

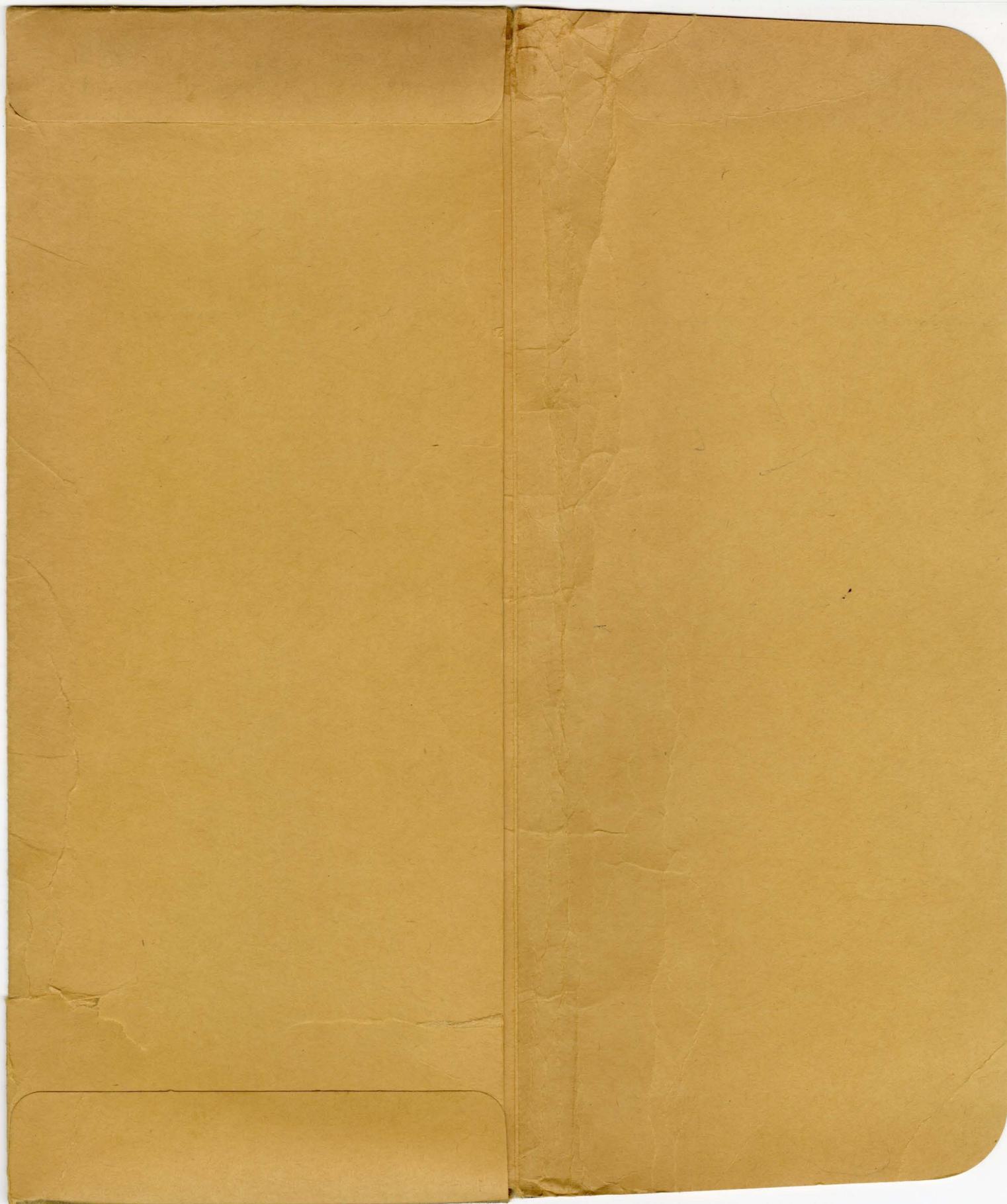
SUTTLE, GARLAND - alias William
Bennett

[BB]
statutory rape

6/8/62 - G.A. - waived in
writing

6/18/62 - A True Bill -
entered plea of not guilty -
Trial - 6/29/62

6/29/62 - Verdict of guilty, +
sentenced to 20 yrs.
in penit. -



T. V. Martin

Harland Suttle

Tracey MacDow

Bratenahl, Ohio

Cuyahoga County Jail

Cleveland, Ohio

T. J. Weston

London 18th
May 1841

Dear Mother
I have just
received your
kind letter
and was
glad to hear
from you
I am well
at present
and hope
these few
lines will
find you
the same
I have not
time to write
more at
present
I must close
for this
time
I will write
again
soon
I am
Dear Mother
Your affectionate
son
T. J. Weston

May 10, 1962

Miss Martha Bell Conway
Secretary of the Commonwealth
Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth
Richmond 12, Virginia

Dear Miss Conway:

Garland Suttle, alias William Bennett, is charged with statutory rape in Rockingham County and is now in custody of and being held by the police in Cleveland, Ohio. They have informed me that the accused has signed a waiver of extradition and that we may take him into custody at any time.

