



No. ....

The State of Alabama  
Baldwin County.

Circuit Court

SPRING SESSION ~~XIXXX~~ 19-55

The State

vs.

WILLIE WOODROW MERRITT

INDICTMENT

MANSLAUGHTER, SECOND DEGREE  
No. Prosecutor

WITNESSES:

MRS JOE DUSEK	5:15
R. E. ETHERIDGE	4:35
R. C. HENDRICK	4:45

GRAND JURY NO. 6

A TRUE BILL,

Carle L. Blyhouse  
Foreman Grand Jury.

Filed in open Court and in the presence of  
the Grand Jury on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of

March, 1955  
Alvin 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.

Alvin J. ...  
Clerk.

Bail fixed \$ 750<sup>00</sup>  
W. M. ...  
Judge.

*We the jury find defendant guilty  
as charged and fined \$500<sup>00</sup>*

*Alvin J. ...*

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The State of Alabama, }

Baldwin County.

We, Willie Woodrow Merritt, as

principal, and undersigned as sureties agree to pay THE STATE OF ALABAMA, the sum of

Seven Hundred and 44/100 750 00 DOLLARS

unless the said Willie Woodrow Merritt appears at the

next Term, 1955 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

Man Slaughter 2 Degree

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 Willie Woodrow Merritt S.

day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_ L. S.

BROADUS, PIERCE & DICKERSON  
BONDING COMPANY L. S.

Baldwin County, Ala. By: Harold Day L. S.

Taken and approved this the 22 day of March 1955

Taylor Michman, Sheriff

By: J. M. Taylor, Deputy Sheriff

No. 1972

The State of Alabama,  
Baldwin County

\_\_\_\_\_ Court

Sheriff's Office

THE STATE

VS.

