

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

COUNTY OF ROCKINGHAM, to-wit:

In the Circuit Court of said County:

The grand jurors in and for the body of said County of Rockingham and now attending said court at its December term, 1931, upon their oaths do present that Ward Ray, on or about the 8th day of November, 1931, in said County, did unlawfully operate an automobile while under the influence of ardent spirits, against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

This indictment is found on the testimony of <sup>C.C.</sup> ~~John~~ Lam, Billy Lam, James Lam and Sidney Lam, witnesses sworn in court and sent before the grand jury to give evidence.

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COMMONWEALTH

VS

WARD RAY - *bond*

PRO. MISDEMEANOR

A True Bill

*R. E. Pugh*  
Foreman

*Jan - 6 - 1932*  
*Bailed to 1st day*  
*next term*

D. W. Earman, Com. Atty.

Commonwealth of Virginia,  
Rockingham County, To-Wit:

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of December, 1931,  
Ward Ray, principal and Lind Ray  
surety, who justified to his sufficiency, came before me, F. J. Squibb  
Justice of the Peace  
(J. P. or Bail Commissioner), of the said County of Rockingham,  
and acknowledged themselves to be indebted to the Commonwealth of Virginia each in the sum of  
Two Hundred Fifty Dollars, (\$ 250<sup>00</sup>/<sub>100</sub>),  
to be levied of their respective goods and chattels, lands and tenements, for the use of the Common-  
wealth of Virginia rendered, and they each severally waived their homestead exemption to their re-  
cognizance; yet upon this condition:

That if the said Ward Ray shall personally appear before  
the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, at the Courthouse of said County, on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of the  
December Term thereof, being the 5<sup>th</sup> day of January,  
1932, and at such other time or times to which the proceedings may be continued or further  
heard, and before any court or judge hereafter having or holding any proceedings in connection with  
the said charge, and then and there answer the Commonwealth of Virginia concerning a certain  
Misdemeanor whereof the said Ward Ray stands  
charged, and be bound under said recognizance until the charge is finally disposed of or until it is  
declared void by order of a competent court, then the above recognizance shall be null and void; other-  
wise to remain in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto affix my signature this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of  
December, 1931.

F. J. Squibb J.P.  
(J. P. or BAIL COMMISSIONER)

Commonwealth of Virginia,  
Rockingham County, To-Wit:

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of 1931

\_\_\_\_\_ principal and  
\_\_\_\_\_ surety, who justified to his sufficiency, came before me,  
\_\_\_\_\_ of the said County of Rockingham,  
and acknowledged themselves to be indebted to the Commonwealth of Virginia each in the sum of  
\_\_\_\_\_ Dollars, (\$<sup>00</sup>),  
to be levied of their respective goods and chattels, lands and tenements, for the use of the Common-  
wealth of Virginia rendered, and they each severally waived their homestead exemption to their re-  
cognizance; yet upon this condition:

That if the said \_\_\_\_\_ shall personally appear before  
the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, at the Courtroom of said County, on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of the  
\_\_\_\_\_ Term thereof, being the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_  
1931, and at such other time or times to which the proceedings may be continued or further  
heard, and before any court or judge hereafter having or holding any proceedings in connection with  
the said charge, and then and there answer the Commonwealth of Virginia concerning a certain  
\_\_\_\_\_ whereof the said \_\_\_\_\_ stands  
charged, and be bound under said recognizance until the charge is finally disposed of or until it is  
declared void by order of a competent court, then the above recognizance shall be null and void; other-

wise to remain in full force and effect.

In Witness Whereof, I hereunto affix my signature this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

1931

(J. P. or Bail Commissioner)

**In the Name of the Commonwealth of Virginia:**

To the Sheriff of Rockingham County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon.....

*Sarah Resnede*

to appear before the Judge of the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, at the Court House thereof,  
at 10 o'clock, a. m., on the *19<sup>th</sup>* day of *February* 19 *32*,  
to testify and the truth to say in behalf of the Commonwealth against.....

*Ward Ray*

who stands charged with and indicted for a ~~felony~~ misdemeanor.

And this *she* shall not omit under penalty of £100. And have then and there this Writ.

Witness, J. ROBERT SWITZER, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court House, the *10<sup>th</sup>*  
day of *Feb.* 19 *32*, and in the 15 *6<sup>th</sup>* year of the Commonwealth.

