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INDICTMENT

THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
Baldwin County.

Circuit Court, Spring Session, 1952

The Grand Jury of said County charge that before the finding of this indictment Flora Bell, whose name is to the Grand Jury otherwise unknown, unlawfully, and with malice aforethought, killed Fonville Cox, alias Connie Cox, by shooting him with a shotgun, but without premeditation or deliberation,

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, 1952

THE STATE

Vs.

FLORA BELL

INDICTMENT

Murder, 2nd Degree

No Prosecutor.

WITNESSES:

- Leo Don Cox
- H. F. Hall
- George Hartley
- Floyd Phillips
- W. C. Funk
- E. Newell
- Nelson Grubbs
- Adolph Burden
- Rose Buchanan
- Ella Douglas
- Sam Douglas

GRAND JURY NO. 1

A TRUE BILL

W R Lipscomb Foreman Grand Jury.

Filed in open Court and in the presence of

the Grand Jury on the 26th day of

March, 1952

W R Lipscomb, 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 R Lipscomb, Clerk.

Bail fixed \$ 20000

J. Fair J. Madlebary, Jr. Judge.

We the Grand Jury find the Defendant  
 guilty of Murder in the 2nd  
 Degree as charged in the  
 indictment as herein  
 set forth in the  
 indictment as  
 presented in the  
 presence of the Grand Jury  
 on this 26th day of  
 March, 1952.

STATE OF ALABAMA

VS.

FLORA BELL

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN  
COUNTY, ALABAMA, AT LAW. CRIMINAL SIDE,

NO. 1415

ORDER DISCHARGING DEFENDANT:

It being made to appear to the Court that the defendant, in the above entitled cause, Flora Bell, has satisfactorily fulfilled all conditions of the order of probation and suspension of execution of sentence made in her case on October 3, 1953;

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by the Court that the said Defendant, Flora Bell, be and is hereby discharged.

The Clerk will enter this order on the minutes of the Court.

Dated this 24th. day of January, 1957.

*Hubert M. Hall*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Judge, 28th Judicial Circuit of  
Alabama.

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ALICE J. DUCK, Clerk

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Affidavit

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STATE OF ALABAMA, {  
Baldwin County. }

In the Justice Court of T. C. HAND

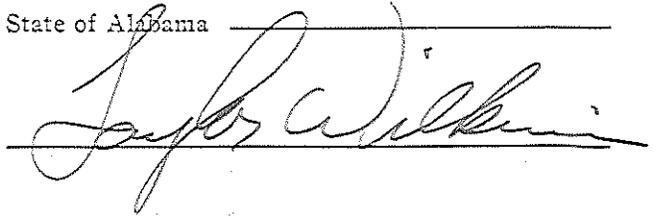
Before me, T. C. HAND, Justice of the Peace

in and for said County, personally appeared 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 14 October, 1951 that one Flora Bell  
unlawfully, and with malice aforethought, killed Fondille Cox by  
shooting him with a shotgun.

\_\_\_\_\_ against the peace and dignity of the State of Alabama \_\_\_\_\_

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 14

day of October A. D., 1951  
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 Flora Bell

\_\_\_\_\_ 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 14 day of October, 1951

T. C. Hand, J. P.

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The State of Alabama,  
Baldwin County

JUSTICE COURT OF  
T. C. HAND

AFFIDAVIT

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
vs.

FLORA BELL

Witnesses for the State :

H. F. Hall

George Hartley

Phillips

Justice Court Of  
Baldwin County

WARRANT of ARREST

The State of Alabama,  
vs.

FLORA BELL

Executed this 14 day of Oct 1951

By arresting the within

named Defendant

*Flora Bell*

and placing him

*In Jail*

*L. J. Wilkin*

Sheriff

Deputy Sheriff

*Fairhope 70 mi*

PETITION

STATE OF ALABAMA                    ) IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF  
  ) BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA,  
  ) AT LAW - CRIMINAL SIDE  
  ) NO. 1415  
  )

PLAINTIFF  
VS  
FLORA BELL  
DEFENDANT

TO THE HONORABLE HUBERT M. HALL, JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA.