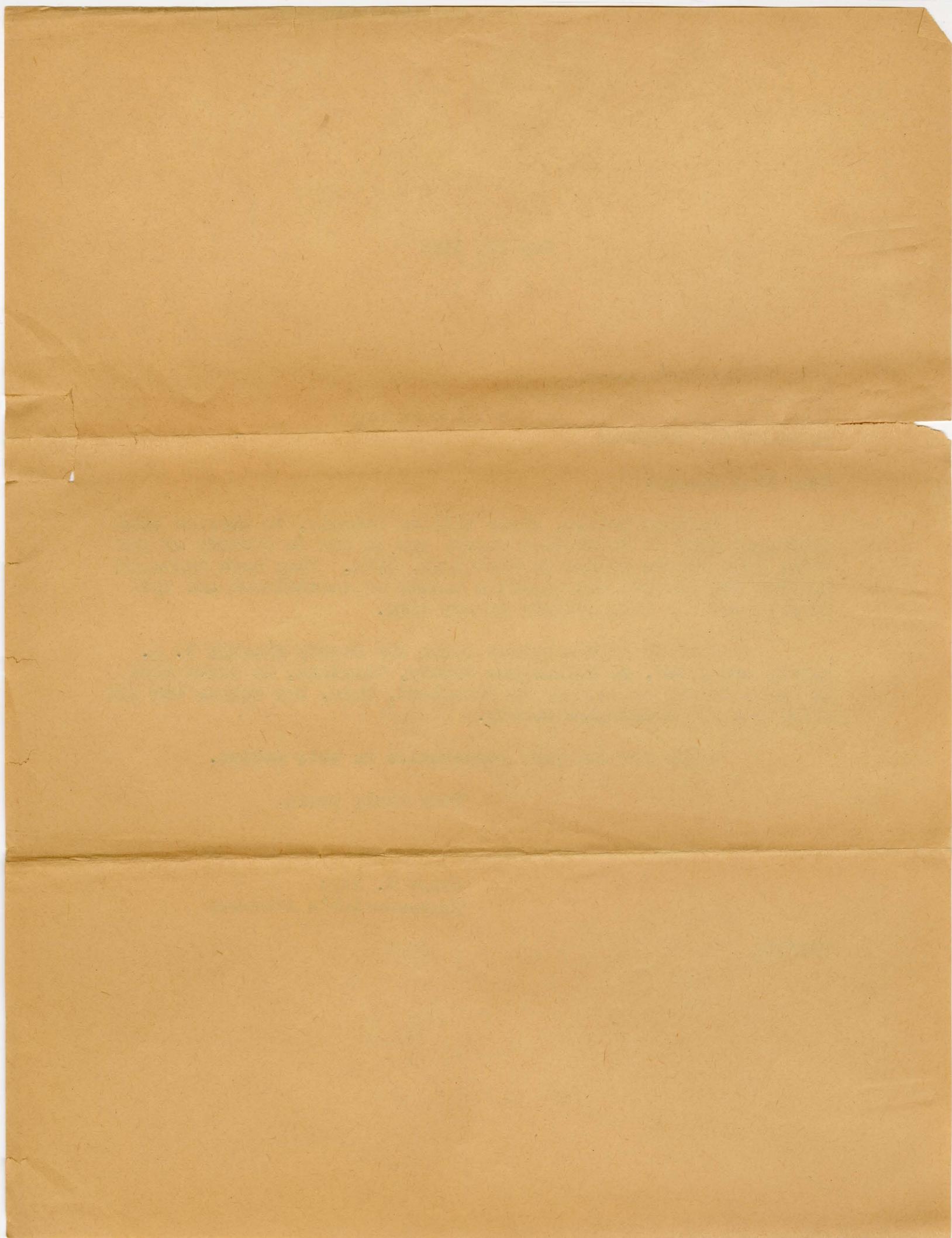
I would like a travel order for Deputy Sheriff T. L. Martin and guard, of Rockingham County, Virginia, in order that we may pick the accused up in Cleveland, Ohio, and return him for trial here in Rockingham County.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,

James R. Sipe
Commonwealth's Attorney

JRS/sfd



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CHARGE TO JURY

If you find the accused guilty of rape, as charged in the indictment, you will say so and fix his punishment at death, or by confinement in the penitentiary for life, or for any term not less than five (5) years.

If you find him not guilty, you will say so and no more.

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The Court instructs the jury that if you believe from the evidence beyond a reasonable doubt that the accused, Carl Suttle, had sexual intercourse with Linda Mae Waggy, and that the said Linda Mae Waggy was at the time of such sexual intercourse a female child under the age of fourteen (14) years, you will find the said accused guilty regardless of whether or not force was used by him in the accomplishment of such act and regardless of whether or not such act was done with or without her consent, and shall fix his punishment in accordance with the charge to the jury.

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SUTTLE

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The Court instructs the jury that if you believe from the evidence beyond a reasonable doubt that the accused, Earl Suttle, had sexual intercourse with Linda Mae Waggy, and that the said Linda Mae Waggy was at the time of such sexual intercourse a female child under the age of fourteen (14) years, you will find the said accused guilty regardless of whether or not force was used by him in the accomplishment of such act and regardless of whether or not such act was done with or without her consent, and shall fix his punishment in accordance with the charge to the jury.

