

The State of Alabama, }  
Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT, SPRING SESSION, 1956

COUNT 1.

The Grand Jury of said County charge that before finding this indictment

PAT MELTON, whose name is to the Grand Jury otherwise unknown, did take an immoral, improper, or indecent liberty with a child of the female sex, to-wit, Joan Ann Raines, under the age of sixteen years, with intent of arousing, appealing to, or gratifying the lust or passions or sexual desires, either of himself or of the said Joan Ann Raines, or of both himself and said Joan Ann Raines, against the peace and dignity of the State of Alabama.

Count 2.

The Grand Jury of said County charge that before the finding of this indictment, Pat Melton, whose name is to the Grand Jury otherwise unknown, did commit, or attempt to commit a lewd or lascivious act upon or with the body, or a part or member thereof, of Joan Ann Raines, with an intent of arousing, appealing to, or gratifying the lust or passions or sexual desires, either of himself or of said Joan Ann Raines, or of both himself and the said Joan Ann Raines, against the peace and dignity of the State of Alabama.

COUNT 3.

The Grand Jury of said County charge that before the finding of this indictment, Pat Melton, whose name is to the Grand Jury otherwise unknown, did take immoral, improper, or indecent liberty with a child of the female sex, to-wit, Joan Ann Raines, under the age of sixteen years, with intent of arousing, appealing to, or gratifying the lust or passions or sexual desires, either of himself or of the said Joan Ann Raines, or both himself and the said Joan Ann Raines, or the said Pat Melton did commit, or attempt to commit a lewd or lascivious act upon or with the body, or a part or member thereof, of Joan Ann Raines, with an intent of arousing, appealing to, or gratifying the lust or passions or sexual desires, either of himself or of the said Joan Ann Raines, or of both himself and the said Joan Ann Raines, against the peace and dignity of the State of Alabama.

*Lemuel Cooper*  
Solicitor of the Twenty-Eight Judicial Circuit.

RECORDED

No. \_\_\_\_\_

The State of Alabama  
Baldwin County

Circuit Court

SPRING SESSION \_\_\_\_\_ 1956

The State

vs.

PAT MELTON

INDICTMENT

INDECENT MOLESTATION OF  
FEMALE CHILD.

No. \_\_\_\_\_ Prosecutor

WITNESSES:

JOAN ANN RAINES

TAYLOR WILKINS

DR. GEORGE HOLIDAY

MRS. JOHN D. RAINES

DR J. C. McLEOD

GRAND JURY NO. 92

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, 1956

*[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 \$ 1500<sup>00</sup>

*[Signature]*  
Judge.

*We the jury find  
the Defendant not guilty*

*[Signature]*  
Foreman

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27 Feb 56.  
9:30 AM

State of Ala  
U.S.

Dat Mutton.

Criminal Knowledge of girl child:

R. W. Winters

R. J. Granger  
Dr. George / Holliday

Dr. Holliday: Conducted ex am of Jan Ann  
Result: Child with large lacer  
on perineal blood in vagina  
and was bruised.

Mr. John S. Rivers  
Jan Ann Rivers  
Mrs. / Hollis / Hubbard  
/ Hollis / Hubbard

On further ex am in case to.

insert small instrument.

Child had been injured 24 hrs before check  
and not thing to have perineal could  
have caused it.

Had been accosted by a man in neighborhood  
Bruised was caused by blunt instrument  
or possibly by a man's little finger.  
Fall would not have produced blood  
in vagina, but was from other  
causes.

Jan Ann ~~Dr. Rivers~~ 5 year old.

Mr. Rivers: Learned later in day of accident  
Took ~~Dr. Rivers~~ Child to Dr. / Holliday.

Present at Ex am.

Did not know how injury occurred.

She told me Pat did it.

Could see to Dr. W. C. Cloud

Dr. put cotton in vagina



~~She~~ Called her to Mr. Holliday.  
 Line in front apt from ref. &  
 Joan Ann was playing in yard.  
 Def. hollered & told her he would  
 not bother her, not to be scared of  
 him. after night above was said.  
 Def. does not visit with Mr Rainer.

