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I have read the above statement and the facts stated therein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Ralph B. Ritchie

WITNESS:

T. L. Martin Deputy Sheriff

James R. Sipe

J. M. Wilcox D.S. P.C.







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STATE OF VIRGINIA

COUNTY OF Harrisonburg

To-Wit:

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

TO ANY SHERIFF OR POLICE OFFICER:

Whereas, James R. Sipe, Commonwealths Attorney

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

(Name)

Justice of The Peace  
(Title)

of the said County, that

Ralph Ritchie

Rockingham  
in the said County

did on the 13th day of June, 19 62 : Unlawfully and feloniously

break and enter in the night-time, a certain building, not occupied as a dwelling,  
the property of Luther Lambert and Sheldon Smith, with the intent, the goods and  
chattels found therein to take, steal and carry away and 45 cartons of assorted  
cigarettes, one transistor radio, a quantity of luncheon meat, 4 watch bands and  
\$2.00 in pennies, the property the said Luther Lambert and Sheldon Smith  
of the value of \$150.00 found therein did unlawfully and feloniously take, steal  
and carry away, 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 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 \_\_\_\_\_
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- \_\_\_\_\_ color \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_
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as witnesses.

Given under my hand and seal, this 11th day of June, 19 62

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 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 County 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 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

WARRANT OF ARREST

vs.

\_\_\_\_\_

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 \_\_\_\_\_  
Milage \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk \_\_\_\_\_  
Jail Fee and Board \_\_\_\_\_  
Witness Attendance \_\_\_\_\_  
Summoning Witnesses \_\_\_\_\_  
Commonwealth Attorney \_\_\_\_\_  
Total Costs \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Fine \_\_\_\_\_  
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IN THE COURT OF OYER AND TERMINER AND GENERAL JAIL DELIVERY AND IN  
THE COURT OF QUARTER SESSIONS OF THE PEACE IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF  
CUMBERLAND, PENNSYLVANIA

IN RE: EXTRADITION OF **RALPH BROOKS RITCHIE**

AND NOW, to wit: this **15th** day of **June** 19**62**, A.D., it  
appearing to the Court that

is now a fugitive from the State of **Virginia, County of Rockingham,**  
and now in the custody of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania;

AND it further appearing that **RALPH BROOKS RITCHIE**  
has expressed desire and willingness to return to the State of **Virginia**  
without a warrant of extradition being issued by the Governor of the  
State of Pennsylvania;

AND it further appearing that, in accordance with the provisions  
of the Uniform Extradition Act, the said **RALPH BROOKS RITCHIE**  
has been informed of his constitutional and statutory rights to obtain  
a writ of habeas corpus and to procure legal counsel, and has waived  
such rights and consents to his return to the State of **Virginia;**

IT IS ORDERED that the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, deliver  
up the custody of **RALPH BROOKS RITCHIE**  
to **George Price, Deputy Sheriff,**  
the duly accredited agents of the State of **Virginia, County of Rockingham,**  
in order that he may return to the State of **Virginia**  
and a copy of the Order is to be delivered to the said agents.

BY THE COURT,

*Walter F. Shugart*  
P.J.

A TRUE COPY FROM RECORD

In Testimony whereof, I here unto set my hand

and the seal of said Court at Carlisle, Pa.  
This **15th** day of **June** 19**62**

*Anna Mae Weikert*

*Deputy* Clerk of the Court  
Cumberland County



IN THE COURT OF CYER AND TERMINER AND GENERAL JAIL DELIVERY AND IN  
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PR.

A TRUE COPY FROM RECORD  
in Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand  
and seal of Office, at *Cumberland*, Pa.,  
this *15th* day of *June*, 19*22*.  
*Walter Brunnen Riches*  
Court of the County  
Cumberland County



I, **RALPH BROOKS RITCHIE** now being under arrest as  
a fugitive of the State of **Virginia, County of Rockingham,**  
and being in the custody of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, for the  
purpose of being extradited to the State of **Virginia,**  
and after being informed of my constitutional and statutory rights to  
obtain legal counsel, do hereby waive said rights and consent to the  
entry of an order directing my delivery forthwith to the duly accredited  
agents of the State of **Virginia** for return to that  
jurisdiction, to answer the charge or charges that may be entered against  
me by the demanding State of **Virginia.**

*Ralph Brooks Ritchie*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
**RALPH BROOKS RITCHIE**

Signed and sealed before me this **15th** day of **June** 19**62**, A.D.

*Paul F. Shugart*  
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P.J.

COPIES TO:

Governor of Pennsylvania  
Agent - Demanding State  
Pennsylvania State Police  
Local Police  
District Attorney's Office



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Paul Brock Ritchie  
 PAUL BROCK RITCHIE

Signed and sealed before me this 1st day of June 1902, A.D.

