

The State of Alabama,
Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT, SPRING SESSION, 1956

The Grand Jury of said County charge that before finding this indictment
ZELMA WILLIAMS, whose name is to the Grand Jury otherwise unknown,
unlawfully, and with malice aforethought, killed Amelia Williams
by shooting her with a pistol,

against the peace and dignity of the State of Alabama.

Kenneth Cooper
Solicitor of the Twenty-Eight Judicial Circuit.

RECORDED

No.

The State of Alabama
Baldwin County

Circuit Court

SPRING SESSION *KRMX 19-56*

The State

vs.

ZELMA WILLIAMS

INDICTMENT

MURDER, 1st DEGREE

No. Prosecutor

WITNESSES:

- B.D. COBB
- CARISLE CHILDRRESS
- ETHELNE JACKSON ✓
- JUDGE PRIM ✓
- W.D. HELLINGTON ✓
- RELIA HUSTON ✓
- LYNDA JOYCE JACKSON ✓

GRAND JURY NO. 37

A TRUE BILL,

[Signature]

Foreman Grand Jury.

Filed in open Court and in the presence of

the Grand Jury on the *16* day of

March, 19 *56*

[Signature]

Clerk.

Presented in open Court to the presiding Judge by the Foreman of the Grand Jury, in the presence of *16* other Grand Jurors.

[Signature]

Clerk.

Bail fixed \$ *1000*

[Signature]

Judge.

we The jury find the defendant guilty of murder in second degree as charged in the indictment and set sentence of life imprisonment

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jury foreman

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA,

VS.

ZELMA WILLIAMS

No. _____

On this the 17th. day of March, 1956, 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 Bruce ~~Arthur~~ ~~Spencer~~, who are a regularly licensed attorney practicing in this Court, be, and they hereby appointed counsel for the Defendant in this case.

On this the 17 day of March, 1956, 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, 1956, in the cause of the State of Alabama against Zelma Williams 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 30 day of March, 1956, it being Friday 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 61 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 1 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 Friday morning of the Second Week of this Term of this Court, the same being the 30 day of March, 1956

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, } To Any Sheriff of the State of Alabama:
Baldwin County } An indictment having been found against

Lebrun Williams

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

Beice 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.)

(L. S.)

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(L. S.)

Taken and approved _____ day of _____, 19____.

Sheriff of Baldwin County.

CAPIAS

No. 37

The State

vs.

Zelma Williams

Bail fixed in this Case in Open Court at

\$ No Bail

By N. 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. Garner, Deputy Sheriff

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JURY LIST

Spring Term, March 26th, 1956

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

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State Of Alabama, }
Baldwin County. }

In the Justice Court of _____

Before me, M.R. Howell, Justice of the Peace

in and for said County, personally appeared B.D. Cobb 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 Jan 1st 1956 that one Zelma Williams

had with her ~~was~~ unlawfully and with malice aforethought ~~she~~ by shooting her with a Pistol ~~that killed her dead on the spot~~ that killed her dead on the spot

against the peace and dignity of the State of Alabama

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 21

day of Jan, A. D., 1956

M.R. Howell, J. P.

B.D. Cobb

WARRANT

State Of Alabama, }
Baldwin County. }

To Any Lawful Officer of Said County, Greetings:

You are hereby commanded to arrest Zelma Williams and bring her

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 21st day of Jan, 1956

M.R. Howell, J. P.

The State of Alabama
Baldwin County

JUSTICE COURT OF

AFFIDAVIT

THE STATE OF ALABAMA
VS.

Zelma Williams

Witnesses for the State:

B. D. Cobb
W. R. Margeson
Carlisle Childress
Ethelene Jackson
Judge Brinn
W. D. Hellington
Relia Huston

Lynna Joyce Jackson

Justice Court of
Baldwin County

Warrant of Arrest

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
vs.

Zelma Williams

Executed this 26 day of Jan 1956

By arresting the within

named Defendant

and placing him

in jail

Jasper Wilkins, Sheriff

Carlisle Childress, Deputy Sheriff

Foley

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

ATTORNEYS	CASE	CHARGE
No.	THE STATE OF ALABAMA	<i>First Degree Murder</i>
	Vs. <i>Zelma Williams</i>	

DISPOSITION OF CASE	FEE	AMOUNT
Affidavit made and Warrant Issued to <i>Sheriff</i>	JUDGE'S FEES	
Returnable <i>Feb 3rd 1956</i>	Warrant at 50c, Affidavit at 25c	<i>.75</i>
Witness—For State	Bond at 50c, Sci. Fa. at 50c	
<i>B. N. Cobb</i>	Witnesses' Recognizances at 25c	
<i>W. R. Margason</i>	Subpoena or Notice at 25c	<i>.75</i>
<i>Carlisle Childress</i>	Continuance at 25c	
<i>Ethelene Jackson</i>	Trial of Misdemeanor at \$1.00	<i>1.00</i>
<i>Judge Pinner</i>	Mittimus at 25c	<i>.25</i>
<i>W. D. Heflington</i>	Judgment on Forfeited Bond at 25c	
<i>Relia Husbod</i>	Taking Bond, etc., on Appeal at \$1.00	
<i>Lynnda Joyce Jackson</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>4.00</i>
	Committing, \$1.00; Releasing, \$1.00	<i>2.00</i>
	Subpoenas at 25c, Day's Board at 30c	<i>7.20</i>
	WITNESS FEES	
	Days at 50c	
	" 50c	
	" 50c	
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	" 50c	
	" 50c	
	" 50c	
	DEFENDANT'S COSTS	
	Witnesses' Recognizance at 25c	
	Subpoenas at 25c	
	Executing Subpoenas	

Preliminary hearing had according to the evidence, I believe the defendant guilty of murder, he is bound over to the Grand Jury, next term of the Circuit Court

W. K. Howell

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