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The Court instructs the jury that if you believe from the evidence beyond a reasonable doubt that the accused, Carl Suttle, had carnal knowledge of Linda Mae Waggy, with or without her consent, then you shall find him guilty as charged in the indictment.

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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.

If, after a reasonable and honest consideration of all of the evidence, your minds are left in such a state of doubt as to prevent you from reaching a convinced belief of the guilt of the accused, then the Commonwealth has failed to meet its burden.

If, on the other hand, after an impartial and reasonable consideration of all the evidence in the case, you have an abiding conviction of the truth of the charge, you are then satisfied beyond all reasonable doubt.

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LITTLE

INSTRUCTION

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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, you entertain a reasonable doubt of the guilt of the accused 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 it 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 this presumption.

The Court further instructs the jury that mere suspicion or probability of his guilt, however strong, is not sufficient to convict, nor is it sufficient for the greater weight or preponderance of the evidence supporting the charge in the indictment, but to warrant his conviction his guilt must be proved so clearly that there is no reasonable theory consistent with the evidence upon which he can be innocent.

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If, therefore, upon a consideration of the whole case, the testimony of the witnesses and the circumstances shown in evidence, there exists in the minds of the jury a reasonable doubt as to the guilt of the accused, they should find him not guilty.

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June 26, 1962

Mrs. Zella Waggy
137 Lewis Street
Harrisonburg, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Waggy:

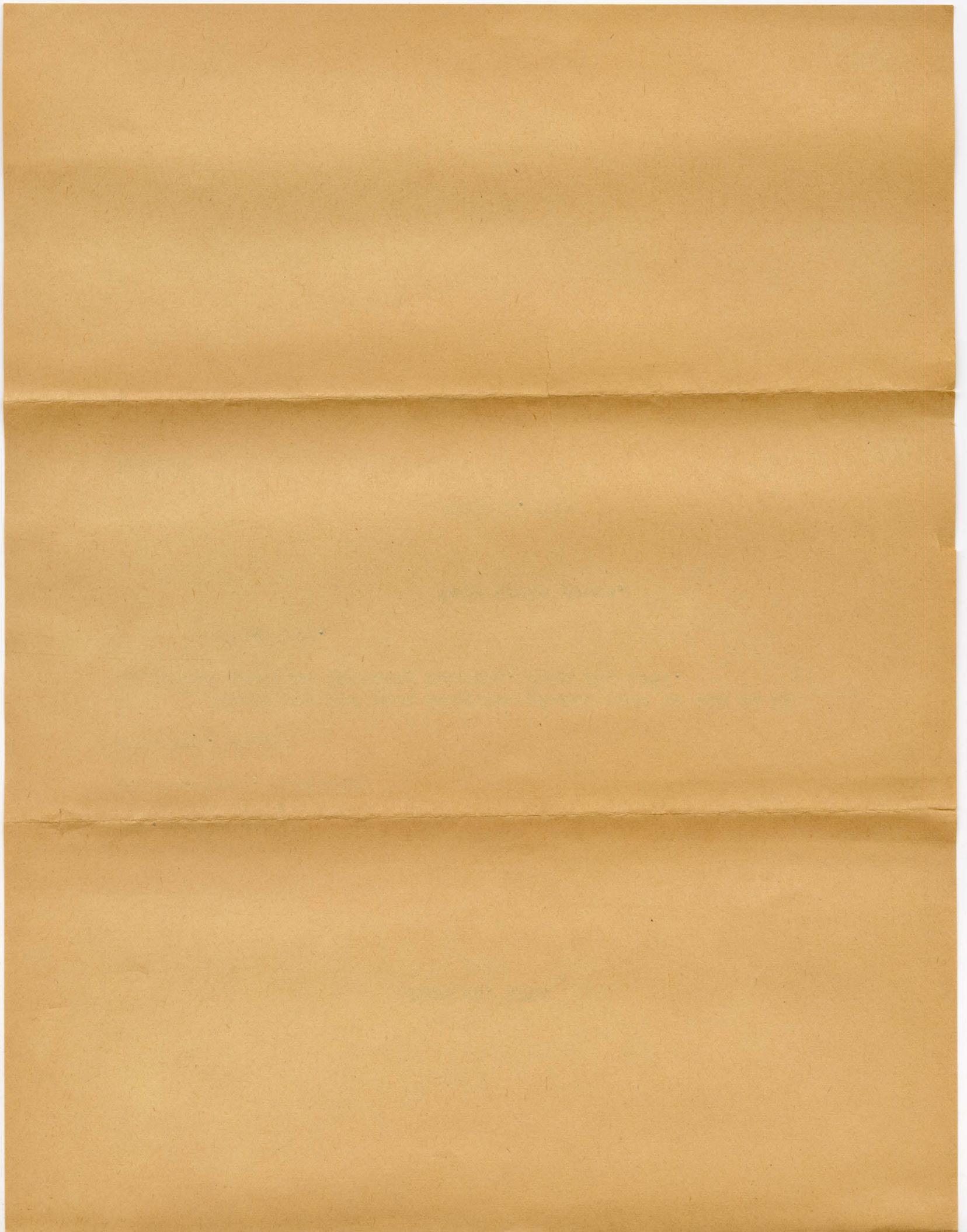
Would you and your daughter please come to see me at
my office sometime Thursday morning, June 28, 1962.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

