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**INDICTMENT**

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**THE STATE OF ALABAMA**  
**Baldwin County.**

**Circuit Court, Spring Session, 1953**

The Grand Jury of said County charge that before the finding of this indictment EPHRIAM BETTIS, whose name is to the Grand Jury otherwise unknown, while intoxicated, drove a motor vehicle on U. S. Highway 31, a public highway, in Baldwin County, Alabama, against the peace and dignity of the State of Alabama.

2. The Grand Jury of said County further charge that before the finding of this indictment EPHRIAM BETTIS, whose name is to the Grand Jury otherwise unknown, while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs, drove a motor vehicle on U. S. Highway 31, a public highway, in Baldwin County, Alabama,

against the peace and dignity of the State of Alabama.

**WILLIAM R. LAUTEN**  
Solicitor of the Twenty-Eighth Judicial Circuit.

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RECORDED

No. ....

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
BALDWIN COUNTY

Circuit Court

Spring Session, 19 53

THE STATE

Vs.

EPHRIAM BETTIS

INDICTMENT

Driving while intoxicated

No Prosecutor.

WITNESSES:

J. Bankston

GRAND JURY NO. 53

A TRUE BILL

*Robert E. Stapleton*  
Foreman Grand Jury.

Filed in open Court and in the presence of  
the Grand Jury on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of  
March, 1953.

*W. J. ...*, Clerk

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

the presence of 17 other Grand Jurors.

*W. J. ...*, Clerk.

Bail fixed \$ 500<sup>00</sup>

*H. ...*

Judge.

*We the jury find the  
defendant guilty and  
recommend a fine  
of \$100<sup>00</sup>*

*Barry ...  
foreman*

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SHOWING

My name is Sam Adams, and I live in Magazine Point, Alabama. I own a cafe there, and I live in rooms behind the cafe. I have known Ephram Bettis for about 30 years. On the night of 24th of February, 1953, Ephram stopped by to see me. I was in bed in one of the rooms behind the cafe. He was the only person who came back to see me. As well as I remember it was about 9:20 in the evening when he came into the room. I talked with him at a distance of about 5 feet, as he came right up beside the bed. I noticed no smell of whiskey or of any alcoholic beverages on his breath. Nor did he indicate in any manner whatsoever that he had been drinking. He had complete control of his speech and his body. I offered him some beer and my wife brought him a bottle. He drank some of it and then he left for home, as he said that his wife was sick with tonsilitis and the flu and was by herself at home in bed with no one to take care of her. Altogether he was there only about 10 minutes before he left for home.

Ephram Bettis

State No.

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## Second Week — Spring Session

