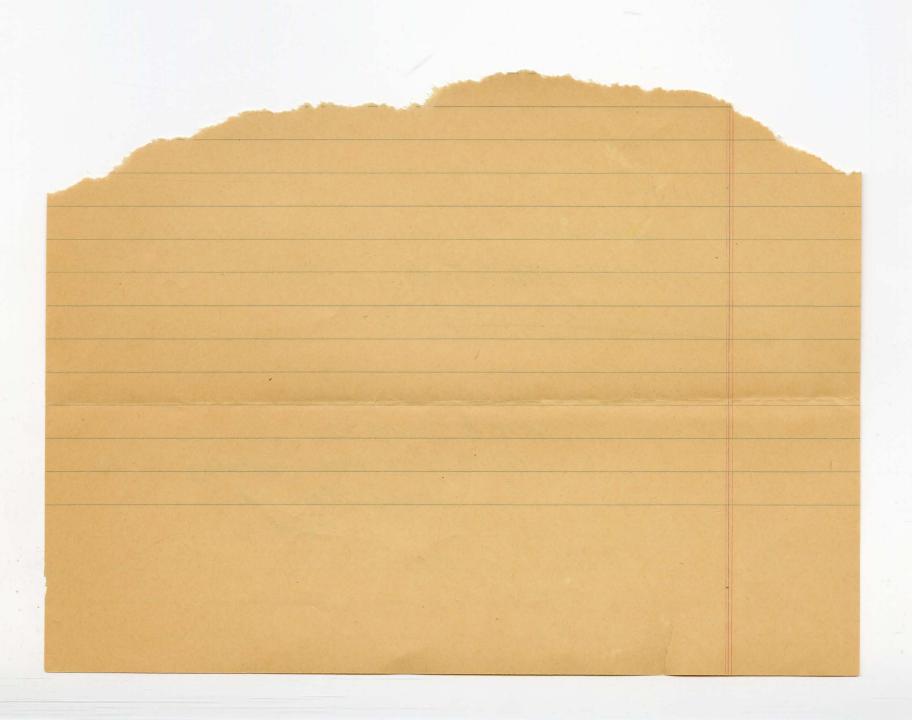
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Oct. 21. Return of Grand Jury. 11/117

Oct. 21. Accused arraigned and plea of guilty entered; evidence heard, accused found guilty; imp. of sentence deferred and case referred to Prob. Off. for presentence report; accused remanded to jail.

Nov. 22. Report of Prob. Off. filed; punishment of accused fixed at five (5) years in State Pen. 11/142

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CIRCUIT COURT OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, VA.

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In the Name of the Commonwealth of Virginia:
To the Sheriff of Rockingham County, Greeting:
You are hereby commanded to summon
Miss Frances Eaton, Grottoes, Virginia
Sheriff A. L. Strawderman
Deputy Sheriff G. M. Wilcox
Deputy Sheriff W. A. Spitzer
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 21st day of October , 19.63, to testify and the truth to say in behalf of the
Commonwealth before the Grand Jury, against
Robert Brine Harrington, Jr.
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And this you shall not omit under penalty. And have then and there this Writ.
Witness, JAMES R. SIPE, Commonwealth's Attorney for Rockingham County and the City of Harrison-
burg, Virginia, at the Court House, the 17th of October , 1963, and in the 188th year of the Commonwealth.
Commonwealth's Attorney

Miss Frances Laton, Grottoes, Virginia

Shertiff A. L. Strawderman

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### COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

COUNTY OF ROCKINGHAM, to-wit:

In The Circuit Court of Rockingham County, October Term, 1963

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 oaths present that Robert Brine Harrington, Jr., on the 23rd day of September, 1963, in the County aforesaid, unlawfully and feloniously, while armed with a deadly weapon, to-wit, a certain .22 rifle, loaded with ball ammunition, did enter a certain banking house, being The Rockingham National Bank of Harrisonburg, Grottoes Branch, located in the Town of Grottoes, Rockingham County, Virginia, in the daytime, with the intent to commit larceny of money therefrom, in violation of Section 18.1-90 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Upon the evidence of Miss Frances Eaton, Sheriff A. L. Strawderman, Deputy Sheriff G. M. Wilcox and Deputy Sheriff W. A. Spitzer, witnesses sworn in open court and sent to the Grand Jury to give evidence.

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Commonwealth's Attorney James R. Sipe

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armed bank robbery

BRINE HARRINGTON,

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#### PRE-SENTENCE REPORT

Staunton, Virginia November 20, 1963

NAME: Robert Brine Harrington, Jr.

