statutory Rape in the Rockingham County Circuit Court on September 27, 1961 and was sentenced to five years in the Penitentiary.

Careful consideration has been given to all facts in connection with this case.

In view of the Judge, the Commonwealth's Attorney and the Sheriff of Rockingham County not objecting, I hereby pardon this man. The effective date of this pardon is October 27, 1961.

Sincerely yours,

*J. Lindsay Lamb, Jr.*  
J. Lindsay Lamb, Jr.

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September 27, 1961

The Honorable J. Lindsay Almond, Jr.  
Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia  
Richmond, Virginia

Re: Commonwealth v. Jerry Wayne Craun

Dear Governor Almond:

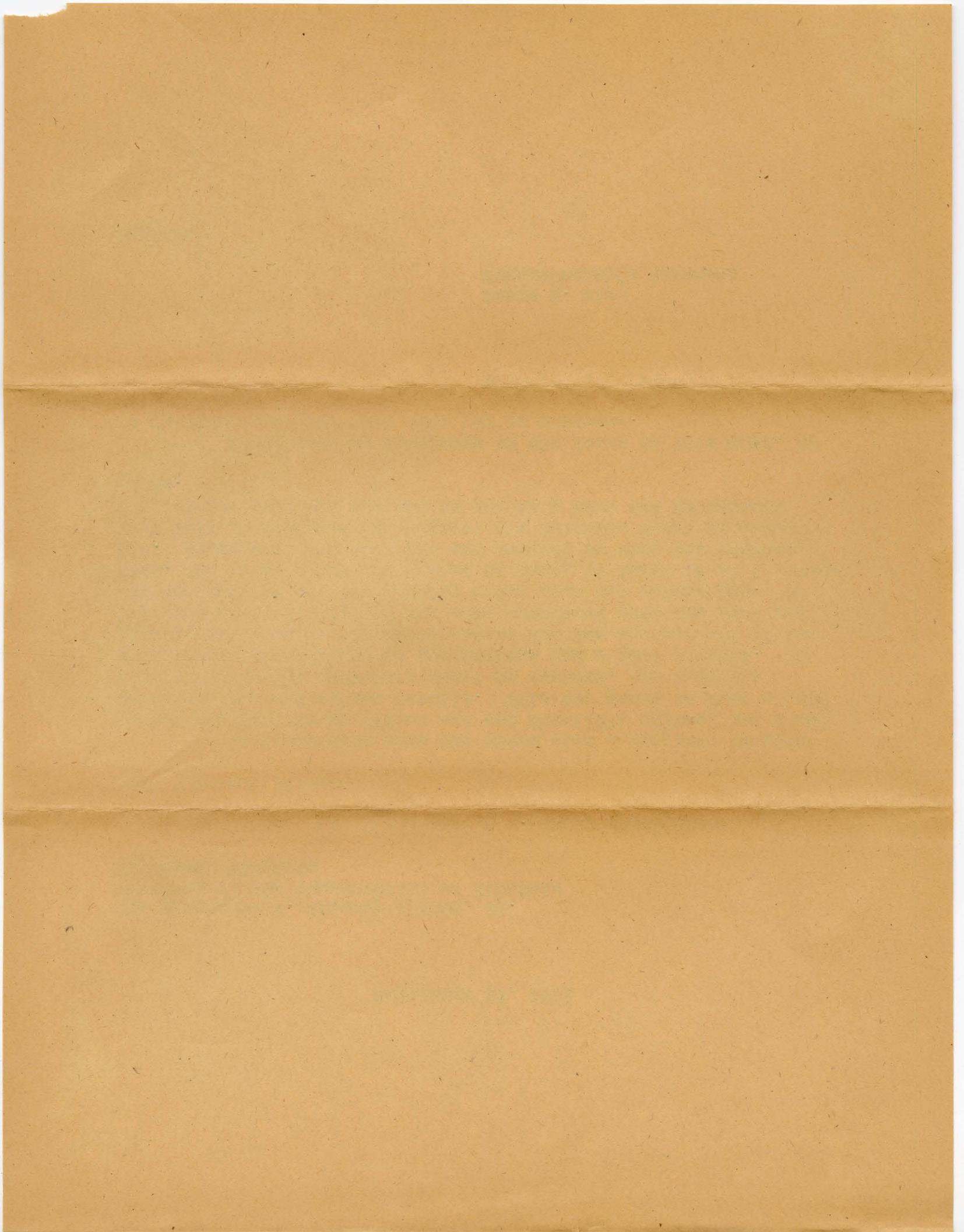
In connection with the above case a complete investigation was made by my office and the Sheriff's office, and I am familiar with all of the details. This boy seems to bear a good reputation in the community where he resided, and from all appearances and reports is industrious and a good citizen. The girl in question is unusually mature for her age and all of the officers who investigated the case commented upon the fact that she appeared to be considerably older than her actual age. In fact, she gives every appearance of being at least 16 or 17 years old. Because of her behavior and refusal to obey her parents, they felt it necessary to request the Juvenile Court to assume supervision over her and she is now in a home for delinquent girls.

Based upon my knowledge of the facts in this case, it is my recommendation that this boy be pardoned.

Respectfully yours,

James R. Sipe  
Commonwealth's Attorney

JRS/sfd



STATE OF VIRGINIA  
COUNTY OF **ROCKINGHAM**

To-Wit: No. \_\_\_\_\_

TO ANY SHERIFF OR POLICE OFFICER:

Whereas, **E. E. Harrison**

has this day made complaint and information on oath before me, **Donald S. Evans**  
(Name)

**Justice of the Peace** of the said County, that

(Title)

**Jerry Wayne Gram** in the said County

did on the **13th** day of **July**, 19 **61**: Unlawfully **and feloniously**  
**did ravish and carnally know one Betsy Whetzel, a minor female child,**  
**to-wit: the age of 11 years, in violation of Section 18.1-44 of the**  
**Code of Virginia, against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth**  
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**of Virginia.**

These are, therefore, to command you, in the name of the Commonwealth, to apprehend and bring before the County 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:

- \_\_\_\_\_ color \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

as witnesses.

Given under my hand and seal, this **14th** day of **July**, 19 **61**

**Donald S. Evans** (Seal)  
(Title of Issuing Officer)  
**JUSTICE OF THE PEACE**

STATE OF VIRGINIA—COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_, to-wit:

I, \_\_\_\_\_ a Judge of the County Court 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

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. Nonappearance shall be deemed to constitute a waiver of trial by jury.

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Judge. J. P.

DOCKET NO. \_\_\_\_\_

COMMONWEALTH

vs. WARRANT OF ARREST

JERRY WAYNE ORAON

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

Upon the examination of the within charge, I find the accused \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Virginia, at \_\_\_\_\_ M., on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, under penalty of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

COSTS

Warrant \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Trial \_\_\_\_\_  
Bail \_\_\_\_\_  
Arrest \_\_\_\_\_  
Mileage \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk \_\_\_\_\_  
Jail Fee and Board \_\_\_\_\_  
Witness Attendance \_\_\_\_\_  
Summoning Witnesses \_\_\_\_\_  
Commonwealth Attorney \_\_\_\_\_  
Total Costs \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
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