W. J. [Signature]  
 W. J.

COPIES TO:  
 Governor of Pennsylvania  
 Agent - Demanding State  
 Pennsylvania State Police  
 Local Police  
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TO PD HARRISONBURG FOR S.O. ROCKINGHAM CO.

REF MSG 293 PD HARR            6-14-62

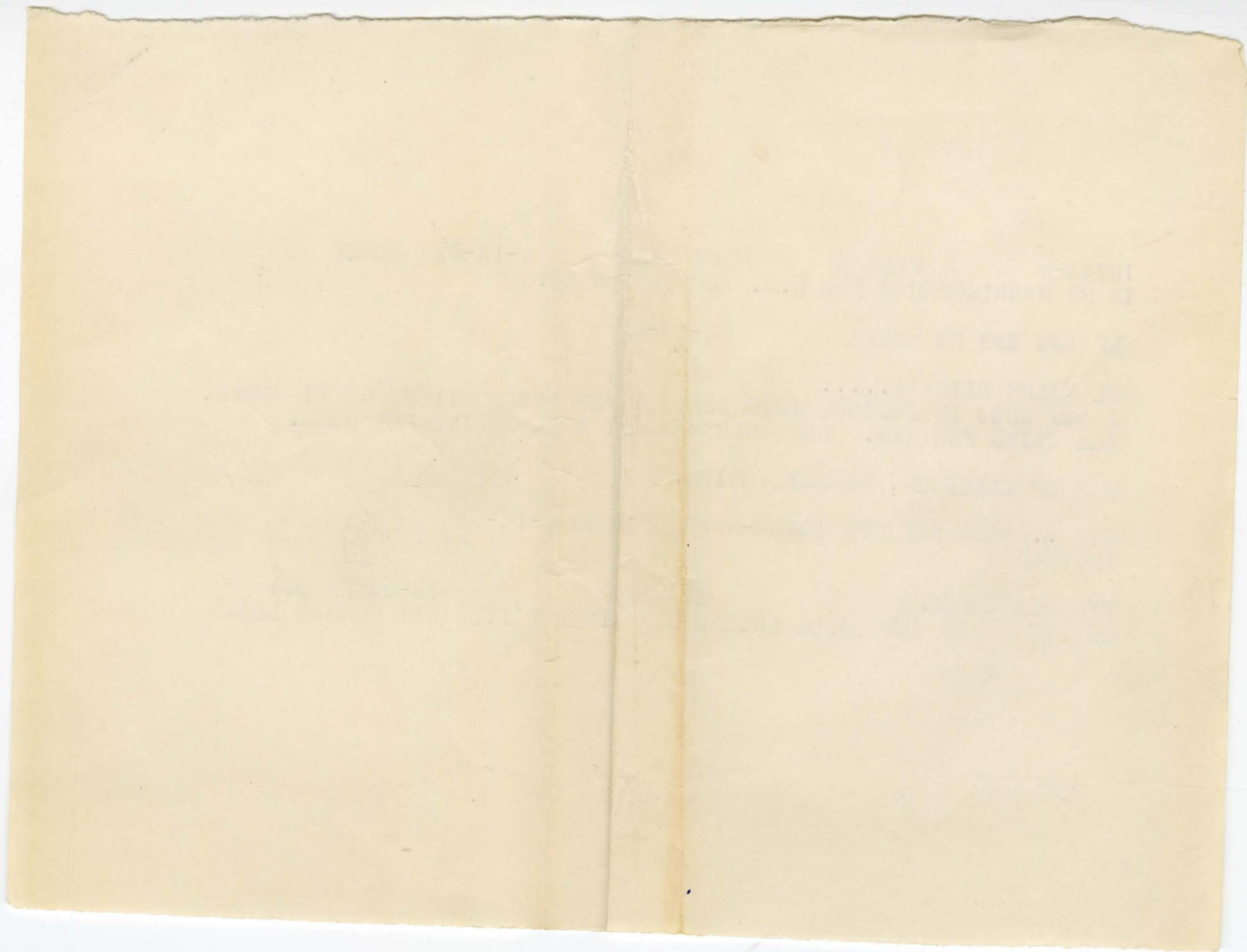
REL RALPH RITCHIE.....  
BE ADV SUBJ IN CUSTODY THIS DEPT AS PER INSTRUCTIONS UR TT ABOVE.  
WILL WAIVE FOR S/B.    ADV WHEN UR DEPT WILL ARRIVE FOR SUBJ.

AUTH SP CARLISLE, PENNSYLVANIAM.

NOTE .. ALSO REF MSG 10744-N VA SPHQ GA 6-14-62  
REQ CANC.

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TO PD HARR

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SP CULP

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REL. RALPH RITCHIE. STAT. BURG.

PLS ADVISE THE SHERIFFS OFFICE MADISON IF AND WHEN THIS SUBJ.  
~~IS~~ APPREHENDED . THIS REF. B & E IN MADISON CO ...

