

# 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. JONÉS, SOLICITOR, COMPLAINANT,

VS.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA.

IN EQUITY.

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GLARENCE FULLER, 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 Clarence Fuller, and shows to the Court as follows:

### FIRST.

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 Clarence Fuller 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, Clemente Fuller, did keep, own, set up, operate or conduct, or permit to be set up, operated or conducted three gambling devices, as defined by the laws of the State of Alabama, said gambling devices being one five-cent slot machine, one ten-cent slot machine and one twenty-five cent slot machine, all of the type commonly known as Roscoes. That said slot machines were machines, mechanical devices, contrivances, appliances or inventions intended for the purpose of winning money by hazard or chance, and were being operated, or could be operated, as games of chance. That said slot machines were and are machines, mechanical devices,

contrivances, appliances or inventions in the use of which a consideration is paid or deposited, and there is gambling or the hazarding of small amounts of money to win larger amounts of money.

### PRAYER FOR PROCESS.

The premises considered, complainant prays that the usual process issue out of this Court, directed to the said Clarence Fuller, 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 machines, together with their contents, should not be declared contraband property, and the same 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 slot machines to be gambling devices, and as such to be contraband property and forfeited with their contents to the State of Alabama, and further directing the same to be

destroyed and their contents distributed as provided by law.

And Complainant further prays for such other, further and additional relief, decrees and orders as may be necessary to accomplish the condemnation and destruction of said machines, as illegal gambling devices prohibited by the laws of Alabama.

Respectfully submitted,

Solicitor of the 21st Judicial Circuit of Alabama.

FOOT-NOTE.

Respondent is required to answer each and every allegation contained in paragraphs numbered FIRST and SECOND of this Bill of Complaint, but not under oath, answer under oath being hereby waived.

Solicitor of the 21st Judicial

Circuit of Alabama.

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- l. That the Bill of Complaint does not contain equity.
- 2. That this is a proceedings in rem and should be made against the articles therein described.
- 3. That this proceedings should also be against the articles, machines or mechanisms mentioned in the Bill of Complaint.
- 4. Without proceedings of condemnation against the articles mentioned in the Bill of Complaint this Court has no authority to condemn the same.
- 5. Without the articles mentioned in the Bill of Complaint being proceeded against, this Court has no authority to order their destruction.
- 6. That for aught appearing in the Bill of Complaint said articles, mechanisms or machines in their operation could be influenced by the will or skill of the person operating same.
- 7. That for aught appearing in the Bill of Complaint the operator could operate the articles, machines or mechanisms therein mentioned so by will or skill as to influence the results of winning or losing.
- 8. That the allegation in the Bill of Complaint that the articles mentioned therein are gambling devices as defined by the laws of Alabama, is but a conclusion of the pleader.
- 9. That said device mentioned in the Bill of Complaint is not properly or clearly described by the pleader.
- 10. That said device being described as a pin table machine with automatic pay-out means nothing, and the statement that such mechanism is a gambling device is nothing more than a conclusion of the pleader.

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- ll. That said Complaint fails to define what a pin table machine is or what a pay-out is, and the allegations that the same is a gambling device is but a conclusion of the pleader.
- 12. That the said device being described as a Roscoe means nothing, and the statement that such machine is a gambling device is nothing more than a conclusion of the pleader.

Solic for Respondent.

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

Vs.

GEORGE FULLER, RESPONDENT. IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA. IN EQUITY.

#### DECREE.

This cause coming on to be heard, in Term time, and the Court having overruled the respondent's demurrer to the bill of complaint, the respondent refuses to plead further. The Court therefore 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 said cause condemning the three slot machines the subject of this suit, as gambling devices under the laws of the State of Alahama, declaring the same to be contraband property and formfeited, aong with their contents to the State of Alabama, and ordering said machines to be destroyed and the contents seizee therein to be distributed as provided by law.

It is, therefore, ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Court that the three slot machines seized from the possession of the respondent in this suit, as set out in the bill of complaint, and described as being one five-cent slot machine, one ten-cent slot machine and one twenty-five-cent slot machine, all of the type commonly known as Roscoes, be and the same are hereby adjudged and declared to be gambling devices under the laws of Alabama, and the same are hereby declared and adjudged to be contraband property and are hereby condemned and forfeited, along with their contents, to the State of Alabama, as being gambling devices prohibited by law.

It is further ordered, directed and decreed by the Court that one-half of the money seized in such machines and now held by the Register of this Court, be paid over by him to the officers making the seizure of said machines, 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.

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It is further ordered and directed by the Court that

M.H.Wilkins, former Sheriff of said County, who now has custody
of said machines, deliver the same to the present Sheriff of said
County, and that said present Sheriff, in the presence of the
Register of this Court, destroy all of said machines hereinbefore
referred to and described, within twenty days from the date of
this decree.

It is further ordered and decreed 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, then 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.

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

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

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IN THE CINCUIT COUNT OF BALLWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA. 380 × 448 IN DUINE

TO THE HOM. F. W. HARE, JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY,

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I further beg to report that above stated machine has been completely wrecked and is of no further use or value.

WITNESS my hand this the  $19^{L}$  day of Pebruary, 1939.

Baldwin County, Alabama,

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COURTY, ALABAMA. IN EQUITY. NO.  $\frac{448}{}$ 

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

You are hereby commanded in accordance with that certain decree of this Court made and rendered on the lat 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) five-cent slot machine, of the type known as a Roscoe;
- One (1) ten-cent slot machine, of the type known as a Roscoe;
- One (1) twenty-five-cent slot machine of the type known as a Roscoe;

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 fourt your compliance with the said decree of Condemnation.

WITNESS my hand this 10th der of February, 1039.

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

By: Muslice Marrow Deputy-Register.

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It is therefore, ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Court that the said report of the said Sheriff be in all!things approved and confirmed; and it is hereby ordered that same be and is hereby approved and confirmed.

It is further ordered that the Register of this Court proceed forthwith to carry out the further directions and orders of the decree rendered on the 1st day of February, 1939.

7th day of March

HARE, Judge of the

Circuit Court.

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No. 448

Summons

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Judge of Circuit Court.



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