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THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
Baldwin County.

Circuit Court, FALL Session, 1950

The Grand Jury of said County charge that before finding this indictment Ernest R. Martin, whose name is to the Grand Jury otherwise unknown, unlawfully and intentionally, but without malice, killed John T. Gill by running over him or hitting him with a motor vehicle,

against the peace and dignity of the State of Alabama.

*Kenneth Cooper*  
Solicitor of the Twenty-Eighth Judicial Circuit.

RECORDED

No. \_\_\_\_\_

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
BALDWIN COUNTY

Circuit Court

SPRING SESSION \_\_\_\_\_  
Term, 1950

THE STATE

Vs.

ERNEST R. MARTIN

INDICTMENT

MANSLAUGHTER <sup>1st</sup>

No \_\_\_\_\_ Prosecutor.

WITNESSES:

TAYLOR WILKINS

F.E. SMITH

Cpl A.R. PHILLIPS

GRAND JURY NO. 5

A TRUE BILL

*Daie Pilledge*  
Foreman Grand Jury.

Filed in open Court and in the presence of  
the Grand Jury on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of

*Nov*, 1950.

*Alvin J. Leach*, Clerk.

Presented in open Court to the presiding  
Judge by the Foreman of the Grand Jury, in

the presence of *17* other Grand Jurors.

*Alvin J. Leach*  
Clerk.

Bail fixed \$ *700.00*

*Jelfair J. Mosley, Jr.*  
Judge.

AFFIDAVIT

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STATE OF ALABAMA,  
BALDWIN COUNTY.

In the Justice Court of T. C. HAND

Before me, T. C. HAND, Justice of the Peace

in and for said County, personally appeared Taylor Watkins 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 22 July 1950 that one Ernest R. Martin unlawfully but without malice or the intention to kill, killed John Theobald Giff by negligently running over him or hitting him with a motor vehicle.

against the peace and dignity of the State of Alabama

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 23 day of July, A. D. 1950

T. C. Hand, J. P.

Taylor Watkins

WARRANT

STATE OF ALABAMA,  
BALDWIN COUNTY.

To any lawful officer of said County, Greetings:

You are hereby commanded to arrest Ernest R. Martin

and bring him before me to answer the State of Alabama on a charge of manslaughter

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

Witness my hand this 23 day of July, 1950

T. C. Hand, J. P.

**THE STATE OF ALABAMA**  
BALDWIN COUNTY

JUSTICE COURT OF  
**T. C. HAND**

**AFFIDAVIT**

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
vs.

Ernest R. Martin

WITNESSES FOR THE STATE:

F. E. Smith  
Jayles Wilkins

Justice Court of  
**Baldwin County**

**WARRANT OF ARREST**

The State of Alabama  
vs.

Ernest R. Martin

Executed this 23 day of July 1950

By arresting the within

named Defendant

Ernest R. Martin

and placing him

in jail

Jayles Wilkins, Sheriff

\_\_\_\_\_, Deputy Sheriff

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STATE OF ALABAMA    §  
COUNTY OF BALDWIN   §

To Whom It May Concern:

I, Alice J. Duck, Clerk of the Circuit Court in and for the said County and state, do hereby certify that Ernest R. Martin has been sentenced in this court by Hon. Telfair J. Mashburn, Jr. for 12 months and sentenced suspended and defendant placed on probation for 2 years.

I further certify that this releases the bond of Ernest R. Martin.

Witness my hand and seal this 8th day of December, 1950.

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Clerk, Circuit Court.  
Baldwin County, Alabama

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
BALDWIN COUNTY

JUSTICE COURT OF T. C. HAND  
Precinct 4, Bay Minette, Ala.

To Any Sheriff of the State of Alabama:

You are hereby Commanded to Summon

*F. E. Smith*

*Jaylor Wilkins,*

personally to be and appear before the Justice Court, to be holden for Baldwin County, at my office on the

*27* day of *July*, 19*50*, and from day to

day of said term, and from term to term thereafter, until discharged, to give evidence and the truth to

speak in behalf of the STATE, in a prosecution now pending in said Court, wherein the State of Alabama  
is Plaintiff and *Clement R. Martin*

Defendant, and have you then and

there this Writ, with your endorsement thereon.

Witness my hand this

*23*

day of

*July*, A. D. 19*50*

Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 4

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Executed in full, this the

28 day of  
July, 1950

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Taylor Wilkins  
Sheriff.

H. F. Hall  
Deputy Sheriff.

HEADQUARTERS & HEADQUARTERS SQUADRON  
AIR PROVING GROUND  
Eglin Air Force Base, Florida

20 November 1950

Mr. Kenneth Cooper  
Office of Circuit Solicitor  
28th Judicial Circuit  
Bay Minette, Alabama

Dear Mr. Cooper,

Reference our meeting 13 November 1950 concerning Ernest R. Martin who is being charged with manslaughter.

It was my understanding that you would consider changing the charge from 1st degree to 2nd degree with suspended sentence of 12 months providing Mrs. Gill was satisfied.

Mrs. Gill was visited on 13 November 1950 as you suggested by Cpl Martin and myself. Other than the normal greetings and goodbye, she said practically nothing. Her brother was present and did the talking for her. I do not remember his name other than Mr. Gill but I do remember him saying that he played baseball with you and he also mentioned some political differences which of course is of no concern here but I mention this so that you will know to whom I am referring. Mr. Gill stated that before any amount was agreed upon, he would like to discuss it with the doctor and attorney. Mr. Gill also stated that he would phone you by 17 November 1950 and relate the details.

