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The State of Alabama,
Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT, SPRING SESSION, 1956

Count I.

The Grand Jury of said County charge that before finding this indictment WILLIAM FRANK BOHANON , whose name is to the Grand Jury otherwise unknown, unlawfully, and with malice aforethought, killed Eunice Watson Elrod, by striking her with a blunt instrument, a more particular description of which is to the Grand Jury otherwise unknown, against the peace and dignity of the State of Alabama.

Count 2. The Grand Jury of said County charge that before finding this indictment WILLIAM FRANK BOHANON , whose name is to the Grand Jury otherwise unknown, unlawfully, and with malice aforethought, killed Eunice Watson Elrod, by means which is to the Grand Jury unknown,

against the peace and dignity of the State of Alabama.

Kenneth Cooper
Solicitor of the Twenty-Eight Judicial Circuit.

No. RECORDED

The State of Alabama
Baldwin County

Circuit Court

SPRING SESSION XXXX, 19-56

The State

vs.

WILLIAM FRANK BOHANON

INDICTMENT

MURDER, 1st DEGREE

No. _____ Prosecutor

WITNESSES:

EDFITCHSTEPHADHAM

R. J. HAMMOCK

Mrs. VIRGIE BREWTON

DR NELSON GRUBBS

GRAND JURY NO. 35

A TRUE BILL

Foreman Grand Jury.

Filed in open Court and in the presence of

the Grand Jury on the 16 day of

March, 19-56

Wm. J. ...
Clerk.

Presented in open Court to the presiding
Judge by the Foreman of the Grand Jury, in
the presence of the other Grand Jurors.

Wm. J. ...
Clerk.

Bail fixed \$ no bail

Wm. J. ...
Judge.

We the jurors find the defendant
guilty of murder in 2nd Degree
~~and find him guilty as~~
as charged and ~~set~~ set a
sentence of 25 yrs.

C. B. Snyder
Foreman

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,

VS.

WILLIAM FRANK BOHANON

No. _____

On this the 17th day of March, 1945, the Defendant, being in open Court in person, and it being made known to the court that the Defendant in this case is indicted for a capital offense and that he is unable to employ counsel, it is ordered by the Court that James A. Hendrix, who is a regularly licensed attorney practicing in this Court, be, and he hereby appointed counsel for the Defendant in this case.

On this the 17 day of March, 1945, the Defendant being in open Court in person, and attended by his counsel, is duly and legally arraigned upon the indictment, and for his plea thereto says that He is not guilty

On this 17 day of March, 1945, in the cause of the State of Alabama against William Frank Bohanon wherein the Defendant is charged with the offense of Murder first degree the Defendant in person being then and there in open Court and attended by his counsel, the following proceedings were had and orders made in open Court in the presence of the Defendant and his counsel:

It is ordered and adjudged by the Court that the 29 day of March, 1945, it being Thursday of the Second Week of this Term of the Court, be and the same is hereby fixed for the date of the trial of this cause, and that the Sheriff of this Court summons 70 persons in this cause, including those persons drawn on the regular juries for the second week of this term of this Court.

It is ascertained and adjudged by the Court that 60 persons have been drawn on the regular juries for the said Second Week of this Term of this Court. And the Court ordered that the legal jury box of this County be brought into open Court, and the Court ascertained and adjudged that said order had been obeyed, and that said box was, in open Court, well shaken. The Court then and there in open Court, publicly drew from the said jury box the names of 10 persons, the same being the number of persons required, with the regular juries drawn for the Second Week of this Term of this Court, to make the number of persons the Sheriff was commanded to summons in this cause by order of the Court herein-before set forth. The Clerk of the Court, in the presence of the Court, immediately made a list of the names drawn by the Court from the jury box in this cause. And it is ordered and adjudged by the Court that the said Clerk forthwith issue a mandate to the Sheriff of this County, commanding him to summons said persons whose names the Court drew from the jury box in this cause and the regular jurors drawn for the Second Week of this Term of this Court to appear in this Court as jurors in this cause at the Court House of this county at 9 o'clock on Thursday morning of the Second Week of this Term of this Court, the same being the 29 day of March, 1945.

It is ordered and adjudged by the Court that the Sheriff of this County forthwith serve on the Defendant a list of the names drawn in this cause by the Court from the jury box, and a list of the names of all the jurors drawn for the Second Week of this Term of this Court, together with a copy of the indictment in this cause.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA, }

Baldwin County

To Any Sheriff of the State of Alabama:

An indictment having been found against

William Frank Bohannon

at the Spring Term, 1956 of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, for the offense of

Murder, 1st 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 16 day of March, 1956

[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_____.