Sheriff's Appearance Bond

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_, Clerk

State  
 vs  
 Willie Woodrow Merritt

**JURY LIST**  
 Spring Term, March 28, 1955

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NO.	NAME	OCCUPATION	ADDRESS
<del>1</del>	<del>Red B. Bryars</del>	<del>carpenter</del>	<del>Perdido</del> 495
<del>2</del>	<del>Luther Arant</del>	<del>postal clerk</del>	<del>Foley</del> 91
<del>3</del>	<del>Frank Kriss</del>	<del>farmer</del>	<del>Silverhill</del>
<del>4</del>	<del>Walter P. Kichler</del>	<del>farmer</del>	<del>Elberta</del>
<del>5</del>	<del>Geo. Bertagolli</del>	<del>filling station</del>	<del>Daphne</del>
<del>6</del>	<del>Edmond Clay McGowin</del>	<del>farmer</del>	<del>Latham</del>
<del>7</del>	<del>Ralph C. Brown</del>	<del>Foley</del>	<del></del> 12
<del>8</del>	<del>Wino Martin</del>	<del>clerk</del>	<del>Foley</del> 12
<del>9</del>	<del>Randolph McGowin, Jr.</del>	<del>sales</del>	<del>Bay Minette</del>
<del>10</del>	<del>George Stewart</del>	<del>farmer</del>	<del>Foley</del>
<del>11</del>	<del>Adrian Quinley</del>	<del>mechanic</del>	<del>Bay Minette</del>
12	J. Rufus Sirmon	farmer	Daphne
<del>13</del>	<del>Andrew Calloway</del>	<del>fisherman</del>	<del>Bon Secour</del> 103
14	William Roberson	laborer	Robertsdale
<del>15</del>	<del>J. C. Grimes</del>	<del>produce man</del>	<del>Loxley</del> 103
16	Hollis Leavins	meat distributor	Fairhope
<del>17</del>	<del>Ted McGowan</del>	<del>mechanic</del>	<del>Bay Minette</del>
18	Louis E. Childress	farmer	Fairhope
<del>19</del>	<del>Charlie Bucky</del>	<del>farmer</del>	<del>Robertsdale</del> 54
<del>20</del>	<del>John Robinson</del>	<del>manager</del>	<del>Foley</del>
<del>21</del>	<del>Ralph Green</del>	<del>farmer</del>	<del>Loxley</del> 51
<del>22</del>	<del>Clarence Hand</del>	<del>farmer</del>	<del>Foley</del>
<del>23</del>	<del>Sam Parker</del>	<del>auditor</del>	<del>Magnolia Springs</del>
<del>24</del>	<del>Thomas Coleman</del>	<del>farmer</del>	<del>Perdido</del> 52
<del>25</del>	<del>Dellar Taylor</del>	<del>merchant</del>	<del>Lottie</del> 104
26	Paul Geger	electrician	Fairhope
27	Aaron Bishop	farmer	R. F. D. Fairhope
<del>28</del>	<del>Riley Weeks</del>	<del>carpenter</del>	<del>Foley</del>
<del>29</del>	<del>Norvel Cabiness</del>	<del>filling sta.</del>	<del>Bay Minette</del>
<del>30</del>	<del>Ira N. Underwood</del>	<del>farmer</del>	<del>Summerdale</del> 106
31	Frank Stewart	mechanic	Bon Secour
32	Jack Powers	farmer	Summerdale
<del>33</del>	<del>Woodrow Bryant</del>	<del>farmer</del>	<del>Stockton</del> 105
34	Alfred H. Holman	farmer	Fairhope
<del>35</del>	<del>Ted Fraser</del>	<del>plumber</del>	<del>Bay Minette</del>
<del>36</del>	<del>J. C. Wynn</del>	<del>farmer</del>	<del>Summerdale</del> 103
37	R. O. Collins	retired navy	Robertsdale
38	Tillman Allen	farmer	Gateswood
39	Axel Rundquist	insurance salesman	Silverhill
<del>40</del>	<del>Edward P. Mc</del>	<del>Brookley Field</del>	<del>Robertsdale</del>
<del>41</del>	<del>Tilbert Wilson</del>	<del>bookkeeper</del>	<del>Stapleton</del>
<del>42</del>	<del>Robert S. Duck, Jr.</del>	<del>nurseryman</del>	<del>Loxley</del>
<del>43</del>	<del>John Bauer</del>	<del>farmer</del>	<del>Summerdale</del> 56
<del>44</del>	<del>Hubert Mannich</del>	<del>laborer</del>	<del>Fairhope</del> 106
<del>45</del>	<del>Forrest W. Lowery</del>	<del>farmer</del>	<del>Robertsdale</del> 54
<del>46</del>	<del>William A. Bryant, Jr.</del>	<del>reserve fleet</del>	<del>Stockton</del> 104
<del>47</del>	<del>Hurley Ard</del>	<del>farmer</del>	<del>Robertsdale</del> 51

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Willie Woodrow  
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The State of Alabama, }  
Baldwin County.

We, Willie Woodrow Merrett, as principal, and undersigned as sureties agree to pay THE STATE OF ALABAMA, the sum of

Five Hundred \$ 500.00 DOLLARS

unless the said Willie Woodrow Merrett appears at the Next Term, 1955 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 Man Slaughtor

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\_\_\_\_\_

Willie Woodrow Merrett S.

Mary Lee Price L. S.

BROADIE PIERCE ROBERTSON L. S.  
BONDING COMPANY

Baldwin County, Ala.

Nancy Price L. S.

Taken and approved this the 20 day of Dec 1954

Joyce Wilkins, Sheriff

By J.P. Adams, Deputy Sheriff

THE STATE OF ALABAMA, }

Baldwin County

To Any Sheriff of the State of Alabama:

An indictment having been found against

Willie Woodrow Merritt

at the Spring Term, 1955, of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, for the offense of

manslaughter, 2nd degree

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 16th day of March, 1955

Beice 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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(L. S.)

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(L. S.)

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

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



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**CAPIAS**

No. 6-

The State

vs.

Willie Woodrow Merritt

Bail fixed in this Case in Open Court at

\$ 75000

By

H. M. Hall

Judge Presiding

Attest:

Clerk.