James R. Sipe

JRS/sfi



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STATE OF VIRGINIA
COUNTY OF Harrisonburg

To-Wit:

No. _____

^{City} TO ANY SHERIFF OR POLICE OFFICER:

Whereas, Wella Waggy (137 Lewis Street)

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

Justice of The Peace of the said ^{City} County, that
Carla Suttle ^(Title) alias William Bennett

Rockingham
in the said County

or about did on the 1st day of February, 19 61: Unlawfully and feloniously

with force and arms, did ravish and carnally know one Linda Mae Waggy, a minor female child, to-wit: the age of 10 years, in violation of section 18.1-44 of the 1960 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 County 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 21st day of July, 19 61

John G. Leake
(Title of Issuing Officer)

(Seal)

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

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

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

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

William Donnetts

Bank of Virginia

Executed this, the _____ day of _____, 19 _____

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

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 _____ \$ _____

Fine _____ \$ _____

Total _____ \$ _____

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

May 11, 1962

Mr. Lawrence C. Musgrove
Assistant United States Attorney
Western Division of Virginia
Roanoke, Virginia

Re: Garland Suttle, alias William Bennett

Dear Mr. Musgrove:

This is to advise you that the above captioned subject, who was located by the FBI and on whom your office issued a fugitive warrant, has now been taken into custody by the Rockingham County Sheriff's Office and returned to Rockingham County. You may therefore dismiss any outstanding process you have against him.

Thank you very much for your cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,

James R. Sipe
Commonwealth's Attorney

JRS/sfd



Linda Mae Waggy -

now 12 (born march 15, 1950)

will be in 5th grade -

now live 137 Lewis St. - (lived there at that time also) -

brain surgery - 8 one old - paralyzed left side,

brace on leg removed before offense -

Known Bill Bennett -

Lived at Highway Drive - in -

Andy born Nov. 18, 1961 -

12 (1920)

