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INDICTMENT

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 J. W. CROSS, alias JAKE CORSS, whose name is to the Grand Jury otherwise unknown, feloniously took, to-wit, two twenty-dollar bills and one ten-dollar bill in lawful United States currency, of the value of, to-wit, fifty dollars, the property of Walter B. Blackmon, from his person, and against his will, by violence to his person, against the peace and dignity of the State of Alabama.

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against the peace and dignity of the State of Alabama.

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

RECORDED

No.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
BALDWIN COUNTY

Circuit Court

Spring Session, 1953

THE STATE

Vs.

J. W. CROSS, alias JAKE CROSS

INDICTMENT

Robbery

No Prosecutor.

WITNESSES:

Walter B. Blackmon

GRAND JURY NO. 45B

A TRUE BILL

Robert E. Stapleton
Foreman Grand Jury.

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

Deitcher Clerk

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

the presence of 17 other Grand Jurors.

Deitcher Clerk.

Bail fixed \$3000

W. M. Saxe
Judge.

We the Jury find the defendant guilty
and ~~recommend~~ ^{sentenced} he be ~~sentenced~~ ten years.

Recommend the ~~prison~~ ^{leniency} of the Court -

J. N. Gam
Foreman -

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Baldwin County.

Circuit Court, Spring Session, 194 53

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William P. Foster
Solicitor of the Twenty-Eighth Judicial Circuit.

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BALDWIN COUNTY**

Circuit Court

SPRING Term, 194 53

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March, 194 53

Alice J. Duck, Clerk.

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

the presence of 17 other Grand Jurors.

Alice J. Duck

Clerk.

Bail fixed \$ 3000.00

H. M. Hall

Judge.

*J. W. Cross, alias Jake Cross
no 1624*

JURY LIST

Second Week — Spring Session

NO.	NAME	OCCUPATION	ADDRESS
1.	LUTHER V. STREET	Farmer, Point Clear	106
2.	WILLIAM COLLINS	Fisherman, Foley	54
3.	K. E. WELFORD	P.M.A., Bay Minette	
4.	ELIAS C. MCKENZIE	Defense, Foley	108
5.	LAWRENCE NELSON	Fisherman, Bon Secour	
6.	DONALD CAIN	Jeweler, Bay Minette	
7.	C. F. ECHOLS	Teacher, Bay Minette	10
8.	JULIUS LEE BRYANT	Butcher, Stockton	104
9.	NELSON HURLEY	Farmer, Foley	55
10.	BEN R. SIMS	Merchant, Daphne	102
11.	DENNIS B. HOWELL	Clerk, Bay Minette	105
12.	HERBERT BASKIN	Flagmaster, Perdido	
13.	LESLIE BYE	Brookley Field, Robertsdale	
14.	DANA DAVIS	Merchant, Daphne	
15.	CLYDE WATERS	Farmer, Bay Minette	105
16.	HEASHAL GUTHRIE	Farmer, Bon Secour	56
17.	PERCY COX	Paper Wood, Stockton	
18.	WINDELL HARDY	Insurance, Bay Minette	
19.	JOSEPH WISELEY	Clerk, Silverhill	101
20.	ALBERT M. REED	Manager REA, Foley	102
21.	W. M. GUILLEDGE	Farmer, Robertsdale Rt.	106
22.	PERRY PRESCOTT	Sea Food Ins., Bay Minette	
23.	WALLACE L. GREEN	Forman Newport, Bay Minette	102
24.	EDWARD CARVER	Farmer, Bon Secour	57
25.	MARTIN C. CROSBY	Retired Druggist, Foley	51
26.	DONALD E. HASTINGS	Farmer, Rosinton	53
27.	WILLIAM SIMMONS	Merchant, Fairhope	
28.	LAWRENCE B. CALLAWAY	Fisherman, Bon Secour	
29.	W. A. GOER	Mechanic, Fairhope	
30.	JESS GANN	Fisherman, Bon Secour	
31.	D. C. MILLION	Merchant, Fairhope	
32.	NOLAN NEAL	Labor, Fairhope	
33.	LAMAR McBRIDE	Mechanic, Foley	
34.	ELMER LINDELL	Filling Station, Silverhill	103
35.	GEORGE BROWN	Paper Carrier, Foley	
36.	NOAH RESMONDO	Farmer, Summerville	59
37.	GEORGE D. FULLER	Theatre Operator, Fairhope	101
38.	BERRY HEAD	Farmer, Stapleton	
39.	HENRY McALLISTER	Farmer, Rosinton	
40.	WILBUR RICHMOND	Postal Clerk, Bay Minette	104
41.	SIDNEY CAMERON	Restaurant Clerk, Foley	52
42.	ALBERT FAULK	Merchant, Foley	
43.	H. B. CORBETT	Grocery, Bay Minette	103
44.	R. N. STANTON	Farmer, Robertsdale	
45.	ARTHUR FREGO	Farmer, Fairhope	
46.	I. J. BRIZ, JR.	Palpwood, Foley	52
47.	AUGUST H. WHEELER	Contractor, Foley	108
48.	HAROLD J. MILLER	Mechanic, Fairhope	
49.	TED W. COOPER	Livestock dealer, Robertsdale	107
50.	STURMAN B. HENOTE	Butcher, Robertsdale	