Executed this 22 day of May, 1958

By arresting the within

named Defendant

and placing him in jail

Jaylor Wilkins, Sheriff

J. H. ..., Deputy Sheriff

Dms.

AFFIDAVIT

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State Of Alabama, }  
Baldwin County. }

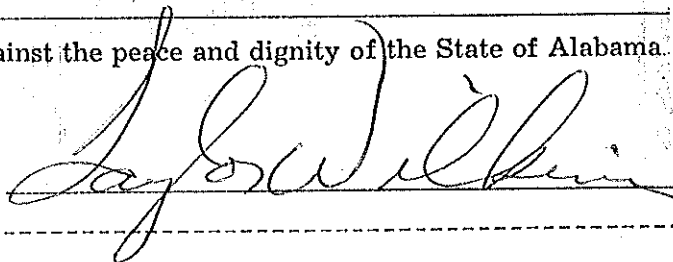
In the Justice Court of T. C. HAND

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

in and for said County, personally appeared Taylor Wilkins 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 17 December 1954 that one Willie Woodrow Merritt  
unlawfully, but without malice, or the intent to kill, killed Joe Dusek  
by negligently running into the motor vehicle in which Joe Dusek was riding.

against the peace and dignity of the State of Alabama.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 18  
day of December, A. D., 19 54  
T. C. Hand, J. P.



WARRANT

State Of Alabama, }  
Baldwin County. }

To Any Lawful Officer of Said County. Greetings:

You are hereby commanded to arrest Willie Woodrow Merrill

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

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

Witness my hand this 18 day of December, 19 54  
T. C. Hand, J. P.

**The State of Alabama**  
Baldwin County

JUSTICE COURT OF

T. C. HAND

**AFFIDAVIT**

THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
VS.

Willie Woodrow Merritt

Witnesses for the State:

- Taylor Wilkins
- R. E. Etheridge  
Robbins
- R. C. Hendrick  
Shore Patrol
- Mrs Joe Dusek

Justice Court of  
Baldwin County

**Warrant of Arrest**

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
vs.

Willie Woodrow Merritt

Executed this 17 day of December 1954

By arresting the within

named Defendant

Willie Woodrow Merritt

and placing him

in jail

R. E. Etheridge H.P.  
Deputy Sheriff

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

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

Attorneys	Case	Charge
No. <i>6879B</i>	THE STATE OF ALABAMA, Vs. <i>Willie Woodrow Merritt</i>	<i>Manslaughter</i>

Disposition of Case	Fees	Amount
Affidavit made and Warrant Issued to <i>Jaylen Welkins</i>	Judge's Fees	
Returnable <i>Grand Jury</i>	Warrant at 50c, Affidavit at 25c	<i>.75</i>
Witness—for State <i>Jaylen Welkins</i>	Bond at 50c, Sci Fa. at 50c	
<i>E. R. Etheridge</i>	Witnesses' Recognizances at 25c	
<i>R. C. Kendrick</i>	Subpoenas or notice at 25c	
<i>Shaw Patrol</i>	Continuance at 25c	
<i>Miss Joe Susch</i>	Trial of Misdemeanor at \$1.00	
<i>20 Dec 54</i>	Mittimus at 25c	<i>25</i>
<i>wanted Grand Jury</i>	Judgment on Forfeited Bond at 25c	
<i>Bond set \$50000</i>	Taking Bond, etc., on Appeal at \$1.00	
<i>ref. Patrol bond</i>	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	<i>5.00</i>
	Guard \$2.00, Finger Printing 10c	<i>2.00</i>
	Subpoenas at 50c, Mileage	
	Witness Fees	
	Days at 50c	
	Days at 50c	
	Days at 50c	
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	Days at 50c	
	Defendant's Costs	
	Witnesses' Recognizance at 25c	
	Subpoenas at 50c	
	Executing Subpoenas	

*P. J. Land*  
*Justice Court*

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