*J. Robert Switzer*, Clerk

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Virginia:  
To the Sheriff of Rockingham County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to return

*Sarah Perrade*

to appear before the Judge of the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, at the Court House thereat,  
at 10 o'clock a.m. on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_  
to testify and the truth to say in behalf of the Commonwealth against

*John May*

who stands charged with and indicted for a felony misdemeanor.  
And this \_\_\_\_\_ shall not count under penalty of \$100. And have then and

there this writ.  
Witness J. ROBERT SWITZER, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court House, the \_\_\_\_\_  
day of \_\_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_\_, and in the \_\_\_\_\_ year of the Commonwealth.  
*Robert Switzer, Clerk*

**In the Name of the Commonwealth of Virginia:**

To the Sheriff of Rockingham County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon

Louise Sheldon Shumaker, Sallie Shumaker,  
John Ed Lam, Billy Lam, James Lam, Sidney  
Lam & Sarah Rerode

to appear before the Judge of the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, at the Court House thereof,  
at 10 o'clock, a. m., on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of February 19 32,

to testify and the truth to say in behalf of the Commonwealth against

Ward Ray

who stands charged with and indicted for a ~~felony~~ misdemeanor.

And this they shall not omit under penalty of £100. And have then and  
there this Writ.

Witness, J. ROBERT SWITZER, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court House, the 10<sup>th</sup>  
day of Feb 19 32, and in the 15<sup>th</sup> year of the Commonwealth,

Robert Switzer, Clerk

Executed Feb. 17, 1932 by delivering a true copy  
of the within summons to Billie Sam James Sam  
Sidney Sam & Ches Sam,  
for Charles R. Family, et al.  
each in person.

v  
Ward Ray

1932  
Feb. 19



**In the Name of the Commonwealth of Virginia:**

To the Sheriff of Rockingham County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon.....

*Louise Sheldon Shoemaker*

to appear before the Judge of the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, at the Court House thereof,  
at 10 o'clock, a. m., on the *19th* day of *Feb* 19 *32*,  
to testify and the truth to say in behalf of the Commonwealth against .....

*Ward Ray*

who stands charged with and indicted for a felony misdemeanor.

And this *she* shall not omit under penalty of £100. And have then and there this Writ.

Witness, J. ROBERT SWITZER, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court House, the *10th*  
day of *Feb* 19 *32*, and in the 15 *6th* year of the Commonwealth.

*J Robert Switzer* Clerk

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In the Name of the Commonwealth of Virginia:  
You are hereby returned in the name of the Sheriff of Rockingham County, Virginia:  
*Louise Sheldon Shumaker*

*Louise Sheldon Shumaker*

to appear before the Judge of the Circuit Court of Rockingham County at the Court House thereat,  
at 10 o'clock, a.m., on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_,  
to testify and the truth to say in behalf of the Commonwealth against

*John Ray*

who stands charged with and indicted for a felony misdemeanor.  
And this \_\_\_\_\_ shall not omit under penalty of £100. And may then and  
there take the Oath.

Witness, J. ROBERT SWITZER, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court House, the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, and in the \_\_\_\_\_ part of the Commonwealth.

*J. Robert Switzer, Clerk*

**In the Name of the Commonwealth of Virginia:**

To the Sheriff of Rockingham County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon.....

Sallie Shumaker

to appear before the Judge of the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, at the Court House thereof,  
at 10 o'clock, a. m., on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of February 19 32,  
to testify and the truth to say in behalf of the Commonwealth against

Ward Ray

who stands charged with and indicted for a ~~felony~~ misdemeanor.

And this she shall not omit under penalty of £100. And have then and  
there this Writ.

Witness, J. ROBERT SWITZER, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court House, the 10<sup>th</sup>  
day of Feb. 19 32, and in the 15<sup>6</sup><sup>th</sup> year of the Commonwealth.

J. Robert Switzer, Clerk

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Virginia:  
To the Sheriff of Rockingham County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon  
*Sallie Shumaker*

to appear before the Judge of the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, at the Court House thereof,  
at 10 o'clock, a. m., on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_  
to testify and the truth to say in behalf of the Commonwealth against

\_\_\_\_\_ who stands charged with and indicted for a felony misdemeanor.  
And this \_\_\_\_\_ shall not omit under penalty of \$100. And have them and  
these this Writ.