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Mrs. Della Wray —

Known Tracy for about 8 yrs. — living

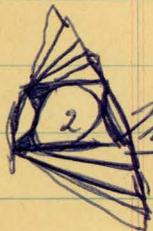
W/ Bill at that time on Hwy St. —

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I Instructions †

II Testimony -

(1) Linda Mae Waggy - 10 yrs
Feb 1961 -



2 Mrs. Waggy - knew them for some time -
baby

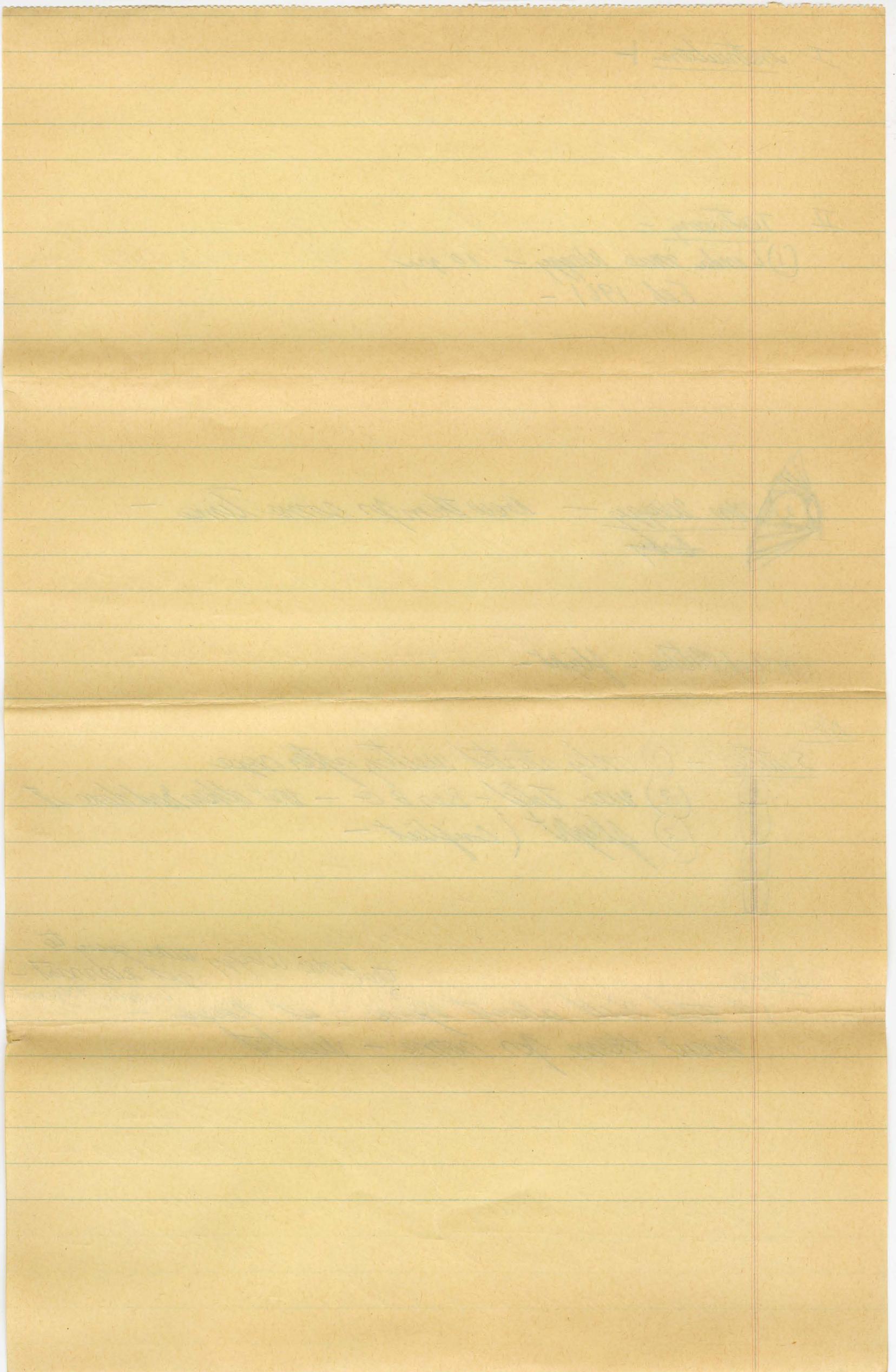
(3) Chief Butcher - flight -

AS

Suttle - (1) only started visiting after rape
(2) was told - Barb B & - that others had done it
(3) flight (conflict -

Tracy

1st told Bill about pure - at house -
knew them for some - visited