Pat Merton: Mr Rainer hasn't always  
 treated you nice: Ann. Yes.

Heupf: Answered Pat Merton at home.  
 on warrant as charged before noon.  
 Condition: I had been bumping & was  
 in bed at time of arrest.  
 One bed.

said you talk with Joan Ann.  
 She was playing with Sister & Pat  
 called her in & that Pat called  
 her in & put Joan Ann on  
 floor & put his hand on her.

Mr Wright: did you remember about accident?  
 All the kids playing on car  
 made them get off & they were  
 playing on Mr R. car later.  
 Mrs Hubbard called and said  
 one of the little girls were hurt.



Mr Wright: did you see children playing &  
one getting hurt.

Two other children said she fell.  
Time of day was daytime around  
middle part of day.

Mr Wright & Mr. Rains were cooking dinner  
Mr. Milton from East.

Came Mr Rains & Ray to Dr. McCloud.  
Pat Milton: not guilty.

don't know anything about it  
until Sheriff put him in jail  
when we were on 29 Jan 1956.  
Came to town & went back to  
home, around 11 o'clock.

1:30 Came back to town to East.  
Stopped at airport for awhile.

Sat coffee at Ben Sutton &  
Went home about 6 or 7 o'clock  
Went to bed when he got home.  
did not call Mr Rains not to be  
scared.

was not drunk but tipsy.

Sat Sunday & Monday

did not hear from Ann or trying.

Had you know any thing on  
Sunday? No.

Not true he put his hand on Ann  
Ann. said not put her on floor.  
No trouble between himself and her or  
Mr Rains.

Never saw him in house.

2100  
7973 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

*R. J. Granger or Geo Holliday*  
*Mr John S. Riches & daughter. Mr Hall's Husband*  
personally to be and appear before the Justice Court, to be holden for Baldwin County, at my office on the

*25* day of *Feb. 37 A.M.* 19*56*, 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

*Pat Mellon*

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

Witness my hand this *10* day of *Feb.*, A. D. 19*56*.

*J. J. Ladd*  
Justice of the Peace

2100  
7973 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

*Mr Bill Wright*  
personally to be and appear before the Justice Court, to be holden for Baldwin County, at my office on the  
*25* day of *Feb. 37 A.M.* 19*56*, 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 Defendant, in a prosecution now pending in said Court, wherein the State of Alabama  
is Plaintiff and *Pat Mellon*

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

Witness my hand this *10* day of *Feb.*, A. D. 19*56*.

*J. J. Ladd*  
Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 4



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Executed in full, this the

25 - Feb

day of

Feb

, 1956

Taylor Williams

Sheriff.

W A Talbert

Deputy Sheriff.

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA, }

Baldwin County

To Any Sheriff of the State of Alabama:

An indictment having been found against

Pat Meltonat the Spring Term, 1936 of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, for the offense ofMolestation of Female Childyou are, therefore, commanded forthwith to arrest the said Defendant and commit himto jail, unless he give bail to answer said indictment, and that you return this Writ according to law.Dated this 16 day of March, 1936Alvin J. Welch  
Clerk Circuit Court of Baldwin County.

The State of Alabama, }

Baldwin County.

We, Alvin J. Welch, 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.)\_\_\_\_\_  
(L. S.)\_\_\_\_\_  
(L. S.)

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

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



CAPIAS

No. 92

The State

vs.

Pat Melton

Bail fixed in this Case in Open Court at

\$ 1500

By J. M. [Signature]  
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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State Of Alabama, }  
Baldwin County. }

*Joan Ann Rains* Printed by Moore Printing Co.

In the Justice Court of T. C. HAND

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

in and for said County, personally appeared R. J. Granger 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 29 January 1956 that one Pat Melton  
did carnally know, or abuse in the attempt to carnally know *Joan Ann*  
*Rains* .. a girl under the age of twelve years

against the peace and dignity of the State of Alabama.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 30  
day of January, A. D., 19 56  
*T. C. Hand*, J. P.