Mr. Gill phoned me on 17 November 1950 and advised that Mrs. Gill would be willing to settle for \$5,000.00, and asked that I so inform Cpl Martin. Martin states that he cannot pay her more than \$1,000.00. I have asked Martin to advise his attorney, Mr. Chason, and see if Mrs. Gill will settle for \$1,000.00.

I will keep you informed of any late developments.

Sincerely,



W. G. HOLADIA  
Major, USAF  
Commanding



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SHERIFF'S APPEARANCE BOND

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA }  
Baldwin County }

We, Ernest Ray Martin, as  
principal, and undersigned as sureties, agree to pay THE STATE OF ALABAMA, the sum of \_\_\_\_\_  
Seven Hundred DOLLARS  
unless the said Ernest Ray Martin appear at the  
Face Term, 19 50 of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama,  
and from term to term thereafter until discharged by law, to answer a criminal prosecution for the offense of

Manslaughter

We hereby waive as to all amounts that may become due hereunder the benefit of all laws exempting personal property from levy and sale under execution or other process for the collection of debt, by constitution or laws of the State of Alabama, and we hereby severally certify that we have property over and above all debts, liabilities, exemptions and this bond to the amount of; real property of the value of \$2,000.00 and personal property of the value of \$1,000.00.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_\_

Ernest Ray Martin (Seal)  
[Signature] (Seal)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, Baldwin County, Ala. (Seal)

Taken and approved this the 28 day of July, 1950.

Taylor Welburn, Sheriff  
By [Signature], Deputy Sheriff

RECORDED

No. \_\_\_\_\_

THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
BALDWIN COUNTY

\_\_\_\_\_ COURT

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

THE STATE

VS.

Sheriff's Appearance Bond

Amount of Bond, \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Filed \_\_\_\_\_, 19 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk

GRAND JURY SUBPOENA — ORIGINAL

THE STATE OF ALABAMA, }  
Baldwin County

No. 5

TO Any Sheriff of the State of Alabama — Greetings:

You are hereby commanded to summon

*Taylor Wilkins*  
*F. E. Smith*  
*Cpl. Phillips*

to be and appear on the 30 day of October 1950 before the Grand Jury of said County, at the Court House thereof, then and there to testify and give evidence on behalf of the State of Alabama. Herein fail not, and make due return of this writ with your endorsement thereon.

Witness my hand this 10th day of Oct. A. D., 1950

*Alicia J. Dusk* Clerk.

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*H. patrol*

ORIGINAL

No. 5

**GRAND JURY SUBPOENA**

I have executed this Subpoena by serving  
a copy thereof on the following persons,  
to-wit:

*J. E. Smith*  
*Cpl. Phillip*

this 14 day of Oct 1940  
*Taylor Wilkin*, Sheriff  
*H. F. Hall*

**Transcript of Criminal Cases from Justice Court of Baldwin County, Ala.**

| ATTORNEYS      | CASE                 | CHARGE       |
|----------------|----------------------|--------------|
| Kenneth Cooper | THE STATE OF ALABAMA |              |
| No. 1240       | vs.                  |              |
| John Cheson    | Ernest R. Martin     | Manslaughter |

|             | DISPOSITION OF CASE  | FEES  | AMOUNT |
|-------------|--|---|--------|
|             | Affidavit made and Warrant Issued to <i>Taylor Wilkins</i>   | JUDGE'S FEES  |        |
|             | Returnable <i>Grand Jury</i>   | Warrant at 50c, Affidavit at 25c  | 75     |
|             | Witness—For State <i>J.E. Smith</i>  | Bond at 50c, Sci. Fa. at 50c  | 50     |
|             | <i>Taylor Wilkins</i>  | Witnesses' Recognizances at 25c   |        |
|             |  | 2 Subpoena or Notice at 25c   | 50     |
|             |  | Continuance at 25c  |        |
| 27 July 50  | def. was brought before me and requested hearing be waived to Grand Jury. Bond was set at \$1,000. def. being unable to make bond was ordered committed to jail. | Trial of Misdemeanor at \$1.00  |        |
|             |  | Mittimus at 25c   | 25     |
|             |  | Judgment on Forfeited Bond at 25c   |        |
|             |  | Taking Bond, etc., on Appeal at \$1.00                                    |        |
|             |  | Execution of costs at 25c   |        |
|             |  | CONSTABLE'S FEES  |        |
|             |  | Subpoena or Notice at 25c   |        |
|             |  | Carrying Defendant before Justice, each mile for himself and guard at 10c |        |
|             |  | Arrest, 50c   |        |
|             |  | SHERIFF'S FEES  |        |
| 28 July 50. | John Cheson appeared in my court and requested that the def be allowed to post a \$700 cash bond. The court granted his request and accepted the bond.           | Arrest, \$2.00; Bond \$1.00; Sci. Fa., 50c                                | 4.00   |
|             |  | Committing, \$2.00; Releasing, \$1.00                                     | 2.10   |
|             |  | 2 Subpoenas at 50c Day's Board at 30c                                     | 1.00   |
|             |  | WITNESS FEES  |        |
|             |  | 1 Days at 50c   | 50     |
|             |  | 1 " 50c   | 50     |
|             |  | " 50c   |        |
|             |  | " 50c   |        |
|             |  | " 50c   |        |
|             |  | " 50c   |        |
|             |  | " 50c   |        |
|             |  | DEFENDANT'S COSTS   |        |
|             |  | Witnesses' Recognizance at 25c  |        |
|             |  | Subpoenas at 25c  |        |
|             |  | Executing Subpoenas   |        |
|             | <i>P. Land</i><br><i>Justice of Peace</i>  |   |        |

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