that Mrs. Waggy was going to get pregnant -
Linda pregnant -



Com v. Mad Buttle (alias com Bennett) -

Linda Mae Wigg - 10 yrs (born 15, 1950) - now 12

on or about Feb 15, 1961

137 Union St -

Baby born Nov 18, 1961 -

X - 1st time I have seen
him since baby born -

OWHers -

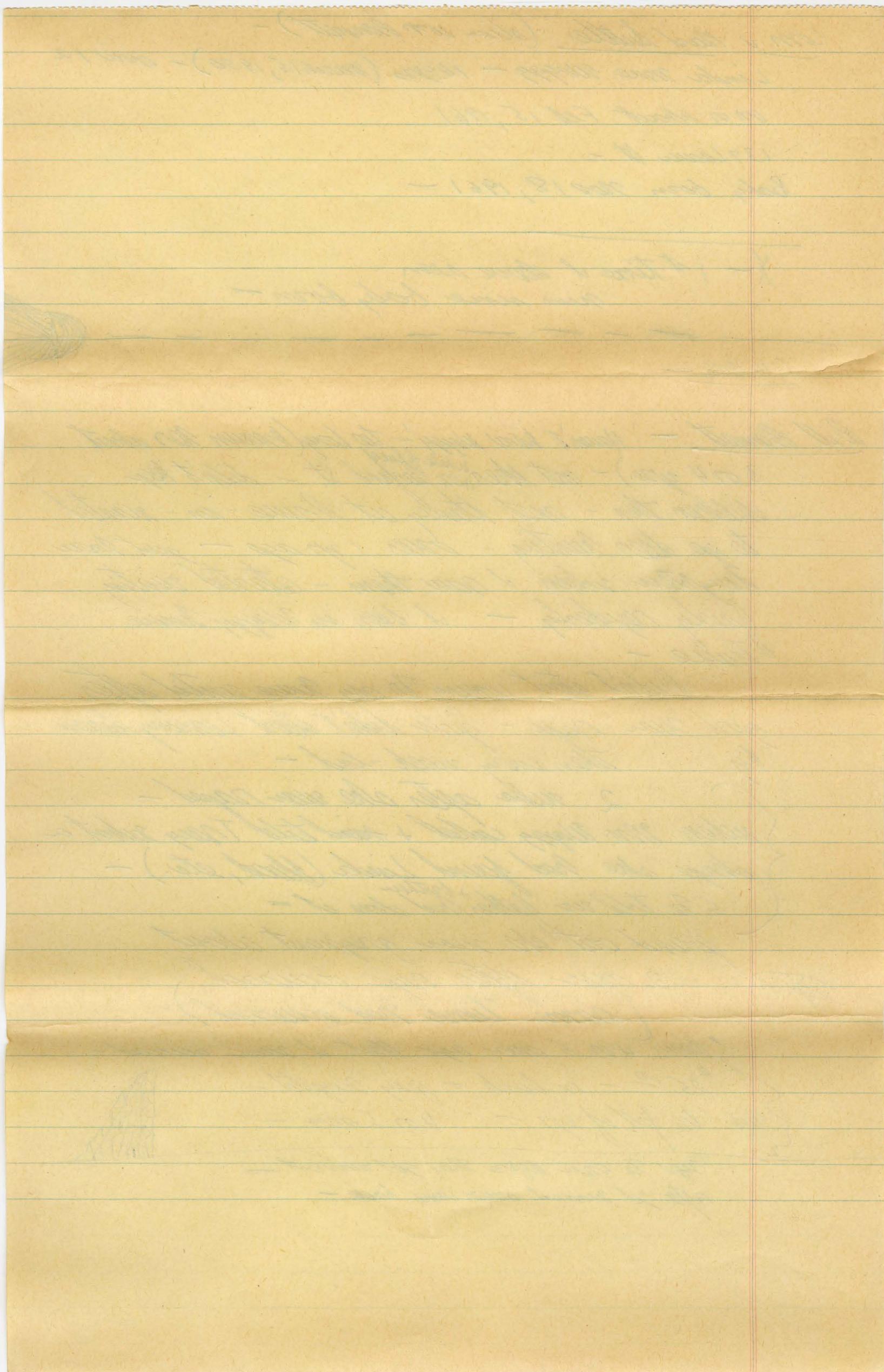
Bill Bennett - Haven't know Wigg - too long (know her about
3 or 4 yrs.) - met her ^{while I lived} on Harvard St - didn't keep
children then - met Stanley at a time - in - wanted
to go deer hunting - over 1 yr ago - just know
daughter when I saw them - started visiting
fairly regularly - I been in Wigg house
twice -