Comes now your Petitioner and shows unto the Court as follows:

That on October 3, 1953, your Petitioner, Flora Bell, was tried in this Court for Murder in the second degree; that she was found guilty of Manslaughter in the first degree and was sentenced on the same date to a five year term; that her sentence was suspended and she was placed on probation.

Your Petitioner further shows unto Your Honor that she has been on probation since the aforesaid date and has complied fully with all it's conditions and mandates.

Your Petitioner respectfully prays that Your Honor will cause the Probation Officer of this Court to investigate the background of your petitioner and of her case. Cause him to investigate the home life of your petitioner and make inquiries in the communities where she lives to determine whether she deserves having her suspended sentence terminated at this time.

Your Petitioner further prays that; after this investigation is made, if it be favorable Your Honor will by appropriate orders and decrees declare your Petitioner's suspended sentence to be ended and her period of probation forthwith terminated.

Flora Bell  
Petitioner

I have read the foregoing petition and find it to be true and correct in all its terms.

Flora Bell  
Petitioner

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this the 16 day of Aug, 1955.

Hubert M. Brantley  
Notary Public, Baldwin County, Alabama

STATE OF ALABAMA

PLAINTIFF

VS

ELORA BELL

DEFENDANT

PETITION

FILED

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ALICE L. DUCK, Clerk

*[Faint signature]*

*[Faint signature]*

*[Faint signature]*

THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
Baldwin County

We, Flora Bell, as principal and undersigned as sureties, agree to pay THE STATE OF ALABAMA, the sum of Two Thousand DOLLARS unless the said Flora Bell appear at the Next Term, 1952 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 Murder

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 \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_\_

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

Flora Bell (Seal)

[Signature] (Seal)

Ellaine Robinson (Seal)

[Signature] (Seal)

Taken and approved this the 28 day of March, 1952

[Signature], Sheriff

By [Signature], Deputy Sheriff

STATE OF ALABAMA }  
BALDWIN COUNTY }

N<sup>o</sup> 2860

Case No. 2344  
The State of Alabama  
vs.

IN THE Justice COURT OF  
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

G. Sara Bell

Before me, J. C. [unclear], Clerk of the Circuit Court of  
Baldwin County, Alabama, personally appeared [unclear],  
who being duly sworn deposes and says:

I am the Sheriff of Baldwin County, Alabama. In the case of the State of Alabama vs. [unclear]  
G. Sara Bell in the above mentioned court, in executing the warrant  
of arrest or in arresting the said defendant, I or one of my duly authorized deputies, traveled 24 miles  
by the most direct route to the point of arrest and return, and I am entitled to mileage at ten cents per mile  
to be taxed as costs in the case.

Point of Arrest [unclear] Sheriff [unclear]

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16 day of Oct 1954

Disposition of Case \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk Circuit Court

After considering the above affidavit made by the sheriff of Baldwin County, Alabama, I, as the trial  
Judge of said court, do hereby approve the claim for mileage in the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ incurred in the  
making of the arrest or executing the warrant of arrest in the above styled cause and I hereby order the  
clerk of the court to tax the said sum as part of the costs in said case.

This the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 195\_\_\_\_\_

Judge of the above named court

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

Floora Bell

at the Spring Term, 1922, of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, for the offense of

Murder, 2nd degree

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

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

Dated this 27th day of March, 1922

Robert H. Houch  
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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Taken and approved \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_\_.

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

**CAPIAS**

No. 1

THE STATE

vs.

Flora Bell

Bail Fixed in This Case in Open Court at

\$2000<sup>00</sup>

By Alvin Mackburn  
Judge Presiding.

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

Executed this 28 day of March 1952

By arresting the within

named Defendant

Flora Bell

and placing him her

in Jail

Taylor Wilkins, Sheriff

Charles Steadman, Deputy Sheriff

Fairbairn

STATE OF ALABAMA

Baldwin County

Case No. Capital

No. 3292

The State of Alabama  
vs.

