STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

Detachment File Number: A/633  
August 6, 1939  
Charleston, West Virginia  
Initial  
Trooper C. E. Ainsworth  
Kanawha  
Complete  

SUSPECTS: None other than accused.

DATE OF INCIDENT: August 1, 1939, about 11:30 P.M.

ACCUSED: Luther Haddock, white, male, age 28, Stop 59, Dunbar Line, North Charleston, W. Va.
          Kathleen Hanson, white, female, age 21, Stop 59, Dunbar Line, North Charleston, W. Va.

CODE OF OPERATION: Kathleen Hanson and Julia Vickers met the victim in a beer parlor and upon ascertaining he had money in his possession, called upon Luther Haddock, to help them obtain it. The victim was then driven to a isolated place, and there robbed and knocked in the head.

MOTIVE: Gain.

DISCOVERED BY: Frank S. Martin, 606 Virginia Street, Charleston, W. Va. August 1, 1939 and about 11:30 P.M.

WEATHER CONDITIONS: Fair.
PLACE OF CRIME:
Stop 6, Dunbar Line, North Charleston, Union District, Kanawha County, W. Va. Near the New York Central Railroad tracks.

LIST OF EXHIBITS:
1 catsup bottle, containing small quantity of salts. In possession.

PROPERTY STOLEN:
1 1933 model Packard convertible coupe automobile, bearing W. Va., registration #153-632, gun-metal color. Value of $100.00
1 bill-fold, containing $27.00 in money. Value of $25.00

PROPERTY RECOVERED:
1 1933 model Packard convertible coupe automobile, bearing W. Va., registration #153-632, gun-metal color. Value of $100.00

ACTION TAKEN:
On the morning of August 3, 1939, and about 12:30 A.M., the undersigned Trooper C. E. Musgrave was assigned by the Detachment Commander to investigate the circumstances surrounding the robbery of Frank S. Martin, at Stop 6, Dunbar Line, North Charleston, W. Va., which had occurred shortly before. Assisting in the investigation was Trooper Edwin Starcher.

Immediately upon assignment your investigators proceeded to Stop 6, Dunbar Line, North Charleston, W. Va., and there found Frank S. Martin, who was thereupon interviewed. Mr. Martin related that he had met two women in Dan's beer parlor, State Street, Charleston, W. Va., about 10:30 P.M., August 2, 1939, and after riding with them for a while in his automobile, met another man at Littlepage Service
Action taken: Station, Junction of West Virginia routes 91 and 55. The four proceeded to the Blue Moon Beer Parlor at Stop 6, Dunbar Line, North Charleston, W. Va., where they dined and drank beer. Mr. Martin further related that the woman went by the name of Judy and Kathleen, and the man was called John Ellis. Thereupon, Kathleen and John asked Frank Martin to drive them to their home, where they could get some of their belongings. Proceeding in the automobile in a lonely section at Stop 6, Dunbar Line, North Charleston, W. Va., the man called John told Mr. Martin to stop the car and get out. Upon doing this his pocket book was removed from his possession and then knocked in the head. Kathleen and John drove Mr. Martin's automobile away with them.

An examination was made of the crime scene, and a large catsup bottle was found, containing a quantity of salt, at a place where Frank Martin stated that he had been hit. No other evidence was found at this place.

The office of the West Virginia State Road Commission was called about 2:00 A. M. same date and thereby ascertained the license number of the stolen automobile. The radio dispatcher of the Charleston City Police, Charleston, W. Va., was advised of this crime and requested to broadcast a lookout for the stolen automobile. Shortly thereafter, this broadcast was made, advising all police cars throughout the state to be on the lookout for the stolen automobile and occupants.

On August 2, 1959, and about 1:30 A. M., the undersigned made a complete canvass of all beer parlors on State Street, Charleston, W. Va., to ascertain the identity of the women with Frank S. Martin. Numerous persons were interviewed relative thereto, but none could give a complete name. These women were known as Kathleen and Judy.
The interviews did reveal that the woman known as Kathleen and Judy lived somewhere in North Charleston, W. Va.

J. E. Akers, Postmaster, North Charleston, W. Va., was interviewed during the afternoon of August 8, 1939, and he informed the undersigned that a Kathleen Baddox and Judy Bryant were living together at Stop 59 Dunbar Line, North Charleston, W. Va.

Your investigator immediately proceeded to the address as given by Mr. Akers, and there found Kathleen Baddox and Julie "Judy" Vickers. On this occasion Frank S. Martin accompanied your investigator and thereafter made a positive identification of the woman as being with him at the time of the commission of the crime. Julie Vickers and Kathleen Baddox were taken into custody and brought to the Summerville Jail. Upon being questioned, Kathleen Baddox related that she had a brother, Luther Baddox but did not know where he was at that time. However, both Kathleen and Judy or Julie related that they had been at the Daniel Boone Bar B Q on United States route #60 near Snow Hill, W. Va.