Didn't start coming to my house until after
girl was rape - girls didn't start coming down
by then every week - sad -

2 wks after she was raped -
when Mrs. Wigg called & said told Tracy what a
shape she had found Linda (blood, etc.) -
I told our father ^{& brother} had done it -
found out she was pregnant about
2 mos after rape occurred
(some time had occurred) -

know 4 or 5 mos ago that it was accused -
\$25.00 - in bank + pay hospital -
said in fall of yr - 4 or 5 mos -

4 or 5 mos before they got warrant -
after got warrant never came back -



Confusion - Δ 's testimony - then testifier differently -

1) flight - maybe not long, but - then testifier differently -
2) acts of judgment mind - said that it
was even tried on other girl -

3) confusion not only in date & time -

flight -
Bar-BQ

4) Testimony of Linda Mae -
Age, address, etc

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Credibility

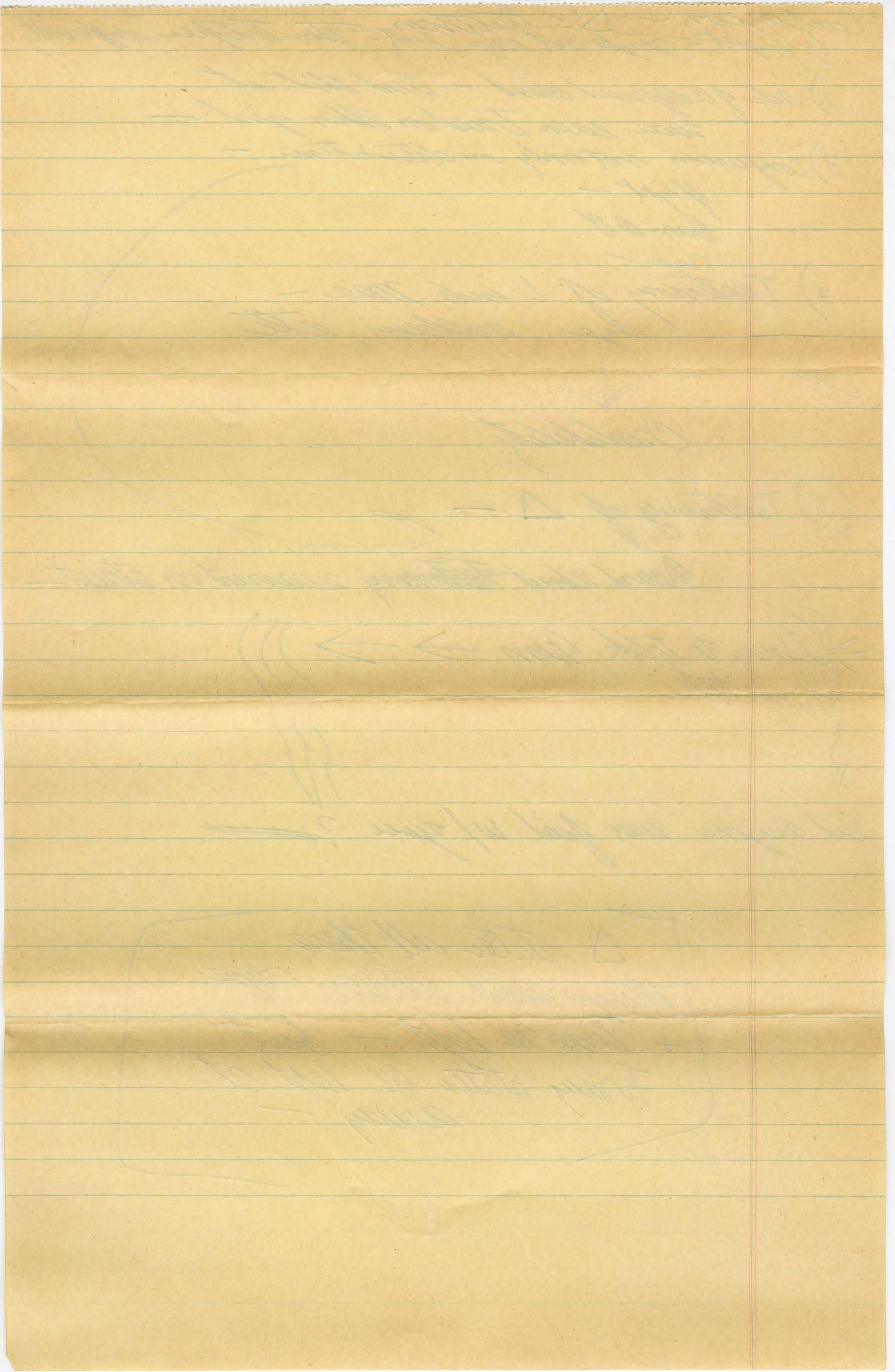
(5) Testimony of Δ -

heard about testimony occurred on street -

→ Going to talk Jim → →
Hospital

Did anyone ever fool w/ you? ~~_____~~

Δ states all these
things ~~said~~ between [rape
+ time he left - but
Tray states he left at
away -



X lived w/ Tracy -
when did you move to Drive-in -
occurred when warrant issued -

* Didn't Tracy come to Ohio - &
didn't she tell you warrant issued -

Came here in 1949 -

lived over 2 yrs - moved to Drive-in -
left here but fell - left by myself -
came back later to get