In the Circuit Court of  
Baldwin County, Alabama

Gene Bell

Before me, Alvin Duck, Clerk of the Circuit Court of  
Baldwin County, Alabama, personally appeared Taylor Wilkins, who being duly sworn deposes and says:

I am the Sheriff of Baldwin County, Alabama. In the above case, in the above mentioned court, in  
executing the warrant of arrest or in arresting the said defendant, I or one of my duly authorized deputies,  
traveled 10 miles by the most direct route to the point of arrest and return, and I am entitled to  
mileage at ten cents per mile to be taxed as costs in the case.

Point of arrest Lawrence Taylor Wilkins Sheriff

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29 day of May 1952

Disposition \_\_\_\_\_ Clerk Circuit Court

After considering the above affidavit made by the Sheriff of Baldwin County, Alabama, I, as the trial  
Judge of said court, do hereby approve the claim for mileage in the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_ incurred in the  
making of the arrest or executing the warrant of arrest in the above styled cause and I hereby order the  
clerk of the court to tax the said sum as part of the costs in said case.

This the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 195\_\_\_\_\_

Judge of the above named court

STATE OF ALABAMA

Baldwin County

Case No. 1445

No. 7018

The State of Alabama  
vs.

In the 1st Court of  
Baldwin County, Alabama

Before me, Wm. R. [unclear], Clerk of the 1st Court of  
Baldwin County, Alabama, personally appeared Taylor Wilkins, who being duly sworn deposes and says:

I am the Sheriff of Baldwin County, Alabama. In the above case, in the above mentioned court, in  
executing the warrant of arrest or in arresting the said defendant, I or one of my duly authorized deputies,  
traveled 20 miles by the most direct route to the point of arrest and return, and I am entitled to  
mileage at ten cents per mile to be taxed as costs in the case.

Point of Arrest Lawrence Taylor Wilkins Sheriff

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12 day of Nov, 1951

Disposition \_\_\_\_\_ Clerk Circuit Court

After considering the above affidavit made by the Sheriff of Baldwin County, Alabama, I, as the trial  
Judge of said court, do hereby approve the claim for mileage in the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ incurred in the  
making of the arrest or executing the warrant of arrest in the above styled cause and I hereby order the  
clerk of the court to tax the said sum as part of the costs in said case.

This the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 195 \_\_\_\_\_

Judge of the above named court

#1415

STATE OF ALABAMA

ORDER OF PROBATION AND PAROLE OFFICER  
AUTHORIZING ARREST OF PROBATION VIOLATOR

TO: SHERIFF OF Baldwin COUNTY OR  
ANY LAWFUL OFFICER OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA

Flora Bell Court No. 1415 who was convicted  
in Baldwin County of the offense of Manslaughter 1st Degree  
and who was sentenced to a term of 5 years in the peni-  
tentiary or to Hard Labor for the county and who was granted  
probation on Oct 3, 1953 for a period of 5 years  
years, has in the judgment of the undersigned probation and  
parole officer violated the conditions of his probation. There-  
fore, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Title 42, Sec-  
tion 24, Code of Alabama, 1940, as amended, you are hereby given  
this written authority to take the said Flora Bell  
into your custody and hold <sup>her</sup> ~~him~~ for the further order of the Judge  
of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County.

Dated at Mobile, Alabama, this the 9th day  
of March, 19 56

Joseph N. Bivona  
Probation and Parole Officer

STATE OF ALABAMA  
ORDER OF PROBATION AND PAROLE OFFICER  
APPOINTED BY THE BOARD OF PROBATION VIOLATION

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701  
Mona Bell  
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COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_  
STATE OF ALABAMA

Executed this 10th day of March 1956  
by arresting the within Mona Bell and  
placing her in jail

John Williams - Sheriff

I hope to see

County of \_\_\_\_\_  
State of Alabama, this \_\_\_\_\_ day

Probation and Parole Officer