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

An indictment having been found against

J. W. CROSS alias JAKE CROSS

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

Robbery

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.

Alvin J. ...
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 _____

(L. S.)

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(L. S.)

Taken and approved _____ day of _____, 19 _____

Sheriff of Baldwin County.

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No. 45 B

THE STATE

vs.

J. W. CROSS, alias

JAKE CROSS

Bail Fixed in This Case in Open Court at

\$ _____

By HUBERT M. HALL,
Judge Presiding.

Attest: _____
Clerk.

Executed this 16 day of March, 1953

By arresting the within

named Defendant

and placing him in jail

Taylor Wilkins, Sheriff

H. F. Hall, Deputy Sheriff

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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

H. F. Hall, Edleigh Steadham

Walter B. Blackman

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

13 day of *Feb.*, 19*53*, 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

J. W. Cross

Defendant, and have you then and there this Writ, with your endorsement thereon.

Witness my hand this *21* day of *Jan*, A. D., 19*53*.

T. C. Hand

Justice of the Peace, Precinct 4

107-727-
Executed in full, this the

10 day of

Feb, 1987

Taylor Wilkin
Sheriff.

P. D. Sullivan
Deputy Sheriff.

Appearance Bond 11024

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The State of Alabama, }
Baldwin County

We, J. W. Cross, as
principal and undersigned as sureties agree to pay THE STATE OF ALABAMA, the sum of
Two thousand DOLLARS
unless the said J. W. Cross appears at the
next Term, 1953 of the Grand Jury Court of Baldwin County, Alabama
and from term to term thereafter until discharged by law, to answer a criminal prosecution for the offense of

Robbery.

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_____

J. W. Cross L. S.
William H. Sigler L. S.
[Signature] L. S.
_____ L. S.

_____ Baldwin County, Ala.

Taken and approved this the 16 day of Feb. 1953

Jayla Wilkins, Sheriff
By H. F. Hall, Deputy Sheriff

William Cross

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W. Cross

Moore County

Shirley

James E. Smith

*This is to certify
that if this bond
is printed to
be in my county
I would accept
of printed to
good bond and
that this is a
good bond and
I would accept
of printed to
be in my county
James E. Smith*

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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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 H. F. HALL 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 24 January 1953 that one J. W. GROSS
feloniously took FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00) in U. S. Currency from WALTER B. BLACKMAN against
his will by violence to his person .

against the peace and dignity of the State of Alabama

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 26

day of January, A. D., 19 53

J. P. *H. F. Hall*

WARRANT

State Of Alabama, }
Baldwin County. }

To Any Lawful Officer of Said County, Greetings:

You are hereby commanded to arrest J. W. GROSS

and bring him

before me to answer the State of Alabama on a charge

ROBBERY

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

Witness my hand this 26 day of January, 19 53.

J. P. *H. F. Hall*

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The State of Alabama,
Baldwin County

Justice Court of

T. C. HAND

AFFIDAVIT

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
VS.

