

THE STATE OF ALABAMA, }  
Baldwin County }

No. \_\_\_\_\_ Circuit Court, In Equity.

STATE OF ALABAMA, EX REL KENNETH COOPER, SOLICITOR OF \_\_\_\_\_ Complainant...  
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA,

Vs.

JOE SPEARS AND ONE 5¢ MILLS SLOT MACHINE \_\_\_\_\_ Defendant S...

Motion is hereby made for a Decree Pro Confesso against \_\_\_\_\_

JOE SPEARS AND ONE 5¢ MILLS SLOT MACHINE \_\_\_\_\_ Defendant S...

in the above stated cause, on the ground that more than thirty days have elapsed since service of summons upon said Defendant S...; and that said summons was duly served according to law, and that said Defendant S... have failed to demur, plead to or answer the Bill of Complaint in this cause to this date.

This 17th \_\_\_\_\_ day of September 1949

Kenneth Cooper  
Solicitor.

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
BALDWIN COUNTY

Circuit Court, In Equity

STATE OF ALABAMA, EX REL

KENNETH COOPER, SOLICITOR OF

BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

Vs.

JOE SPEARS AND ONE 5¢ MILLS

SLOT MACHINE.

Motion for Decree Pro Confesso on  
Personal Service

Filed <sup>24</sup> 17 September 1949

*W. J. Neuch*  
Register.

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Register.

Complainant,  
vs.

### Dependent.

CONFIDENTIAL. NO. 22328

You are hereby commanded in accordance with that certain decree of this Court made and rendered on the 1st day of March, 1950, by Hon, Telfair J. Mashburn, Jr., Judge of said Court, to destroy in the presence of the Register of said Court, the following named articles;

*electric*  
ONE 5¢ MILLS SLOT MACHINE


You are further directed to report to this court your compliance with said decree of Condemnation.

*George J. Leach*  
Register of Circuit Court,  
In Equity.

[illegible]

I have been told by several persons who were present at the time of the arrest of the above named person in the city of New York, that he was at the time of his arrest, a member of the Communist Party of the United States.

I have executed the within  
notice by distroying the slot  
machines named herein in the  
presents of the Circuit Clerk  
this 20th day of March, 1950.

  
Sheriff of Baldwin County

notice to Sheriff

State of Ala  
vs.

Jac. Spears

no 2326

NOTICE TO THE SHERIFF OF BALDWIN COUNTY

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CIRCUIT COURT COMPLAINT

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STATE OF ALABAMA, EX REL KENNETH COOPER  
SOLICITOR OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

Complainant,  
Vs.  
JOE SPEARS AND ONE 5¢ MILLS SLOT  
MACHINE Respondent.

In the Circuit Court.

In Equity No. 2328.

DECREE PRO CONFESSO ON PERSONAL SERVICE.

In this cause, it appears to the Register, that service was had on the Respondent

JOE SPEARS AND ONE 5¢ MILLS SLOT MACHINE

by the Sheriff of Baldwin County, on the 13 day of August  
1949.

And it further appears to the Register, that the said JOE SPEARS AND ONE 5¢ MILLS SLOT  
MACHINE

the Respondent<sup>s</sup>, having to the date hereof,  
failed to plead, demur to or answer the Bill of Complaint filed in this cause, it is now, therefore,  
on motion of KENNETH COOPER Solicitors  
for Complainant, ordered, and decreed by the Register that the Bill of Complaint in this cause be,  
and it hereby is, in all things taken as confessed against the said JOE SPEARS AND ONE 5¢ MILLS  
SLOT MACHINE

This 17 day of September, 1949.

*W. J. Duck*  
Register.

No. 2328

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CIRCUIT COURT OF  
BALDWIN COUNTY,  
ALABAMA.  
IN EQUITY

STATE OF ALABAMA, EX REL KENNETH  
COOPER, SOLICITOR OF BALDWIN COUNTY

ALABAMA

Complainant,

Vs.