Witness, J. ROBERT SWITZER, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court House, the \_\_\_\_\_  
day of \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_, and in the \_\_\_\_\_ year of the Commonwealth of Virginia.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk

**In the Name of the Commonwealth of Virginia:**

To the Sheriff of Rockingham County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon.....

*John Ed Lam*

to appear before the Judge of the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, at the Court House thereof,  
at 10 o'clock, a. m., on the *19th* day of *February* 19 *32*,

to testify and the truth to say in behalf of the Commonwealth against .....

*Ward Ray*

who stands charged with and indicted for a felony misdemeanor.

And this *he* shall not omit under penalty of £100. And have then and there this Writ.

Witness, J. ROBERT SWITZER, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court House, the *10th*  
day of *Feb* 19 *32*, and in the 15 *6th* year of the Commonwealth.

*J Robert Switzer*, Clerk



Arrest Warrant

Commonwealth of Virginia, } To-Wit:  
Rockingham County, }

To The Sheriff, a Constable of said County:

Whereas, C. C. Law of the said County, has this day made complaint and information on oath before me, J. J. Augenbight a Justice of the said County, that Ward Ray of the said County, on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1931, in the said County, did

Unlawfully Offense One Chevrolet Car on the Public Highway in this County, which under the influence of Ardent Spirits against the Prohibition Laws of this Commonwealth.

These are therefore, in the name of the Commonwealth of Virginia, to command you forthwith to apprehend and bring before, me or some other Justice of the said County, the body of the said

Ward Ray to answer the said complaint and to be further dealt with according to law. And you are required to summon Silly Law James Law Sidney Law

to appear and give evidence in behalf of the Commonwealth, on the examination touching the said offence.

Given under my hand and seal this 7<sup>th</sup> day of December, in the year 1931.

J. J. Augenbight J. P. [Seal]

Miss Maud Bessie Ray Ida Shoemaker Lee Pitt & wife

STATE OF VIRGINIA—COUNTY OF ROCKINGHAM, TO-WIT:

I, M. L. Lauham

, a Justice of the Peace in and for the

County of Rockingham, Virginia, do hereby certify that

Ward Ray

and

Snrk Ray

as his surety,

have this day acknowledged themselves indebted to the Commonwealth of Virginia in the sum of

Two Hundred & Fifty Dollars (\$ 250.00)

to be made and levied of their goods and chattels, upon this condition: That the said

Ward Ray

shall appear before the undersigned or the

Circuit Court of Rockingham County, on the 19 day of Dec, 10 am, 1931, and not leave hence without leave of the said Court, to answer the charge in this warrant, or to await the action of the Grand Jury of the said County upon the within charge.

Given under my hand this, the 17 day of Dec, 1931

M. L. Lauham

J. P.

Dec 19-1931

10 AM

Commonwealth

vs.

Arrest Warrant

Ward Ray

Executed the within warrant by arresting and delivering the body of

before

a justice of Rockingham County, and by summoning the within named witnesses in person

this 13 day of Dec, 1931.

M. L. Lauham  
Constable of Rockingham County

Lauham cost 1.00.

**JUDGMENT**

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

probably guilty and this case is referred to the grand jury.

Fine	-	-	-	\$
Clerk's Fee	-	-	-	\$
Justice's Fee	<u>3</u>	<u>Juries</u>	<u>\$7.00</u>	
Arrest	-	-	<u>\$1.00</u>	
Summoning Witness	<u>5</u>	-	<u>\$2.50</u>	
Witness Attendance and Mileage	-	-	<u>\$</u>	
Commonwealth's Attorney	-	-	<u>\$5.00</u>	
Jail Fees	-	-	<u>\$</u>	
Total	-	-	<u>\$15.00</u>	

M. L. Lauham  
Justice of the Peace.



We, the jury, in the case of the  
Commonwealth of Virginia vs Ward Ray  
find the accused not guilty,

Olin A. Douel, foreman

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Claude Gaster  
Thomas Moore  
Werman Layman  
Alias - H. Brown  
Alvin A. Lord

Ship Cost  
Sun Mtns 5.00  
Dont pay 1.50  
Dont pay .50  

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7.50

J.P. Cost  
Arrest 10.00  
Sun Mtns 2.50  

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\$12.50

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COMMONWEALTH

V. ( Misdr. (Pro.) Feb 19

WARD RAY

Jan - 6 - 1932 Bailed with  
Lurdon Ray as surety  
until 1st day Feb. Term

no jail time



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