ADDRESS: 492 S. Mason Street,

Harrisonburg, Virginia

AGE: 21 (Born 5-20-42)

SEX: Male

RACE: White

MARITAL STATUS: Single

NO. OF DEPENDENTS: None

OFFENSE: Robbery by Force

DEFENSE ATTORNEY: Mr. Henry Clark

(Employed)

COMMONWEALTH ATTORNEY: Mr. James R. Sipe

#### COURT ACTION:

Robert Brine Harrington, Jr. appeared in the Rockingham County Circuit Court on October 21, 1963, with the Honorable Hamilton Haas presiding. The defendant was indicted on a charge of Robbery by Force and through the advice of his employed attorney, Mr. Henry Clark, he entered a plea of guilty to the indictment. The Court found the defendant guilty as charged in the indictment, but withheld imposition of sentence until a Pre-Sentence Report could be presented which was requested by his defense counsel. The subject was remanded to the Rockingham County Jail to await the presentation of a Pre-Sentence Report. This man has been in custody since his arrest on September 23, 1963.

## OFFENSE:

The subject is charged by an indictment that he did on September 23, 1963, while armed with a deadly weapon, to-wit: a .22 caliber rifle, loaded with ball ammunition, enter the Rockingham National Bank of Harrisonburg, Grottoes Branch, with the intent to commit larceny of money therefrom, in Violation of Section 18.1-90 of the 1950 Code of Virginia.

The victim of this offense is the Rockingham National Bank, Grottoes Branch, and the Codefendants are Roger Lowe, Jr. and James Miklos. According to the subject, he met his codefendants at Susie's Lunch in Harrisonburg in the evening of Sunday, September 22. The subject stated he had been drinking that day and had gone into this restaurant to answer a call of nature. He further stated that while in the restaurant he stopped and talked with Codefendants Lowe and Miklos. The subject reported he started drinking beer with Lowe and Miklos and a short time later Codefendant Miklos mentioned the possibility of the bank robbery.

Harrington reported that they went to several different restaurants that night, continued to drink beer and mentioned they also drove around some that night, but he was unable to give a full account as to what they actually did. The subject mentioned that they drove to the Grottoes Area on Monday Morning with the intentions of robbing the bank right after it opened. However, when they first got to the bank, they did not enter it due to customers being inside. He further mentioned that they drove around the Grottoes Area, stopped at a restaurant, drank a couple beers, fixed a flat tire and returned to the bank at approximately 10:50 a.m. The subject stated Lowe was driving the car and he parked the vehicle at the bank's entrance, after which he and Lowe entered the bank. While Lowe was inquiring about an auto loan, Codefendant Miklos entered the bank with a .22 caliber rifle.

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The subject stated that they did not wear masks and that after the money was turned over to them, the three female bank employees were locked behind an iron gate in the bank vault; however, the vault door was not closed. The subject stated that he and his codefendants then left the bank and were apprehended approximately one-half hour later in the Montevideo Area.

The bank employees indicated that money in the amount of \$6,210.00 was taken from one of the bank drawers and all of this money was recovered except \$208.50, which was covered by insurance. They reported that there were no customers present at the time of the robbery and no one was injured or mistreated physically.

The subject indicated he did not know why he became involved in this offense, but mentioned he had been drinking fairly regularly since Sunday morning and had consumed enough alcohol to be unable to think properly and thus became involved in the offense.

### PRIOR RECORD:

Harrington reported no prior record and none was found.

#### FAMILY HISTORY:

Robert Brine Harrington, Jr., white, single male, age 21, was born on May 20, 1942, in Iowa City, Iowa. He is the oldest of eight children born to Robert B. Harrington, Sr. and Margaret Love Harrington. The parents stated they were married on July 14, 1941, at Tuscola, Illinois.

The subject's father, Robert B. Harrington, Sr., age 52, stated he was born on May 18, 1911, at East Orange, New Jersey, and presently resides at 492 South Mason Street, Harrisonburg, Virginia. This man further stated he completed high school and one semester of college. He stated he enjoys good health and is presently employed as an advertising salesman for WSIG Radio Station in Mt. Jackson, Virginia. He is also a salesman for the Blaine Smith Aluminum Siding Corporation and is also a qualified travel agent for the R. Loring Cover Travel Agency. The subject's father is a member of the Catholic Church and reported having no police record. Several members of the community were contacted and they indicated the subject's father was very authoritative and was overly dominant towards his children. They further advised that this overly authoritative approach had possibly caused some friction within the immediate family.

The subject's mother, Margaret Love Harrington, age 44, stated she was born on May 19, 1919, at Iowa City, Iowa, and she presently resides at 492 South Mason Street, Harrisonburg, Virginia. According to Mr. Harrington, his wife completed high school and is a graduate of the University of Iowa. Her main work experience has been that of a housewife. Mrs. Harrington indicated she enjoyed good health, is a member of the Catholic Church and she reported no police record.

The subject has the following siblings:

Mary Love "Hoddy" Harrington, age 19, is a sophomore at Madison College, is presently living with her parents; however, this girl has attended college at Santa Rosa, California, and is planning to return to college in California after this semester at Madison. It was reported that some of her relatives in California are helping to pay her college expenses.