NO.	NAME	OCCUPATION	ADDRESS
<del>1</del>	<del>LUTHER V. STREET</del>	<del>Farmer</del>	<del>Point Clear</del>
<del>2</del>	<del>WILLIAM COLLINS</del>	<del>Fisherman</del>	<del>Foley</del>
<del>3</del>	<del>C. J. LONG</del>	<del>Mechanic</del>	<del>Foley</del>
<del>4</del>	<del>G. E. WEDDINGTON</del>	<del>Truck Driver</del>	<del>Loxley</del>
5	K. E. WELFORD	P.M.A.	Bay Minette
<del>6</del>	<del>ELIAS C. MCKENZIE</del>	<del>Defense</del>	<del>Foley</del>
<del>7</del>	<del>CARL L. BUNZ</del>	<del>Mechanic</del>	<del>Foley</del>
<del>8</del>	<del>LAWRENCE NELSON</del>	<del>Fisherman</del>	<del>Bon Secour</del>
<del>9</del>	<del>CALVIN CHIDRESS</del>	<del>Farmer</del>	<del>Summerdale</del>
<del>10</del>	<del>W. J. SIMMS</del>	<del>Hardware</del>	<del>Belforest</del>
11	DONALD CAIN	Jeweler	Bay Minette
<del>12</del>	<del>C. F. ECHOLS</del>	<del>Teacher</del>	<del>Bay Minette</del>
13	JULIUS LEE BRYANT	Butcher	Stockton
<del>14</del>	<del>NELSON HURLEY</del>	<del>Farmer</del>	<del>Foley</del>
<del>15</del>	<del>ALTON B. HANKINS</del>	<del>Farmer</del>	<del>Rosinton</del>
<del>16</del>	<del>CLARENCE EHMAN</del>	<del>Mill</del>	<del>Bay Minette</del>
<del>17</del>	<del>BEN E. SEMS</del>	<del>Merchant</del>	<del>Daphne</del>
18	DENNIS B. HOWELL	Clerk	Bay Minette
<del>19</del>	<del>HERBERT BASKIN</del>	<del>Flagmaster</del>	<del>Perdido</del>
20	LESLIE BYE	Brookley Field	Robertsdale
<del>21</del>	<del>DANA DAVIS</del>	<del>Merchant</del>	<del>Daphne</del>
<del>22</del>	<del>CLYDE WATERS</del>	<del>Farmer</del>	<del>Bay Minette</del>
<del>23</del>	<del>D. J. GIACOMINI</del>	<del>Flower Grower</del>	<del>Foley</del>
<del>24</del>	<del>HERSHEL GUTHRIE</del>	<del>Farmer</del>	<del>Bon Secour</del>
25	PERCY COX	Paper Wood	Stockton
<del>26</del>	<del>CHERMAN R. HENOFF</del>	<del>Butcher</del>	<del>Robertsdale</del>
<del>27</del>	<del>WINDUPT HARDY</del>	<del>Insurance</del>	<del>Bay Minette</del>
<del>28</del>	<del>JOSEPH WESLEY</del>	<del>Clerk</del>	<del>Silverhill</del>
<del>29</del>	<del>ANGIE F. BERTOLTA</del>	<del>Farmer</del>	<del>Belforest</del>
30	ALBERT M. REDD	Manager REA	Foley
<del>31</del>	<del>W. M. GULLEDGE</del>	<del>Farmer</del>	<del>Robertsdale Rt.</del>
32	PERRY PRESCOTT	Sea Food Ins.	Bay Minette
33	WALLACE L. GREEN	Forman Newport	Bay Minette
<del>34</del>	<del>EDWARD CARVER</del>	<del>Farmer</del>	<del>Bon Secour</del>
<del>35</del>	<del>MARTIN C. CROSBY</del>	<del>Retired Druggist</del>	<del>Foley</del>
<del>36</del>	<del>J. DOUGAL CROSBY</del>	<del>Carpenter</del>	<del>Bay Minette</del>
37	DONALD E. HASTINGS	Farmer	Rosinton
<del>38</del>	<del>WILLIAM SIMMONS</del>	<del>Merchant</del>	<del>Fairhope</del>
<del>39</del>	<del>LAWRENCE E. CALLAWAY</del>	<del>Fisherman</del>	<del>Bon Secour</del>
<del>40</del>	<del>A. J. ENGEL</del>	<del>Farmer</del>	<del>Summerdale</del>
<del>41</del>	<del>A. R. BONFON</del>	<del>Mechanic</del>	<del>Fairhope</del>
<del>42</del>	<del>FREDRICK PIERCE</del>	<del>Farmer</del>	<del>Fairhope</del>
43	W. A. GOER	Mechanic	Fairhope
<del>44</del>	<del>FRANK DOUSEK</del>	<del>Sgt. Mechanic</del>	<del>Lillian</del>
<del>45</del>	<del>JESS GANN</del>	<del>Fisherman</del>	<del>Bon Secour</del>
<del>46</del>	<del>D. C. MELLON</del>	<del>Merchant</del>	<del>Fairhope</del>
<del>47</del>	<del>NOLAN NEAL</del>	<del>Labor</del>	<del>Fairhope</del>
<del>48</del>	<del>LAMAR McBRIDE</del>	<del>Mechanic</del>	<del>Foley</del>
<del>49</del>	<del>ELMER LINDLE</del>	<del>Filing Station</del>	<del>Silverhill</del>
<del>50</del>	<del>AUTREY SUNDHAM</del>	<del>Carpenter</del>	<del>Foley</del>
<del>51</del>	<del>GEORGE BROWN</del>	<del>Paper Carrier</del>	<del>Foley</del>
<del>52</del>	<del>NORTH RESMONDO</del>	<del>Farmer</del>	<del>Summerdale</del>
<del>53</del>	<del>GEORGE E. FULLER</del>	<del>Theatre Operator</del>	<del>Fairhope</del>
<del>54</del>	<del>PERRY HEAD</del>	<del>Farmer</del>	<del>Stapleton</del>
55	HENRY McALLISTER	Farmer	Rosinton
<del>56</del>	<del>WALTER RICHESON</del>	<del>Postal Clerk</del>	<del>Bay Minette</del>
<del>57</del>	<del>DENNY CAMERON</del>	<del>Restaurant Clerk</del>	<del>Foley</del>
<del>58</del>	<del>ALBERT FAULK</del>	<del>Merchant</del>	<del>Foley</del>
59	H. B. CORBETT	Grocery	Bay Minette
<del>60</del>	<del>BEN STANLEY</del>	<del>Farmer</del>	<del>Robertsdale</del>