 in 20 Va 6 or 7 subs -

Mr. Waggy told Tracy -

I was there at Bar-B-Q
Branch -

(2 subs after) - came to house -
next morning

Tracy Ready

lived at Drive-in about 2 yrs -

came here from Cleveland in April -

Know Waggy 20 some yrs -

met her 1st -

on N. Main - Willson started coming

to my house - visit her # of times -

Told Billy - I went out there often -

* That Zella was going to get warrant -

* Linda pregnant - pure -

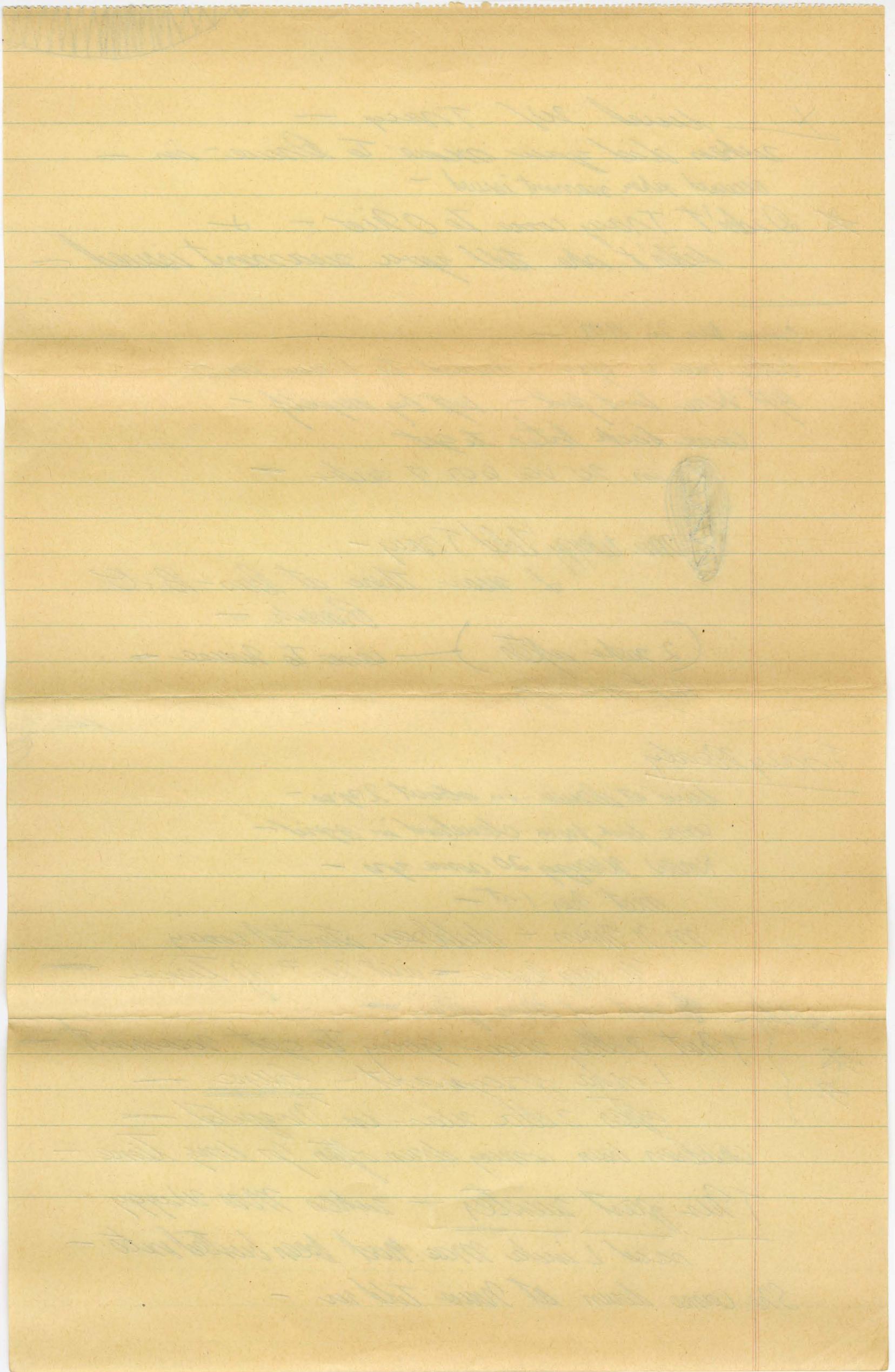
after Zella was in hospital -

children been coming down often for long time -

This past winter - when Mr. Waggy

said Linda Mae had been busted into -

She came down at New told us -

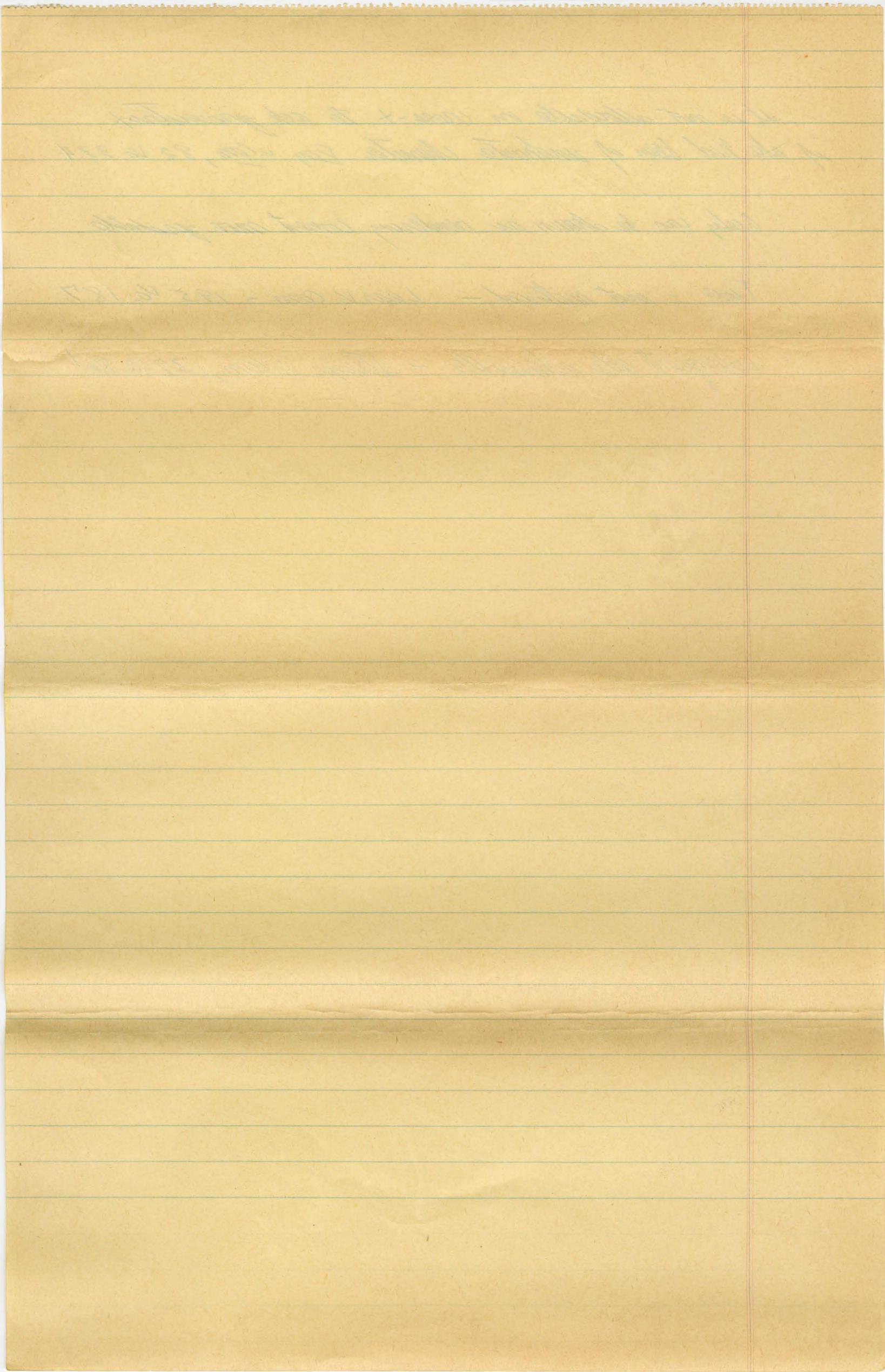


It is not allowable on cross-ex to ask prosecutrix
if she had been of unchaste character. Evoy v. Com, 82 Va. 334

only can be shown as rendering consent more probable

Time - not material - Lear v. Com - 195 Va. 187

subsequent acts admissible - Stump v. Com, 137 Va. 804



Linda Mae Wraggy - now 12 (date of birth -
March 15, 1950)

(Dr. Schultz - baby born Dec. 16, 1961 -
boy born & still living) -

Probably happened around middle of Feb. -

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