J. W. CROSS

Witnesses for the State:

H. F. Hall
Edleigh Steadham
Walter B. Blackman ✓

Executed the 7th day of February
1953 by placing the within
defendant in jail.

Taylor Wilkins, Sheriff

Pete Sellers
By: Pete Sellers

Printed by Moore Printing Co.

Justice Court of

Baldwin County

WARRANT OF ARREST

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
VS.

J. W. CROSS

Executed this 31 day of Jan. 1953

By arresting the within

named Defendant

J. W. Cross

and placing him

in the Escambia County jail,
Pensacola, Fla.

W. J. Kelson
Constable Dist. #2, Sheriff
Escambia County, Fla.
Deputy Sheriff

THE STATE

vs.

J. W. CROSS Alias JAKE CROSS

In the Circuit Court of Baldwin County,

Spring

Session, 19 53

Venire of the jurors in the above stated cause, names herein stated from No. 1 to No. 5 both inclusive, being the special jurors drawn in open Court by the presiding Judge, in said cause, and the other names, from No. 6 to No. 65, both inclusive, being the regular jurors drawn and summoned for the second week of the Spring Term of said Court, the said cause having been set for trial on the 24th day of March 19, which is a day of said second week of the Spring Term of said Court, to-wit:

No.	NAME	Occupation	Residence Address	Business Address
✓ 1	Arthur Frego	Farmer	Fairhope	
✓ 2	L. J. Early Jr.	Pulpwood	Foley	
✓ 3	August H. Mueller	Contractor	Foley	
✓ 4	Harold J. Miller	Mechanic	Fairhope	
✓ 5	Ted W. Cooper	Livestock	Robertsdale	
6	Luther V. Street	Farmer	Point Clear	
7	William Collins	Fisherman	Foley	
8	C. J. Long	Mechanic	Foley	
9	O. E. Middleton	TruckDriver	Loxley	
10	K. E. Welford	P.M.A.	Bay Minette	
11	Elias G. McKenzie	Defense	Foley	
12	Carl Lenz	Mechanic	Elberta	
13	Lawrence Nelson	Fisherman	Bon Secour	
14	Calvin Childress	Farmer	Summerdale	
15	B. J. Simmis	Hardware	Belforest	
16	Donald Cain	Jeweler	Bay Minette	
17	C. F. Echols	Teacher	Bay Minette	
18	Julius Lee Bryant	Butcher	Stockton	
19	Neilson Hurley	Farmer	Foley	
20	Alton B. Hankins	Farmer	Rosinton	
21	Clarence Eiland	Mill	Bay Minette	
22	Ben E. Sims	Merchant	Daphne	
23	Dennis B. Howell	Clerk	Bay Minette	
24	Herbert Baskin	Flagmaster	Perdido	
25	Leslie Bye	Brookley	Robertsdale	
26	Dana Davis	Merchant	Daphne	
27	Clyde Waters	Farmer	Bay Minette	
28	D. J. Giacomelli	Flowers	Foley	
29	Hershal Guthrie	Farmer	Bon Secour	
30	Percy Cox	Paperwood	Stockton	
31	Sherman R. Hinote	Butcher	Robertsdale	
32	Windell Hardy	Insurance	Bay Minette	
33	Joseph Wesley	Clerk	Silverhill	
34	Angie F. Bertolla	Farmer	Belforest	
35	Albert M. Redd	Manager REA.	Foley	
36	W. M. Gullledge	Farmer	Robertsdale	
37	Perry Prescott	Sea food ins.	Bay Minette	
38	Wallace L. Green	Prman Nport	Bay Minette	
39	Edward Carver	Farmer	Bon Secour	
40	Martin C. Crosby	Ret. Druggist	Foley	
41	J. Dougal Crosby	Turpentine	Bay Minette	
42	Donald E. Hastings	FarmEr	Rosinton	
43	William Simmons	Merchant	Fairhope	
44	Lawrence E. Callaway	Fisherman	Bon Secour	
45	A. J. Engel	Farmer	Summerdale	
46	A. R. Bonton	Mechanic	Fairhope	
47	Frederick Pierce	Farmer	Fairhope	
48	W. A. Goer	Mechanic	Fairhope	
49	Frank Dusek Sr.	Mechanic	Lillian	
50	Jess Gann	Fisherman	Bon Secour	
51	D. C. Melhom	Merchant	Fairhope	
52	Nolan Neal	Labor	Fairhope	