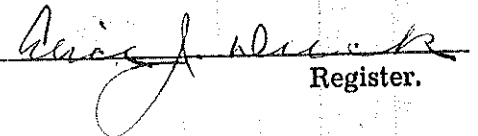
JOE SPEARS AND ONE 5¢ MILLS SLOT

MACHINE

Respondent.

DECREE PRO CONFESSO ON  
PERSONAL SERVICE.

Issued this <sup>17th</sup> 17 day of September  
194 <sup>9</sup> 9.

  
Register.

STATE OF ALABAMA, EX REL  
KENNETH COOPER, SOLICITOR,  
COMPLAINANT,

VS. JOE SPEARS

RESPONDENT.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF  
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA  
IN EQUITY

DECREE

This cause coming on to be heard, was submitted for final decree on the bill of complaint and decree pro confesso on personal service against the respondent JOE SPEARS, and the Court having considered the same is of the opinion that the complainant is entitled to the relief prayed for, and that said machine~~s~~ namely: ONE 5¢ MILLS ELECTRIC SLOT MACHINE,

was which machine~~s~~ ~~were~~ seized from the possession of the respondent, JOE SPEARS on the 16th day of Dec. 1948 ~~1950~~, by TAYLOR WILKINS, Sheriff of Baldwin County, Alabama which machine is the subject of this suit, was and is a gambling device as defined by the laws of the State of Alabama and as such is contraband property and forfeited to the State of Alabama, and is sul ct to be condemned and destroyed as such.

It is therefore ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Court that the device hereinabove described be and the same is hereby declared to be a gambling device and is hereby adjudged and declared to be contraband property and is condemned and forfeited to the State of Alabama, along with its contents as a gambling device prohibited by law.

It is further ordered, directed and decreed by the Court that one half of the money seized in said device~~s~~ be paid over by the Register of this court to the officers making the seizure of said device as above set out, and that remaining one half of said money or monies be paid into the General Fund of Baldwin County, Alabama as provided by law.

It is further ordered and decreed by the Court that the Sheriff of Baldwin County, Alabama, in the presence of the Register of this Court destroy the gambling device hereinabove described, within twenty days of the date of this decree unless an appeal is taken from this decree as provided by law.

It is further ordered and decreed by the Court that the cost of this suit be taxed against the respondent, for which let execution issue. If, however, such costs are not collected by such execution, then the Register shall tax and collect the cost from Baldwin County, to be paid as in criminal cases where the State fails.

Done, ordered and decreed, this 1st day of MARCH, 1950.

Julian A. Maslibury Jr.  
Judge, Circuit Court of Baldwin  
County, Alabama

SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT

THE STATE OF ALABAMA, }  
BALDWIN COUNTY

CIRCUIT COURT, BALDWIN COUNTY

No. 2328

TERM, 1949

TO ANY SHERIFF OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA :

You Are Hereby Commanded to Summon JOE SPEARS AND ONE 5¢ MILLS ELECTRIC SLOT MACHINE

to appear and plead, answer or demur, within thirty days from the service hereof, to the Complaint filed in

the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, State of Alabama, at Bay Minette, against JOE SPEARS AND ONE

5¢ SLOT MACHINE

, Defendant

by STATE OF ALABAMA, EX REL KENNETH COOPER, SOLICITOR OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

, Plaintiff

Witness my hand this

11<sup>th</sup>

day of

August

1949

Archie L. Smith

, Clerk.



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THE STATE of ALABAMA,  
BALDWIN COUNTY

CIRCUIT COURT

## Plaintiffs

vs.

## Defendants

# SUMMONS and COMPLAINT

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Clerk

Plaintiff's Attorney

Defendant's Attorney

Moore Printing Co.

Defendant lives at

RECEIVED IN OFFICE

-, 194\_ \_ \_ \_

Sheriff

I have executed this summons

this \_\_\_\_\_, 194\_\_\_\_

by leaving a copy with

Sheriff

Deputy Sheriff