

STATE OF ALABAMA }
BALDWIN COUNTY }

IN THE JUSTICE COURT OF

Before me,

in and for said County, personally appeared Vela Mae Dykes who, being duly sworn, deposes and says on oath that he has probable cause for believing and does believe that in said County, on or about Sept 18-1944 that one J. C. Morris

did assault Vela Mae Dykes, a woman, with the intent forcible, to ravish her

against the peace and dignity of the State of Alabama

Sworn to and subscribed before me this

day of Sept 27 A. D. 1944
Chas. H. Hare, J. P.

Vela Mae Dykes

WARRANT

STATE OF ALABAMA }
BALDWIN COUNTY }

TO ANY LAWFUL OFFICER OF SAID COUNTY, GREETINGS:

You are hereby commanded to arrest

J. C. Morris

and bring

him

before me to answer the State of Alabama on a charge

Assault with intent to ravish

and have you then and there this writ with your return thereon

Witness my hand this 27 day of Sept, 1944

Chas. H. Hare

J. P.

MITTIMUS OR COMMITMENT

TO THE JAILER OF BALDWIN COUNTY: }

THE STATE OF ALABAMA
BALDWIN COUNTY

On complaint of

charging

with the offense of

it appearing that such offense has been committed, and that there is sufficient cause to believe that

J. C. Morris has been guilty thereof, you are therefore commanded to receive him into your custody, and detain him until he is legally discharged.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 194_____

Justice of the Peace

No. _____ Page _____

THE STATE OF ALABAMA
BALDWIN COUNTY

Justice Court of

Harvey

AFFIDAVIT

The State of Alabama
vs.

J.C. Morris

WITNESSES FOR THE STATE:

Lela Mae Dykes-
Mrs. Mary Dykes-
Irene Pearley
Annie Kennedy

JUSTICE COURT OF
BALDWIN COUNTY
Warrant of Arrest

The State of Alabama
vs.

J.C. Morris

Executed this _____ day of _____ 194_____

By arresting the within

named Defendant

and placing him _____

_____, Sheriff

_____, Deputy Sheriff

Criminal Docket No. _____

No. _____ Page _____

THE STATE OF ALABAMA
BALDWIN COUNTY
JUSTICE COURT OF

THE STATE OF ALABAMA
vs.

MITTIMUS

THE STATE OF ALABAMA
Baldwin County

I, _____
a Justice of the Peace in and for said State and
County, do and hereby certify that _____

the Defendant, is required to give bail in the sum of
\$ _____ for his appearance at the

194_____ Term of the _____

Court of _____ County, Ala.

Given under my hand this, the _____

day of _____, 194_____

_____, J. P.

Sept. 18-1944

Shirley.

I am writing a notice to you
and want you to do something
about this statement. This
a.m. I went out to my mail box
to mail a package and 3 letters and
they were were some other people
there so the mail man would
not take my mail until the
gals left and he said that
he thought I sure were
good looking and he grab me
and tried to pull me in
the car where he was at
and I fought and got a
loose from him and
ran home. and I want
you to do something about
and come to see me at
once about it.

Thanks

Thelma Mae Bykes

Robertsdale, Alabama.
September 24, 1944

Mr. W. R. Stuart,
Sheriff of Baldwin County,
Bay Minette, Alabama.

Dear Mr. Stuart:

Since you spoke to me a few days ago about the complaint you received from Velma Dykes concerning a mail carrier, I have found out that the Dykes family are negroes and live across Styx River, beyond Leslie Taylor's Still, somewhere near the Muscogee - Seminole mail route. If they have a mail box it is probably on that line. That is a Star Route from Muscogee, Florida to Seminole, Alabama, and crosses Styx river somewhere below Taylor's Still. I do not know the carrier on that route.

I am writing you this to help clear the matter, as the letter she wrote you was headed Robertsdale and of course would give any one the impression she had reference to my route.

Yours very truly,

Artie Banhester

AB:GB

Rural Carrier