*R. J. Granger*

## WARRANT

State Of Alabama, }  
Baldwin County. }

To Any Lawful Officer of Said County, Greetings:

You are hereby commanded to arrest Pat Melton

and bring him

before me to answer the State of Alabama on a charge  
Carnal knowledge of girl child

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

Witness my hand this 30 day of January, 19 56.

*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.

Pat Melton

Witnesses for the State:

R. J. Granger

*Dr. Geo. Holliday*  
*Mr John S. Raine*  
*Joan Ann Raine*  
*Mr Hollis Hubbard*  
*~~Hollis Hubbard~~*  
*Will Wright*  
*Mr Will Wright*

Moore Printing Co., Bay Minette, Ala.

Justice Court of  
Baldwin County

Warrant of Arrest

The State of Alabama,  
Vs.

Pat Melton

Executed this 30 day of Jan 1956

By arresting the within

named Defendant

and placing him

*Jail*

*Taylor W. Kin*, Sheriff  
*R. J. Granger*, Deputy Sheriff



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Spring Term, March 26th, 1956

| No.           | Name                                            | Occupation             | Address          |
|---------------|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| <del>1</del>  | <del>Robinson, John B., Farmer,</del>           | <del>Foley</del>       | <del>#5 13</del> |
| <del>2</del>  | <del>Klein, Jerome, Insurance,</del>            | <del>Fairhope</del>    | <del>50</del>    |
| <del>3</del>  | <del>Doege, Herman, Businessman,</del>          | <del>Elberta</del>     | <del>50</del>    |
| <del>4</del>  | <del>Pollard, Lewis, Laborer,</del>             | <del>Foley</del>       | <del>50</del>    |
| <del>5</del>  | <del>Corte, J. Arthur, Farmer,</del>            | <del>Belforest</del>   | <del>50</del>    |
| <del>6</del>  | <del>DePhillippi, Jim, Farmer,</del>            | <del>Daphne</del>      | <del>51</del>    |
| <del>7</del>  | <del>Hensen, Clarence W., Fisherman,</del>      | <del>Daphne</del>      | <del>51</del>    |
| <del>8</del>  | <del>Snyder, Burns, Brookley Field,</del>       | <del>Rabon</del>       | <del>51</del>    |
| <del>9</del>  | <del>Carlisle, Dennis C., Newport,</del>        | <del>Bay Minette</del> | <del>53</del>    |
| <del>10</del> | <del>Baldwin, Tony, Laborer,</del>              | <del>Foley</del>       | <del>50</del>    |
| <del>11</del> | <del>Brown, George, A., Press-Register,</del>   | <del>Gulf Shores</del> | <del>51</del>    |
| <del>12</del> | <del>Robinson, George E., Millman,</del>        | <del>Stockton</del>    | <del>51</del>    |
| <del>13</del> | <del>Wilson, George, Airport Oper,</del>        | <del>Foley</del>       | <del>51</del>    |
| <del>14</del> | <del>Messeroli, Walter H., Boat Operator,</del> | <del>Gulf Shores</del> | <del>51</del>    |
| <del>15</del> | <del>Caprara, Lewis J., Laborer,</del>          | <del>Bay Minette</del> | <del>50</del>    |
| (16)          | Bung, Floyd, Merchant,                          | Fairhope               |                  |
| <del>17</del> | <del>Norman, Jack, Band Director,</del>         | <del>Fairhope</del>    | <del>50</del>    |
| (18)          | Keene, Glen, Corp.,                             | Fairhope               |                  |
| <del>19</del> | <del>Keinschmidt, Erwin, Farmer,</del>          | <del>Elberta</del>     | <del>51</del>    |
| <del>20</del> | <del>Coleman, Denny, Laborer,</del>             | <del>Bay Minette</del> | <del>51</del>    |
| <del>21</del> | <del>Robinson, Dudley, Insurance,</del>         | <del>Fairhope</del>    | <del>51</del>    |
| <del>22</del> | <del>Griffith, Jack, Shipyard,</del>            | <del>Fairhope</del>    | <del>51</del>    |
| (23)          | Latner, A. K., Carpenter,                       | Loxley                 |                  |
| (24)          | Harrison, John, Laborer,                        | Summerdale             |                  |
| <del>25</del> | <del>Green, J. Harold, Cafe Operator,</del>     | <del>Bay Minette</del> | <del>50</del>    |
| <del>26</del> | <del>Eloch, John, Farmer,</del>                 | <del>Elberta</del>     | <del>51</del>    |
| <del>27</del> | <del>Highbee, Evan S., Farmer,</del>            | <del>Belforest</del>   | <del>50</del>    |
| <del>28</del> | <del>Vitous, Albert, Farmer,</del>              | <del>Silverhill</del>  |                  |
| <del>29</del> | <del>Hemmert, John Jr., Farmer,</del>           | <del>Elberta</del>     | <del>50</del>    |
| <del>30</del> | <del>Miller, Robert, M., Merchant,</del>        | <del>Bay Minette</del> | <del>50</del>    |
| <del>31</del> | <del>Newton, Forrest, B. Clerk,</del>           | <del>Bay Minette</del> | <del>51</del>    |
| (32)          | Hankins, C. E., Farmer,                         | Robertsdale            |                  |
| <del>33</del> | <del>Black, Rufus M., Farmer,</del>             | <del>Loxley</del>      | <del>51</del>    |
| <del>34</del> | <del>D... ..</del>                              | <del>...</del>         | <del>50</del>    |