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Appearance Bond

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The State of Alabama, {  
Baldwin County

We, Ephriam Bettis, as

principal, and undersigned as sureties agree to pay THE STATE OF ALABAMA, the sum of  
Three Hundred \$ 300<sup>00</sup> DOLLARS

unless the said Ephriam Bettis appears at the  
Feb. 28 at 4 P.M. Term, 1953 of the Justice W E Miller Court of Baldwin County, Alabama

and from term to term thereafter until discharged by law, to answer a criminal prosecution for the offense of  
Driving While Intoxicated

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 \_\_\_\_\_, 195\_\_\_\_

Ephriam Bettis L. S.

E Davidson L. S.

Carrie Bettis L. S.

\_\_\_\_\_ Baldwin County, Ala.

\_\_\_\_\_ L. S.

Taken and approved this the 28 day of Feb 1953

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

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

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Bonds

No. ....

The State of Alabama,  
Baldwin County.

Court

Sheriff's Office

THE STATE

VS.

Sheriff's Appearance Bond

Amount of Bond, \$ .....

Filed ..... 195

..... Clerk

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA

BALDWIN COUNTY

I, Clint S. White, do hereby agree to pay the State of Alabama, three hundred(\$300) dollars unless the said Ephrim Bettis appear at the next term of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, and from term to term thereafter until discharged by law, to answer a criminal prosecution for the offense of drunken driving.

Witness my hand and seal, this the 28th day of February, 1953.

Clint S. White (LS)

Ephrim Bettis (LS)

Approved 2-28-53  
H. Mills

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State of Alabama

v.

Ephram Bettis

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BOND FOR APPEARANCE

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FILED \_\_\_\_\_

*H. D. Miles*

Justice of the Peace

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J. Connor Owens, Jr.  
Attorney at Law  
Bay Minette, Ala.

*(25)*  
*1/23/1914*  
*Case No. 1000*

*Received of Ephram Bettis the sum of \$100.00 for bond for appearance in the case of Ephram Bettis vs. State of Alabama, docketed in the County of Baldwin, Alabama, on the 23rd day of January, 1914.*



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STATE OF ALABAMA

V.

EPHRAM BETTIS

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IN THE JUSTICE COURT, BEAT 8

Now comes the Defendant, Ephram Bettis, and files this demand for trial by jury.

Ephram Bettis

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State of Alabama

v.

Ephram Bettis  
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Demand for trial by jury  
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FILED: \_\_\_\_\_

*H. Miles*

Justice of the Peace

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J. Connor Owens, Jr.  
Attorney at Law  
Bay Minette, Alabama

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State Of Alabama, }  
Baldwin County. }

In the Justice Court of H. E. MILLS

Before me, H. E. MILLS, Justice of the Peace

in and for said County, personally appeared W. A. Hornsby 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 Feb 22 - 1953 that one Opheam Bettis

Did operate a vehicle on the Highway while under the influence of intoxicating liquors or drugs

against the peace and dignity of the State of Alabama

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 22

day of Feb, A. D., 19 53

H. Mills, J. P.

W. A. Hornsby

WARRANT

State Of Alabama, }  
Baldwin County. }

To Any Lawful Officer of Said County, Greetings:

You are hereby commanded to arrest Opheam Bettis

and bring him

before \_\_\_\_\_ me to answer the State of Alabama on a charge

Driving while intoxicated

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

Witness my hand this 22 day of Feb, 19 53

H. Mills, J. P.

The State of Alabama,  
Baldwin County

Justice Court of

H. E. MILLS

AFFIDAVIT

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
VS.