AUTH SO MADISON CO., VAM

AUTH CAPT WILLIAMS /CAR 41/ RASNICK

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June 14, 1962

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

Dear Miss Conway:

Ralph Ritchie is charged with statutory burglary in Rockingham County and is now in the custody of and being held by the police in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. They have informed me that the accused has signed a waiver of extradition and that the local Sheriff's Office may pick him up.

I would like a travel order for Deputy Sheriff George R. Price and guard of Rockingham County, Virginia, in order that we may pick the accused up in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, and return him for trial here in Rockingham County.

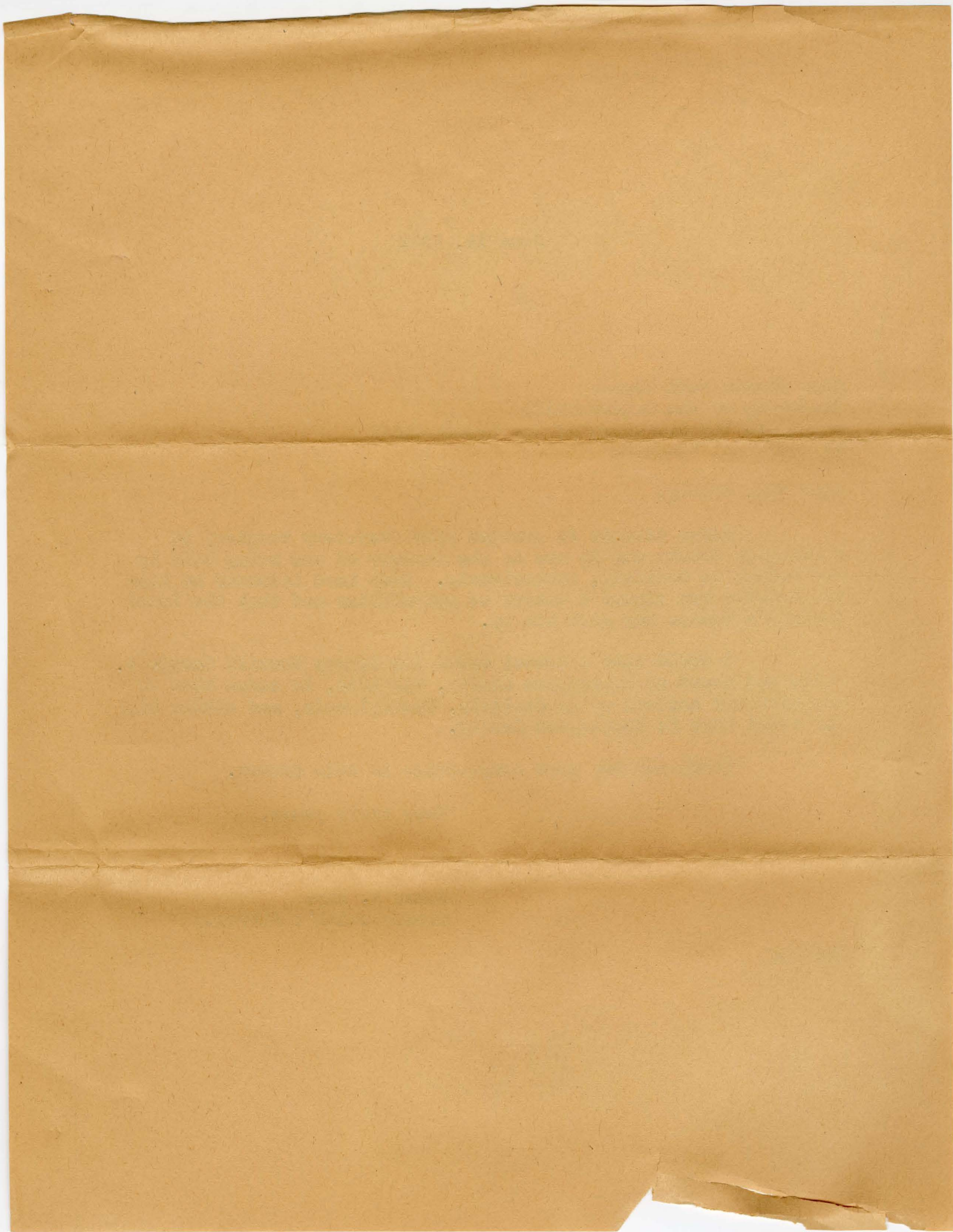
Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,

James R. Sipe  
Commonwealth's Attorney

JRS/sfd







statement enclosed

RITCHIE, RALPH B.

statutory burglary <sup>[BB]</sup>

6/18/62 - A True Bill -  
Entered plea of guilty -  
Sentenced to 2 yrs.  
in penit. —