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Steven George Harrington, age 17, is a junior at Harrisonburg High School and lives with his parents.

Susan Ann Harrington, age 15, is a sophomore at Harrisonburg High School and lives with her parents.

James Harrington, age 12, is in the 6th grade at the Spottswood Elementary School and lives with his parents.

Catherine Jane Harrington, age 10, is in the 5th grade at the Spottswood Elementary School and she resides with her parents.

Margaret Harrington - this child reportedly died of double pneumonia when she was 15 months of age.

Thomas Francis Harrington, age 5, resides with his parents and is in kindergarten at the Spottswood Elementary School.

## HOME AND NEIGHBORHOOD:

At the time of the offense, the subject was renting a room in a rooming house just above the Fire Station on Newman Avenue. The subject reported he had been living there approximately one month and had not been living with his parents for sometime due to their suggesting he leave, reportedly because of his excessive drinking and coming home in an intoxicated condition.

The subject's parents own a seven-room, frame house at 492 South Mason Street in Harrisonburg which appeared to be in a fair state of repair and adequate for the family's needs.

## EDUCATION:

Harrington completed the 9th grade at the Harrisonburg High School and quit school when he was sixteen because he became uninterested. The subject stated he was at that time living by himself in Harrisonburg and he quit school when he became of age to be allowed to leave school. School records indicate that he withdrew from school on April 18, 1959, and at the time he withdrew from school, his average grade was "D". The subject was given the Hemmon-Nelson Mental Ability Test on March 10, 1958, and this indicated a total I.Q. of 106. Teachers' comments indicated that the subject was honest and was no disciplinary or behavior problem in school. However, they did indicate he did not apply himself and could have made better grades if he tried.

The subject stated he completed his high school training while in Service and he took the G. E. D. Test while he was in the Marine Corps.

### INTERESTS AND ACTIVITIES:

The defendant indicated he enjoys sports, dates occasionally and advised that he enjoys drinking. He indicated no other leisure-time activities.

#### RELIGION:

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### HEALTH:

The subject is approximately 6' tall, weighs 150 lbs., has a fair complexion, blue eyes and dark brown hair. The subject stated he has a birthmark on his chest. According to the subject's parents and medical information, the subject had pyloric spasms shortly after his birth and as a result he was unable to receive proper nourishment and was a feeding problem. As a result of these spasms, he could not digest his food properly and this resulted in his being undernourished, underweight, etc. It was reported that the subject has also had serious throat infections and acute nephritis.

The subject's parents indicated that he has had poor eyesight, has been underweight and was often unable to participate in sports, etc. due to his being unco-ordinated and matters of this nature.

The subject admitted smoking and drinking, but denied the use of narcotics. In talking with the subject, he indicated remorse for the offense, was cooperative in supplying information and was found to be truthful.

### MILITARY HISTORY:

Harrington enlisted in the Marine Corps and entered the Service on May 22, 1959. He was given a Discharge Under Honorable Conditions on April 16, 1963. He was a Private First Class at the time of his discharge. The subject stated he was given one Summary Court-Martial in September 1961 for breaking restrictions for which he received 30 days of hard labor with no confinement and a \$50.00 fine. He admitted being involved in a couple of fights while in the Marine Corps, but was not court-martialled for these fights.

## EMPLOYMENT: Social Security No. 229-52-1728

The subject has a limited employment record due to his age and having spent sometime in Military Service. After the subject's discharge from Military Service, he became employed by the Nielsen Construction Company as a laborer and was employed by this firm from May 20, 1963, to August 16, 1963.

After leaving the Nielsen Construction Company, the subject became employed by Mr. Roy Linhoss as a laborer for a brick mason and was employed there earning \$1.25 per hour at the time of the offense.

The subject reported he was employed as an usher at the Virginia Theatre prior to entering the Military Service.

In talking with the subject's employers, they indicated that the subject was a good worker, was mannerly and polite, was no problem and appeared to have a sincere desire to work and worked willingly. They indicated they were surprised to hear of the subject being involved in this offense.

The subject reported no sizeable debts and no resources other than personal articles of clothing.

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### SUMMARY:

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In talking with some of the subject's friends, they indicated he always appeared to have the need to "prove that he was a man" and further indicated that he was easily led.

In talking with the subject, he mentioned that he and his father did not get along well together and he stated that he rebelled against his father's domineering manner. The subject stated that he has lived with some of his relatives and usually got along much better with them than he did at home because he and his father could not get along in a satisfactory manner.

## PLAN:

If and when the subject is released from custody, his parents have offered him a home and it is also possible that he could live with some of his relatives. Employment would have to be secured.

Respectfully yours,

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Probation and Parole Officer

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hearing this 30th day of September, 1963.

WITNESS:

Robert B. Harrington Dr.

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