# JURY LIST

Spring Term, March 26th, 1956

| No.           | Name                            | Occupation                | Address                |
|---------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| <del>1</del>  | <del>Robinson, John B.</del>    | <del>Farmer</del>         | <del>Foley</del>       |
| <del>2</del>  | <del>Klein, Jerome</del>        | <del>Insurance</del>      | <del>Fairhope</del>    |
| <del>3</del>  | <del>Dodge, Herman</del>        | <del>Businessman</del>    | <del>Elberta</del>     |
| <del>4</del>  | <del>Pollard, Lewis</del>       | <del>Laborer</del>        | <del>Foley</del>       |
| <del>5</del>  | <del>Corte, J. Arthur</del>     | <del>Farmer</del>         | <del>Belforest</del>   |
| <del>6</del>  | <del>DePhilippi, Jim</del>      | <del>Farmer</del>         | <del>Daphne</del>      |
| <del>7</del>  | <del>Hensen, Clarence W.</del>  | <del>Fisherman</del>      | <del>Daphne</del>      |
| <del>8</del>  | <del>Snyder, Burns</del>        | <del>Brookley Field</del> | <del>Rabon</del>       |
| <del>9</del>  | <del>Carlisle, Dennis C.</del>  | <del>Newport</del>        | <del>Bay Minette</del> |
| <del>10</del> | <del>Baldwin, Tony</del>        | <del>Laborer</del>        | <del>Foley</del>       |
| <del>11</del> | <del>Brown, George A.</del>     | <del>Press-Register</del> | <del>Gulf Shores</del> |
| <del>12</del> | <del>Robinson, George E.</del>  | <del>Milkman</del>        | <del>Stockton</del>    |
| <del>13</del> | <del>Wilson, George</del>       | <del>Airport Oper.</del>  | <del>Foley</del>       |
| <del>14</del> | <del>Messeroll, Walter H.</del> | <del>Boat Operator</del>  | <del>Gulf Shores</del> |
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| 16            | Bung, Floyd                     | Merchant                  | Fairhope               |
| <del>17</del> | <del>Norman, Jack</del>         | <del>Band Director</del>  | <del>Fairhope</del>    |
| 18            | Keene, Glen, Corp.              |                           | Fairhope               |
| <del>19</del> | <del>Keinschmidt, Erwin</del>   | <del>Farmer</del>         | <del>Elberta</del>     |
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| <del>21</del> | <del>Robinson, Dudley</del>     | <del>Insurance</del>      | <del>Fairhope</del>    |
| <del>22</del> | <del>Griffith, Jack</del>       | <del>Shipyard</del>       | <del>Fairhope</del>    |
| 23            | Latner, A. K.                   | Carpenter                 | Loxley                 |
| 24            | Harrison, John                  | Laborer                   | Summerdale             |
| <del>25</del> | <del>Green, J. Harold</del>     | <del>Cafe Operator</del>  | <del>Bay Minette</del> |
| <del>26</del> | <del>Bloch, John</del>          | <del>Farmer</del>         | <del>Elberta</del>     |
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| <del>28</del> | <del>Vitous, Albert</del>       | <del>Farmer</del>         | <del>Silverhill</del>  |
| <del>29</del> | <del>Hammert, John Jr.</del>    | <del>Farmer</del>         | <del>Elberta</del>     |
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| 32            | Hankins, C. E.                  | Farmer                    | Robertsdale            |
| <del>33</del> | <del>Black, Rufus M.</del>      | <del>Farmer</del>         | <del>Loxley</del>      |
| <del>34</del> | <del>Barnhill, Roger</del>      | <del>Farmer</del>         | <del>Loxley</del>      |
| 35            | Matthews, Nelson                | Truck Driver              | Summerdale             |

