CRIMINAL COURT *of* BALTIMORE COUNTY, INDICTMENT DOCKET

Attorney Stabler Sparks ✓

State of Maryland

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vs. 3850
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Bertie Brown alias Bertie Woods

3601

CHARGE: Sale of Liquor without Licence
Grand Jury Recommendation released
Mch 13 1928 Presentment filed—capias issued
Mch 14 1928 Cepi in Jail Shiffs Ret fd.
Mch 15 1928 Recognizance taken Harry Watson
Mch 13, 1928 Indictment filed
Arraigned and pleads
Apr. 4 1928 Submits under plea Guilty
Apr. 4 1928 Judge (Hon. C. Gus Grason) Issue tried before the Court
Same Day - Verdict "Guilty Confessed"
Apr. 4, 1928, Judgment & Sentence that the Traverser Bertie Brown alias Bertie Woods be confined in the Maryland House of Correction for the Term of Six Months & that he also pays a fine of $150.00 & Costs of the Case
Same Day Confinement sentence suspended upon the payment of Fine & Costs.
Same Day - Fine Costs paid.

Prosecuting Witness
Sgt. Baker sd
Off. Johnson sd
Grayson
Roger Smith ne
Joe Young sd
Edward Jenkins sd
James Williams sd
Wm. Johnson sd
Mose Johnson sd
Napoleon Gray sd
Arrain Jackson sd
Benj. Jackson sd
Paddy Wilson sd
Edw. Jones sd
Wm Wood sd
Sherman Johnson sd
Sherman Smith sd
Denlock Smith sd
Charles Smith sd

Defense Witness
State Wits
Edw. Williams sd
Nelly Johnson sd
Edw. Scott sd
Benj. Millstead sd
Ingrell Roache ne
Wm. Frank. sd

Attorney James P. Kelley ✓

State of Maryland

vs.

Sherman Johnson

3602

CHARGE: Arson
Grand Jury Recommendation released
Mch. 13, 1928 Presentment filed—capias issued
Mch 14, 1928 Cepi in Jail Shiffs Ret fd.
Recognizance taken
Mch. 13, 1928 Indictment filed
Mch. 19, 1928 Arraigned and pleads Not Guilty (Traverser)
Mch 21 1928 Counsel appointed Jas. P. Kelley Esq. to Defend the Traverser (Traverser)
~~Submits under plea~~
Apr. 2 1928 Judge (Hon. C. Gus Grason) Issue Joined (Short) & tried before the Court at the Election of the Traverser.
Same Day - at Close of States Case, Demurrer (Short) to the Evidence interposed by Counsel for the Traverser - Demurrer to Evidence sustained
Same Day. Verdict - Not Guilty
April 2, 1928 - Judgment Acquittal & Traverser discharged by the Court.
Apr. 5, 1928 Order of Court directing that Counsel Fee of $100.00 be paid unto James P. Kelley for defending Traverser in this Case filed. Same Day Certified Copy of above Order delivered to Clerks Office.

Prosecuting Witness
George C. Nelson sep 1.00
Clara Wilson sep 1.00
Clyde Phillips sd Son 1.00
Bertha Phillips sd Dau 1.00
Aaron Jackson sd 1.00
Elijah Brown sd 1.00
George Smart sd 1.00
Benjamin Wilson sd Pers 1.00
Killen Road Towson
Chas. Myers. fd 1.00
Court Garage, Towson
Mary French, fd Son 1.00
Lock Raven
Cornelia Lewis fd
Long Green
Susan Johnson sd 1.00
J.J. Kelley fd 1.00
Towson
Jos Dougherty sd Pers 1.00
American Bldg.

Defense Witness
Honkey Johnson sd 1.00
Mose Johnson sd 1.00
Wm. Woods sd 1.00
Leigh John the Conqueror fd 1.00
Sgt Baker sd 1.00
Thos P. Butler sd 1.00
Matty Lawrence sd
Israel D. Berlin sd 1.00
Aaron Jackson sd
Susan Jackson sd
Mattie Lawrence sd 1.00
County.
Susan Johnson sd
Dunlop Smith sd 1.00
Jersey Coston sd
Alfred Serego sd 1.00
Walter Smith sd 1.00
Harris D. Arrington sd 1.00