No.	NAME	Occupation	Residence Address	Business Address
53	Lamar McBride	Mechanic	Foley	
54	Elmer Lindell	Filling Station	Silverhill	
55	Autrey Stedham	Carpenter	Foley	
56	George Brown	Paper Carrier	Foley	
57	Noah Resmondo	Farmer	Summerdale	
58	George E. Fuller	Theater Oper.	Fairhope	
59	Perry Head	Farmer	Stapleton	
60	Henry McAllister	Farmer	Rosinton	
61	Wilbur Richerson	Postal Clerk	Bay Minette	
62	Sidney Cameron	Rest. Clerk	Foley	
63	Albert Faulk	Merchant	Foley	
64	H. B. Corbett	Grocery	Bay Minette	
65	R. N. Stanton	Farmer	Robertsdale	
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I hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct list of the venire in the case of the State vs. _____

_____ J. W. Cross alias Jake Cross _____ charged with _____ Robbery _____; that the names of jurors from

No. _____ 1 _____ to _____ 5 _____, both inclusive, are the special jurors drawn by the presiding Judge, in open Court, and that the names of jurors from No. _____ 6 _____ to No. _____ 65 _____, both inclusive, is a correct list of the regular jurors drawn and summoned for the _____ Second _____ week of the _____ Spring _____ Term, 19⁵³, of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama. I further certify that the foregoing copy of the indictment is a true and correct copy of the indictment in this case.

Witness my hand this _____ 17th _____ day of _____ March _____ 19⁵³

Gayton Wilkins
 Sheriff Baldwin County, Ala.

Executed by serving a copy of the indictment and a correct list of the jurors in this case, on this the _____ 18th _____ day of _____ March _____, 19⁵³, upon _____ J. W. Cross alias Jake Cross _____ the Defendant _____

Gayton Wilkins
 Sheriff.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
 Baldwin County.

CIRCUIT COURT

List of Jurors and Copy of Indictment

STATE

vs.

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

Attorneys	Case	Charge
	THE STATE OF ALABAMA,	
No. 4243	Vs.	
Cecil Chason	J. W. Cross	Robbery.

Disposition of Case	Fees	Amount
Affidavit made and Warrant Issued to H. F. Hall	Judge's Fees	
Returnable Grand Jury.	Warrant at 50c, Affidavit at 25c	25
Witness—for State H. F. Hall	Bond at 50c, Sci Fa at 50c	
Edleigh Steadham.	Witnesses' Recognizances at 25c	75
Walter B. Blackmon.	3 Subpoena or notice at 25c	
	Continuance at 25c	
13 Feb 52	Trial of Misdemeanor at \$1.00	75
def. appeared in court and in attorney	Mittimus at 25c	
requested hearing be waived to	Judgment on Forfeited Bond at 25c	
Grand Jury.	Taking Bond, etc, on Appeal at \$1.00	
Bond was set at 2000 ⁰⁰	Execution of costs at 25c	
def being unable to make bond was	Constable's Fees	
ordered committed to jail.	Subpoena or Notice at 25c	
	Carrying Defendant before Justice	
16 Feb 52	each mile for himself and guard at 10c	
def. posted bond.	Arrest 50c	
	Sheriff's Fees	
	Arrest \$2.00 Bond, \$1.00, Sci Fa 50c	4.00
	Committing \$1.00, Releasing \$1.00	2.10
	3 Subpoenas at 25c	75
	1 Day's Board at 30c	30
	3 Witness Fees	10.00
	3 Days at 50c	4.00
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	DEFENDANT'S COSTS	
	Witnesses' Recognizance at 25c	
	Subpoenas at 25c	
	Executing Subpoenas	

D. J. Laid
Justice of Peace.

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