*Chriam*

*Bettis*

Witnesses for the State:

*J. Bankston*

Justice Court of

Baldwin County

WARRANT OF ARREST

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
VS.

*Chriam*

*Bettis*

Executed this 22 day of Feb 1953

By arresting the within

named Defendant

and placing him

*in jail*

*W.A. Hornaly* Sheriff

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

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**CAPIAS**

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA } To Any Sheriff of the State of Alabama:  
Baldwin County }

An indictment having been found against

EPERIAM BETTIS

at the Spring Term, 19 53, of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, for the offense of

Driving While Intoxicated

you are, therefore, commanded forthwith to arrest the said Defendant and commit him

to jail, unless he give bail to answer said indictment, and that you return this Writ according to law.

Dated this 12th day of March, 19 53

W. J. [Signature]  
Clerk Circuit Court of Baldwin County.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA }  
Baldwin County }

We, \_\_\_\_\_, as principal and

the other undersigned as sureties, agree to pay the State of Alabama \_\_\_\_\_

Dollars, unless the said \_\_\_\_\_ appears

at the \_\_\_\_\_ Term of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, and from Term to

Term thereafter until discharged by law, to answer a criminal prosecution for the offense of \_\_\_\_\_

In signing the above bond we and each of us hereby waive all legal rights of exemptions allowed us by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Alabama.

Witness our hands and seals this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19 \_\_\_\_\_

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Taken and approved \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sheriff of Baldwin County.

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**CAPIAS**

No. 53

THE STATE

vs.

EPHRIAM BETTIS

Bail Fixed in This Case in Open Court at

\$ 500.00

By Hubert M. Hall  
Judge Presiding.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk.

Executed this 14 day of March, 1953

By arresting the within

named Defendant

and placing him Under Bond

Jay G. Wilkins, Sheriff  
\_\_\_\_\_, Deputy Sheriff

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA )  
BALDWIN COUNTY )

I, C. J. White, do hereby agree

to pay the State of Alabama, Five hundred dollars (\$500.00) unless the said Ephrim Bettis appear at the next term 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 drunken driving.

Witness my hand and seal, this 13th day of March, 1953.

C. J. White (LS)

X Ephrim Bettis (LS)

Taken and approved this  
14th day of March 1953

J. B. Wilkins  
Sheriff

RECORDED

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF  
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

STATE OF ALABAMA

V.

EPHRIM BETTIS

APPEARANCE BOND

FILED \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

J. CONNOR OWENS, JR.  
ATTORNEY  
BAY MINETTE, ALABAMA



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

Attorneys	Case	Charge
	THE STATE OF ALABAMA,	
No.	Vs.	
	<i>Ephraim Beeler</i>	<i>D. U. S.</i>

Disposition of Case	Fees	Amount
Affidavit made and Warrant Issued to <i>W. Hoensky</i>	Judge's Fees	
Returnable	Warrant at 50c, Affidavit at 25c	<i>75</i>
Witness—for State <i>J. Bankston</i>	Bond at 50c, Sci Fa at 50c	
<i>Trial by Jury demanded</i>	Witnesses' Recognizances at 25c	
<i>Bond set for appearance at Circuit Court</i>	Subpoena or notice at 25c	
<i>N. Meeks</i>	Continuance at 25c	
	Trial of Misdemeanor at \$1.00	
	Mittimus at 25c	<i>25</i>
	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	
	Arrest \$2.00 Bond, \$1.00, Sci Fa 50c	
	Committing \$1.00, Releasing \$1.00	<i>2.00</i>
	Subpoenas at 25c Day's Board at 30c	
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