(L. S.)

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(L. S.)

Taken and approved _____ day of _____, 19_____.

Sheriff of Baldwin County.

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No. 33

The State
vs.

William Frank
Bohannon

Bail fixed in this Case in Open Court at

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By W. M. Hall
Judge Presiding

Attest: _____
Clerk.

Executed this 17 day of March, 1956

By arresting the within

named Defendant

and placing him In Jail

_____, Sheriff

W. O. Barnes, Deputy Sheriff

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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 George Crawford 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 5 June 1955 that one William Frank Bohanon unlawfully, and with malice aforethought, killed Mrs Eunice Watson Elrod, by striking her on the head with an unknown object.

against the peace and dignity of the State of Alabama

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 16 day of July, A. D., 1955
T. C. Hand, J. P.

George Crawford

WARRANT

State Of Alabama, }
Baldwin County. }

To Any Lawful Officer of Said County, Greetings:

You are hereby commanded to arrest William Frank Bohanon

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

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

Witness my hand this 16 day of July, 1955

T. C. Hand, J. P.

The State of Alabama
Baldwin County

JUSTICE COURT OF

T. C. HAND

AFFIDAVIT

THE STATE OF ALABAMA
VS.

William Frank Bohanon

Witnesses for the State:

- George Crawford
- Edleigh Steadham
- Dr. Nelson Grubbs
- Taylor Wilkins
- R. J. Hammock
- J. T. Wafford

Justice Court of
Baldwin County

Warrant of Arrest

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
vs.

William Frack Bohanon

Executed this 16 day of July 1956

By arresting the within

named Defendant

and placing him

in jail

Taylor Wilkins, Sheriff

W. D. [Signature], Deputy Sheriff

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The State of Alabama,
Baldwin County.

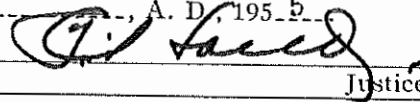
JUSTICE COURT OF T. C. HAND
Precinct 4, Bay Minette, Ala.

To Any Sheriff of the State of Alabama:
You are hereby Comanded to Summon George Crawford, Edleigh Stoadham, Dr. Nelson Grubbs,
Taylor Wilkins, R. J. Hammock, J. T. Wafford

personally to be and appear before the Justice Court, to be holden for Baldwin County, at my office on the
-----20----- day of -----July----- 9 A. M. -----, 1955-----, 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
William Frank Bohanon