Your investigator proceeded to the Daniel Boone Bar B Q, accompanied with Trooper Edwin Starster, and there found and arrested Luther Baddox for the commission of the crime complained of. Luther Baddox was brought to the Summerville Jail and there identified by Frank S. Martin as the man committing the crime upon him. Upon questioning Luther Baddox he made a complete confession of the crime and stated that he had hid the automobile near Patrick Street, Charleston, W. Va.
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Action taken

On August 2, 1952, and about 7:00
P.M., your investigator accompanied
with Frank S. Martin proceeded to
Patrick Street, Charleston, S. C., Va.,
and near said street found the stolen
Packard automobile. Mr. Martin there-
upon identified this automobile as
his property. It was thereafter re-
leased to Frank S. Martin.

On August 3, 1952, Kathleen Hanson
was questioned at the Kanawha County
Jail and made a complete written state-
ment confessing the commission of the
crime and implicating Luther Maddox
and Julia Vickers. The statement is
appended hereto.

On the same date and time, Julia Vickers
was questioned and made a complete written
statement confessing her part in the com-
mision of the crime.

On the same date, time and place, Luther
Maddox was questioned and he again stated
that he had committed the crime. This
statement was reduced to writing and
Luther Maddox signed it, however, refused
to implicate Kathleen Hanson or Julia
Vickers. The statement is appended here-
eto.

On August 8, 1952, Kathleen Hanson, and
Julia Vickers were taken to the Blue Moon
beer parlor and at which time Carl Jones,
Manager of the business place, identified
them as being with Frank S. Martin shortly
before the commission of the crime. Carl
Jones further stated that the four occupied
a rear booth in the business place and
after their leaving he discovered a catsup
bottle, containing salt was missing from
that booth. Thereupon a catsup bottle
containing salt was shown to Carl Jones
and he identified this bottle as belonging
in his business place. This bottle was
found at the crime scene.
On August 2, 1939, about 2:00 A.M., E. S. Lawson, night watchman for the Carbide-Carbon yard, Stop 6, Dunbar Line, North Charleston, S. C., was interviewed and related that he had seen the automobile park and had seen a man hit Frank S. Martin and knocking him into the ditch at the side of the street, and then leaving in the automobile. Mr. Lawson stated that a man and woman was in the automobile.

On August 5, 1939, your investigator interviewed Nellie Triplatt, 516 Capital Street, Charleston, S. C., who stated that she had seen Kathleen Hanson and Julia Vickers with Frank S. Martin in Dan's Beer Parlor on the night of the 1st of August, 1939, and shortly prior to the crime.

On August 5, 1939, Luther Maddox, Julia Vickers and Kathleen Hanson were taken before E. S. Watson, Justice of the Peace, Charleston, S. C., and there arraigned for the commission of the crime of armed robbery. All waived to the grand jury and were held on a $2,000.00 bond.

WITNESSES:


The witness will testify that he met Kathleen Hanson and Julia Vickers in Charleston, S. C., on the night of August 1, 1939, and that after meeting Luther Maddox at Littlepage Service Station, was taken to Stop 6, Dunbar Line, North Charleston, S. C., and there robbed and knocked in the head. That the robbers had taken his automobile and pocket book containing about $27.00 and valuable papers. That in company with Trooper C. E. Ingraves, the automobile was located near Patrick Street, Charleston, S. C., Va.
Mollie Triplett, 610 Capitol Street, Charleston, W. Va.

The witness will testify that Frank S. Martin, Kathleen Hanson and Julia Vickers were together on the night of August 2, 1939, shortly prior to the commission of the crime. That they were in Ben's Bear Bar on that occasion.


The witness will testify that Frank S. Martin, Kathleen Hanson and Julia Vickers and Luther Maddox came into his business place late on the night of August 2, 1939, and shortly prior to the commission of the crime. That they used a rear booth and upon their leaving, a salt shaker was missing from that booth. That a catsup bottle containing salt, which was found at the crime scene was identical to that salt shaker missing from the rear booth.


The witness will testify that Luther Maddox made a complete statement confessing the commission of the crime.

C. E. Musgrave, Charleston, W. Va.

The witness will testify that Luther Maddox, Kathleen Hanson and Julia Vickers made written statements connecting themselves with the commission of the crime. That the stolen automobile was found parked in a location as directed by Luther Maddox. That a catsup bottle containing salt was found at the scene of the crime.
The witness will testify that on the night of August 1, 1939, he saw Frank S. Martin robbed by an unknown person and then struck with some object and knocked to the ground. That a man hit him and thereafter driving an automobile from the scene. That there was a man and woman at the scene of the crime, however, the woman did not get out of the car while the robbery was being consummated.