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

| Attorneys | Case                                       | Charge                            |
|-----------|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| No. 7973. | THE STATE OF ALABAMA,<br>Vs.<br>Pat Mellon | Canal Knowledge of<br>Girl Child. |

|  | Disposition of Case                                | Fees                                    | Amount |
|--|----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|--------|
|  | Affidavit made and Warrant Issued to R.J. Granger. | Judge's Fees                            |        |
|  | Returnable Grand Jury.                             | Warrant at 50c, Affidavit at 25c        | 75     |
|  | Witness—for State R.J. Granger                     | Bond at 50c, Sci Fa. at 50c             |        |
|  | or Geo. Holliday                                   | Witnesses' Recognizances at 25c         |        |
|  | Mrs John D. Rines                                  | 2 Subpoenas or notice at 25c            | 1.25   |
|  | Joan Ann Rines                                     | 4 Continuance at 25c                    | 1.00   |
|  | Mrs / Lollis / Hubbard                             | Trial of Misdemeanor at \$1.00          |        |
|  | <del>Hobbs / Hobbs</del>                           | Mittimus at 25c                         | 25     |
|  | Mrs Bill Wright.                                   | Judgment on Forfeited Bond at 25c       |        |
|  | Bill Wright.                                       | Taking Bond, etc., on Appeal at \$1.00  |        |
|  |                                                    | 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 | 4.00   |
|  |                                                    | Guard \$2.00, Finger Printing 10c       | 2.10   |
|  |                                                    | 2 Subpoenas at 50c, Mileage             | 3.50   |
|  |                                                    | Re committed                            | 2.00   |
|  |                                                    | Witness Fees                            |        |
|  |                                                    | R.J. Granger Days at 50c                |        |
|  |                                                    | Geo. Holliday Days at 50c               | 50     |
|  |                                                    | Mrs John D. Rines Days at 50c           | 50     |
|  |                                                    | Joan Ann Rines Days at 50c              | 50     |
|  |                                                    | Mrs / Lollis / Hubbard Days at 50c      |        |
|  |                                                    | Days at 50c                             |        |
|  |                                                    | Defendant's Costs                       |        |
|  |                                                    | Witnesses' Recognizance at 25c          |        |
|  |                                                    | 2 Subpoenas at 50c                      | 1.00   |
|  |                                                    | Executing Subpoenas                     |        |

4 Feb 56.  
11 Feb 56  
18 Feb 56  
25 Feb 56  
27 Feb 56.

Continued to 11 Feb 56.  
" to 18 Feb 56.  
" to 25 Feb 56.  
" to 27 Feb 56.  
Bound to Grand Jury.  
Bond \$1,500  
Re committed to jail

Pat Mellon  
Justice Court