State of Alabama, ex rel Kenneth Cooper, Solicitor Baldwin County, Alabama, vs. L.H. Cipperly and One 5¢ One Ball Pinball Machine, No. 156. In The Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama

In Equity

Case No. 3319

This cause coming on to be heard, is submitted for final decree upon the bill of complaint, and answer filed thereto by defendant, L.H. Cipperly, after personal service and by the consent of the said defendant, through his attorney, and upon consideration, the Court is of opinion that complainant is entitled to the relief prayed for in said bill, It is therefore,

Ordered, adjudged and decreed by the court:

(1) That the machine or device seized in this cause, and described in the bill of complaint filed herein, is a gambling device, the possession. ownership or operation of which is prohibited by law, and that the said machine or gambling device be and the same together with its contents, is hereby forfeited to the State of Alabama, and that said gambling device be destroyed by the Sheriff of Baldwin County, Alabama, Hon Taylor Wilkins, in the presence of the Register of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, in Equity.

(2) That the sheriff of Baldwin County, Alabama, before destroying said gambling device, shall open the same in the presence of the <sup>R</sup>egister of this Court, take therefrom any money or property found therein and turn over and deliver to the said register said money or otheresaid property; that the register shall pay to the officer or officers making the seizure one-half of the money taken from said machine, and shall pay the remaining one-half into the general fund of Baldwin County, Alabama.

(3) That the respondent pay the costs of this proceeding, for which let execution issue.

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(4) That if the Sheriff of Baldwin County, Alabama, the said Taylor Wilkins, is unable to collect the costs by execution, the Register will collect said costs from the County of Baldwin as the law directs in State fail cases.

Done this 19 th day of July, 1955.

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TO THE HONORABLE HUBERT M. HALL, OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY, IN EQUITY SITTING:

Comes your petitioner, Kenneth Cooper, as Solicitor of the 28th Judicial Circuit of Alabama, and respectfully shows and informs the Court of the following facts:

(1). That your complainant, Kenneth Cooper, is the Circuit Solicitor for Baldwin County, State of Alabama, and is authorized by law to bring this bill.

(2). That L.H.Gipperly is a resident of Escambie County, Alabama, and is over the age of twenty-one years.

(3). That on, to-wit, July 9, 1954, Taylor Wilkins, Sheriff of Baldwin County, Alabama, did find and seize in Baldwin County the gambling device hereinafter described, and has reported such seizure and detention to your complainant.

(4). That the said report of seizure and detention of said personal property shows that said sheriff has seized and holds the following described gambling device, to-wit;

One (1) One Ball Pinball Machine, Serial No. 156,

(5). That said above described machine when seized and removed was in the possession of Clarence Jarman at Loxley, Alabama, and your orator is informed and on such information believes and states that the said machine is the property of L.H. Cipperly.

(6). Your complainant charges and avers that the above described machine is a gambling device within the meaning of Section 283, Title 14, Code of Alabama, 1940. The premises considered, your orator prays that the said L.H. Cipperly be made a party respondent to this bill of complaint, that summons issue requiring him to plead, answer or demur to this bill of complaint under the rules of this Honorable Court, and within the time prescribed by law; and that on the final hearing of this cause that the court will make and enter a decree declaring that the above named article is a gambling device, that same be forfieited with its contents to the State of Alabama, and be destroyed.

And the Complainant prays for such other, further and additional relief, decrees and orders as may be necessary to accomplish such condemnation and destrction of said gambling device as illegal gambling device under the laws of Alabama.

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Comes now the Respondent in the above styled cause and for answer to

the Solicitor's Complaint, says as follows:

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The Respondent, L. H. Cipperly, admits the allegations as to Section 1. 2.

He admits the allegations as to Section 2.

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The Respondent denies that the machine seized by Taylor Wilkins, Sheriff of Baldwin County, is a gambling device. Not being informed of the other allegations of Section 3, the Respondent denies them also.

Not being informed of the contents of the Sheriff's Report of seizure Respondent denies the allegations of Section 4 and says further that if the Sheriff's Report describes this machine as one 1 ball pinball machine, Serial No. 156, it is incorrect. This machine is called a "Spotlight" which has two plastic balls in it, it can be played seven times each, the Serial No. for this machine is 193. This machine is a 5¢ machine and not a 10¢ machine and it is not a gambling device.

The Respondent admits the allegations of Section 5.

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The Respondent denies the allegations of Section 6 and says that this machine was designed for amusement only and is not a game of chance nor a gambling device. That it does not come within the purview of Title 14, Section 283 of the Alabama Code of 1940 as amended. That it does not pay off money, merchandise or otherwise; that it cannot be rigged, changed or rewired so as to pay off. That a player cannot win anything of value on this machine. It is so designed that it can be played by one player

only and his score is determined by his skill and not by lot, luck, chance, or mechanical control. That a player knows with absolute certainty what he will get for his coin before he plays, that being the right to play a game on the machine and a free game if he makes a high enough score.

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