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xxx such time as his Excellency the Governor of Maryland may by his warrant appoint, and at such time in the death Chamber of said vs. Maryland Penitentiary you shall be hanged by your neck until you are dead, & May God have mercy upon your Soul
June 26, 1928 Transcript sent
June 28, 1928 Certified Copy of D.E. mailed to the Governor of Maryland (Warden of Md Penitentiary's Certificate of Execution ~~&~~
Nov 17 1928

Hopkins Watkins
known as Hobson Watkins

3603

CHARGE: Murder
Grand Jury Recommendation released
Mch. 13, 1928 Presentment filed—capias issued
May 25 1928 Cepi in Jail Shiffs Ret fd.
Recognizance taken
Mch 13, 1928 Indictment filed
May 29, 1928 Arraigned and pleads Not Guilty
Submits under plea
June 14, 1928 Judges (Offutt, Duncan & Grason) Issue Joined (Short) & tried before the Court without the aid of a Jury at the Election of the Traverser
June 14, 1928 Verdict - Guilty of Murder in the 1st. Degree
Same Day Sentence suspended pending the filing of Motion for a New Trial
June 26, 1928 Judge Offutt asks Traverser if he had anything to say before he passes Sentence. Traverser answered "Yes Judge, your Honor I'm sorry for the Crime I've got to pay for. But I'm glad that was with me. I am sorry for what happened but I had known the man was so kindly to him he killed him he would have went & ask the Mercy of the Court I am sorry."
June 26, 1928 The Sentence of the Court is that you, Hopkins Watkins alias known as Hobson Watkins be remanded to the Baltimore County Jail in the Custody of the Sheriff of Baltimore County who shall deliver you to the Warden of the Maryland Penitentiary to be held by said Warden in Solitary Confinement until xxx

Prosecuting Witness
Raymond Crawford sd
Sgt Baker sd - sworn 1.00
Off. Johnson sd 1.00 Towson
M. Kelley sd 1.00 "
" Corahey sd 1.00 "
Neram A. Brown sd Sworn 1.00 "
Det. Harry G. Barnett sd - 11.00 "
" Jno. T. Hackett - Sworn 11.00 "
W. Smith Garage 11.00 "
Sam Jones 11.00 "
Lee Schapp, or County
Sophia Schapp sd
Dr. R.O. Dellinger Sworn 1.00 Towson
Wm. Butler sd 1.00
Walter Mack sd Sworn 1.00 "
Essie Watkins sd Sworn 1.00 "
Stanley Shortlard 1.00 "
Bessie Batty sd - Sworn 1.00 "
Annie Parker sd - Sworn 1.00 "
Nathaniel Barnes sd 1.00 "
Jno. Myers. sd - Sworn 1.00 "
Louis (Jenkins) Batty sd 1.00 "
Louis Frazier - sd Sworn 1.00 "
Vincent Jackson sd - Sworn 1.00 "
Bob. King sd - Sworn 1.00 "
Lancie Jackson sd 1.00 "
Fanny Johnson sd
Charles Smith, sd J. Augin Sworn 1.00
Charles Beamer, sd Towson 1.00
Emma Jones. 1.00
James Brown sd - Sworn 1.00
Laura King sd 1.00

Defense Witness
Sylvester Watkins sd Co
John T. Smart Towson
State Wits
Jas. R. L. Anderson Sworn

Attorney James P. Kelley ✓

State of Maryland

vs.

Mahlon Poe Sworn

3604

CHARGE: Bastardy
Grand Jury Recommendation released
Presentment filed Apr 4 1928 capias issued
Apr 7, 1928 Cepi on bail Shiffs Ret fd.
Apr 7, 1928 Recognizance taken Israel D. Berlin
Apr. 4, 1928 ~~Indictment filed~~ Criminal Information fd.
Arraigned and pleads
Apr 25, 1928 Submits under plea Not Guilty
Apr. 25, 1928 Judge (Hon. C. Gus Grason) Issue Joined (Short) & tried before the Court at the Election of the Traverser
Same Day - Verdict "Not Guilty"
Apr. 25, 1928 Judgment Acquittal & Traverser discharged by the Court.

Prosecuting Witness
Mary Howard. Sworn 1.00
Dr. B.R. Benesch Sworn 1.00
Cockeysville, Md.
Raymond P. Howard Sworn 1.00

Defense Witness
Owen Knowles Sworn
Texas, Md.
Lester Heilmann sd
Cockeysville Sworn
Edwin Poe sd
Texas, Md.
Edwin Fine sd
Towson.
John Durbin sd
Texas, Md.