THE STATE OF ALABAMA EX-REL: RAIPH L. JOHES, SOLIGITOR, Complement,

John Ebert,

Respondent.

IN THE CIRCUIT COUNT OF BALDWIN GOUNTY, ALADAMA. W. 445 IN THE

TO THE HOM. P. W. HARS, JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ATABLE

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destroyed the following:

One pin table machine with automatic

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The State of Alabama, No. CIRCUIT COURT IN EQUITY.
State-of-Alabama, -Ex-Rel:-Ralph-LJones, Complainant vs.
John Ebert Defendant Defendant
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to appear and demur, plead to or answer the Bill of Complaint in this cause within thirty days
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ordered and decreed that the said Bill of Complaint in this cause be and it hereby is in all things
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The State Of Alabama, Baldwin County

Circuit Court of Baldwin County, In Equity.

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA, EX-REL: RALPH L. JONES, SOLICITOR, COMPLAINANT,

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VS.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA.

IN EQUITY.

JOHN EBRERT, RESPONDENT.

TO THE HON. F. W. HARE, JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

Comes the State of Alabama, on relation of Ralph L. Jones, Solicitor of the 21st Judicial Circuit of Alabama, and complains of John Ebert, and shows to the Court as follows:

FIRST.

That said Ralph L. Jones is the duly elected and qualified Solicitor of the 21st Judicial Circuit of Alabama, which said Circuit embraces Baldwin County, Alabama, and as such official is the prosecuting officer in the Circuit Court of said County. That said John Ebbert is a citizen of Baldwin County, Alabama, and is over 21 years of age.

SECOND.

That on, to-wit; the 15th day of July, 1938, the said respondent, John Ebbert, did keep, own, set up, operate or conduct, or permit to be set up, operated or conducted a gambling device, as defined by the laws of the State of Alabama, said gambling device being a pin table machine, with automatic payout device. That said pin table machine was a machine, mechanical device, contrivance, appliance or invention intended for the purpose of winning money by hazard of chance, and was being operated, or could be operated as a game of chance. That said pin table machine was and is a machine, mechanical device, contrivance, appliance or invention in the use of which a consideration is paid or deposited, and there is gambling or the hazarding of small

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gambling device was illegal and contrary to law, and such device is contraband property and forfeited to the State of Alabama, under the terms and provisions of an Act of the Legislature of Alabama, approved July 25th, 1931, and appearing at pages 806-809 pof the Acts of said 1931 Legislature of Alabama. That on, to-wit; the 15th day of July, 1938, J. W. McClung, a law enforcement officer for the State of Alabama, did seize the said pin table machine, in Baldwin County, Alabama, while it was in the possession of said Respondent, and did duly report said seizure to the said Ralph L. Jones, as such Solicitor, and said device is being held as contraband property, subject to the orders of this Court.

PRAYER FOR BROCESS.

The premises considered, Complainant prays that the usual process issue out of this Court, directed to the said John Ebbert, making him a party respondent to this Bill of Complaint, and that he be required to answer, plead or demur to the same within the time and under the penalties prescribed by law, and show cause, if any he has, why the said described machine should not be declared contraband property, and the same, together with its contents, forfeited to the State of Alabama.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF.

Complainant further prays that, upon a final hearing of this cause, Your Honor will enter a decree declaring said seized pin table machine to be a gambling device, and as such to be contraband property and forfeited with its contents to the State of Alabama, and further directing that the same be destroyed and its contents

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Vs.

JOHN EBERT, RÉSPONDENT.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA. IN EQUITY.

DECREE.

This cause coming on to be heard in Term time, was submitted for final decree upon the bill of complaint and decree pro confesso on personal service against the respondent, and the Court having considered and understood the same is of the opinion that the complainant is entitled to the relief prayed for in the bill of complaint and is entitled to a final decree in this cause condemning the pin-ball table machine, the subject matter of this suit, declaring the same to be a gambling device under the laws of the State of Alabama, and as such subject to be forfeited, along with its contents seized therein, to the State of Alabama, and ordering said machine destroyed and said contents distributed as provided by law.

It is, therefore, ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Court that the pin-ball table machine, with automatic payout device, seized from the possession of the respondent in this suit, as set out in the bill of complaint, be and the same is hereby adjudged and declared to be a gambling device under the laws of Alabama, and the same is hereby declared and adjudged to be contraband property, and is hereby condemned and forfeited, along with the contents seized therein, to the State of Alabama as being a gambling device, prohibited by law.

It is further offered and directed by the Court that

It is further offered and directed by the Court that one-half of the money seized in said machine, now held by the Register of the Court, be paid over by said Register to the officers who made the seizure of said machine, and that the remaining one-half of said money be paid by said Register into the General Fund of Baldwin County, Alabama, as provided by law.

It is further ordered and directed by the Court that M.H. Wilkins, former Sheriff of Baldwin County, who has custody of said machine deliver the same to the present Sheriff of said

It is further ordered and directed by the Court that M.H. Wilkins, former Sheriff of Baldwin County, who has custody of said machine, deliver the same to the present Sheriff of said County, and that the present Sheriff, in the presence of the Register of this Court, destroy said machine hereinbefore described, within twenty days from thedate of this decree.

It is further ordered and directed by the Court that the costs of this suit be taxed against the respondent, for which let execution issue. If, however, the costs are not collected on or by said execution, the Register shall tax and collect the costs herein from Baldwin County, to be paid as in criminal cases in which the State fails.

Done, ordered and decreed in open Court this the 1st day of February, 1939.

Judge of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama. In Equity.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA, EX-Relational RALPH L. TOWNS, SOLIGITOR,

Complainant,

Vm.

JOHN EBERT, Respondent.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA.
IN EQUITY. NO. 445

TO HON. W. R. STUARD, SHERIFF OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA:

Tou are hereby commanded in accordance with that certain decree of this Court made and rendered on the 1st day of February, 1939, by Hon, F. W. Hare, Judge of said Court, to destroy in the presence of the Register of said Court, the following named articles:

One (1) pin-table machine, with automatic pay-out device;

The above named property is to be destroyed within twenty (20) days from the date of said decree.

You are further directed to report to this court your compliance with said decree of Condemnation,

WITNESS my hand this 19th day of February, 1959.

R. S. DUCK, Register of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, In Equity,

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Sheriff

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