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

Witness my hand this 18 day of July, A. D. 1955



Justice of the Peace

Executed in full, this the

19

day of

July

, 1955

Taylor Wilkins
Sheriff

Geo. Gianfrancesco
Deputy Sheriff

State vs
Wm. Frank Bohannon

JURY LIST

Spring Term, March 26th, 1956

No.	Name	Occupation	Address
1	Robinson, John B.	Farmer	Foley
2	Klein, Jerome	Insurance	Fairhope
3	Doege, Herman	Businessman	Elberta
4	Pollard, Lewis	Laborer	Foley
5	Corte, J. Arthur	Farmer	Belforest
6	DePhillippi, Jim	Farmer	Daphne
7	Hensen, Clarence W.	Fisherman	Daphne
8	Snyder, Burns	Brookley Field	Rabon
9	Carlisle, Dennis C.	Newport	Bay Minette
10	Baldwin, Tony	Laborer	Foley
11	Brown, George, A.	Press Register	Gulf Shores
12	Robinson, George E.	Millman	Stockton
13	Wilson, George	Airport Oper.	Foley
14	Messeroll, Walter H.	Boat Operator	Gulf Shores
15	Caprara, Lewis J.	Laborer	Bay Minette
16	Bung, Floyd	Merchant	Fairhope
17	Norman, Jack	Band Director	Fairhope
18	Keene, Glen, Corp.	Fairhope	
19	Keinschmidt, Erwin	Farmer	Elberta
20	Coleman, Denny	Laborer	Bay Minette
21	Robinson, Dudley	Insurance	Fairhope
22	Griffith, Jack	Shipyard	Fairhope
23	Latner, A. K.	Carpenter	Loxley
24	Harrison, John	Laborer	Summerdale
25	Green, J. Harold	Cafe Operator	Bay Minette
26	Bloch, John	Farmer	Elberta
27	Highbee, Evan S.	Farmer	Belforest
28	Vitous, Albert	Farmer	Silverhill
29	Hemmert, John Jr.	Farmer	Elberta
30	Miller, Robert M.	Merchant	Bay Minette
31	Newton, Forrest, B.	Clerk	Bay Minette
32	Hankins, C. E.	Farmer	Robertsdale
33	Black, Rufus M.	Farmer	Loxley
34	Barnhill, Roger	Farmer	Loxley
35	Matthews, Nelson	Truck Driver	Summerdale
36	Stallworth, E. W.	Painter	Summerdale
37	Fletcher, Charles T.	Gov't Employee	Bay Minette
38	Chestang, Phelham, D.	Brookley Field	Bay Minette
39	Stephens, W. Henry	Millman	Stockton
40	DuBrock, George	Cabinet Maker	Fairhope
41	Davis, Roy Barber	Bay Minette	
42	Trione, Leonard	Real Estate	Daphne
43	Baumann, Fred	Civil Service	Elberta
44	Dyer, Ted	Mechanic	Fairhope
45	Lafam, Laurence F.	Machinest	Foley
46	Lazzari, Joe, Jr.	Farmer	Belforest
47	Lazzari, Angelo	Farmer	Belforest
48	Graham, Benjamin E.	Newport	Bay Minette
49	Sandt, Sam	Druggist	Fairhope
50	Struma, Frank	Merchant	Silverhill
51	Northcutt, Corte M.	farmer	Rosinton
52	Stewart, Aubrey J.	Farmer	Rabon
53	Sims, Joel A.	Farmer	Rabon
54	St. Petron, Jas. D.	Farmer	Loxley
55	Wilcox, Roy E.	Trk, Driver	Elberta
56	Sopr, Joseph	Farmer	Silverhill
57	Cooper, Charles	Farmer	Rosinton
58	Roberson, Muft	Laborer	Robertsdale
59	Pierce, Wesley	Farmer	Rosinton
60	Houston, R.	Farmer	Seminole
61	Abercrombie, Thomas V., Jr.	Dry Cleaner	Loxley
62	BRONS, FLOED E.	FLORIST	Bay Minette
63	Decker, Harry	Electrician	Gulf Shores

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

Attorneys	Case	Charge
	THE STATE OF ALABAMA,	
No. 7369.	Vs.	
	William Frank Bohannon	murder.

Disposition of Case	Fees	Amount
Affidavit made and Warrant Issued to <i>Geo. Crawford</i>	Judge's Fees	
Returnable <i>Grand jury</i>	Warrant at 50c, Affidavit at 25c	75
Witness—for State <i>Geo. Crawford</i>	Bond at 50c, Sci Fa. at 50c	
<i>Edleigh Stillham</i>	Witnesses' Recognizances at 25c	
<i>Mr. Wilson Gubbs</i>	6 Subpoenas or notice at 25c	150
<i>Jayloy Wilkins</i>	(Continuance at 25c	25
<i>R. J. Hammock</i>	Trial of Misdemeanor at \$1.00	
<i>J. J. Wafford</i>	Mittimus at 25c	25
<i>20 July 55</i>	Judgment on Forfeited Bond at 25c	
<i>22 July 55</i>	Taking Bond, etc., on Appeal at \$1.00	
<i>Case continued to 22 July 55</i>	Execution of costs at 25c	
<i>Bound Over Grand jury</i>	Commitment to jail	25
<i>Bond set \$2,500</i>	Constable's Fees	
<i>sy. being unable to make bond</i>	Subpoena or Notice at 25c	
<i>was out of committed to jail.</i>	Carrying Defendant before Justice	
	each mile for himself and guard at 10c	
	Arrest 50c	
	Sheriff's Fees	
	Arrest \$4.00, Bond \$1.00, Sci Fa. 50c	4.00
	Guard \$2.00, Finger Printing 10c	2.10
	6 Subpoenas at 50c, Mileage	3.00
	Witness Fees	2.00
	<i>Mr. Wilson Gubbs</i> Days at 50c	50
	<i>Edleigh Stillham</i> Days at 50c	50
	<i>Jayloy Wilkins</i> Days at 50c	50
	<i>J. J. Wafford</i> Days at 50c	50
	Days at 50c	
	Days at 50c	
	Defendant's Costs	
	Witnesses' Recognizance at 25c	
	Subpoenas at 50c	
	Executing Subpoenas	

W. L. Land
Justice Clerk

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