Luther Eaddox made a complete written statement confessing the commission of the crime and implicating Kathleen Henson. The statement is appended hereto.

Kathleen Henson made a complete written statement confessing her part in the commission of the crime and implicating Luther Eaddox and Julia Vickers. The statement is appended hereto.

Julia Vickers made a complete statement confessing her part of the commission of the crime. The statement is appended hereto.

SUMMARY OF CASE: Frank S. Martin met Julia Vickers and Kathleen Henson in Dan's Beer Parlor on State Street, Charleston, W. Va., on the night of August 1, 1939. They drank some beer and talked and upon paying for the beer, Kathleen Henson and Julia Vickers saw Frank Martin's money. They retired to the rest room in the business place and talked over the possibility of getting this money. They decided to telephone Luther Eaddox to help them obtain it. Kathleen Haddox thereupon made a telephone call to Luther Eaddox and told him to meet them and it was agreed that he would meet them at Littlepage Service Station.
Summary of cases

Junction of West Virginia routes 31 and 36. Frank E. Martin drove Kathleen Hansen and Julia Vickers to this location and parked his automobile to await the arrival of Luther Maddox. Upon his arrival the four drove to the Blue Moon Beer Parlor, Stop 6, Dunbar Line, North Charleston, W. Va., and there drank some beer and danced.

At the Blue Moon Beer Parlor, Luther Maddox took a catsup bottle containing salt from a table in their booth, and asked Frank Martin to take him and Kathleen Hansen to their home. Frank Martin drove them to a point at Stop 6, Dunbar Line, North Charleston, W. Va., and there Luther Maddox ordered him out of his car and robbed him. After robbing Mr. Martin, Luther Maddox struck him over the head with the catsup bottle containing salt, and drove away in the automobile. Later parking this automobile near Patrick Street, Charleston, W. Va.

C. E. Murdock
Capt. 2d S.R.R.T.
Trooper, D. P. V.

Copy to: The Superintendent
Company Commander
Prosecuting Attorney
Detachment File.
STATEMENT OF LUTHER HAMOR

I, Luther Hamor, age 21, residing at 505 North Detroit St., North Charleston, S. C., on the 3rd day of August, 1929, do hereby state and execute this true statement concerning the robbery of Frank S. Martin, and the theft of his automobile on the night of the 1st of August, 1929.

I have been apprised of my constitutional rights, in that, I need not be a witness against myself or incriminate myself in any manner, and realize that anything that I might say will be used against me in a criminal proceeding.

I have not been threatened, forced or instructed by the officers, nor have I been promised any reward or immunity to make this statement but do so of my own free will and accord.

On the night of August 1st, 1929, about 11:00 P.M., I received a telephone call from Kathleen Hanon, and she told me to meet her at the Littlepage Service Station. I sought a ride up to the Littlepage Service Station and when we got there, she was waiting for me. I found Kathleen Hanon, Julia Vickers, and Frank S. Martin there in a convertible coupe. We got in this car and rode down to the Bluff upon near Parker and there drank some beer and danced. After staying there a little while, Kathleen Hanon, Frank S. Martin and I got in the car, and drove toward the river bank. I told Martin to stop the car and do this. I then got out of the car, went around to his side and told Martin to get out, and he did. I then took his pocket book and hit him over the head with a bottle. Mr. Martin fell to the ground.

I then got in the car and drove back to the Bluff House near Parker and Kathleen went in to get Julia but I had told Julia to go on home before this happened. Julia did not know what was happening, then we drove on home. Upon our arrival Julia had not arrived at home but shortly she came there. Then Julia Vickers, Kathleen Hanon and I got in the car and drove to a street off of Patrick Street, Charleston, S. C., and I parked the car at this place. The three of us walked to a restaurant and I called a taxi-cab. We then went to the Styro Bicycle Shop, Bank St. and Q on U. S. Route 30, near Snow Hill, S. C.,
and there got a cabin for myself, and got a cabin for Julia and Cathlene. Here we stayed in and around the place until I was arrested. Cathlene and Julia left this point for home about 1 A.M. I hereby acknowledge all responsibility for the commission of this crime. I do hereby exonerate all others implicated in it.

[Signature]

Cathlene

[Signature]

Luther Hidden

C. L. Morgan

Edwin Stanier
STATEMENT OF KATHLEEN HENDERSON

I, Kathleen Henderson, aged 23, residing at 209
West 5th Street, North Charleston, W. Va., on this
the 3rd day of August, 1935, do hereby make and
execute this a true statement concerning the robbery
of Frank E. Martin, and the theft of his automobile
on the night of August 1, 1935.

I have not been threatened, forced, or undue
influenced nor have I been promised any reward or leniency to make this statement but
I have been advised of my constitutional
right to not be a witness against myself or incriminate myself in any manner, and realize
that anything that I might say will be used
against me in a criminal proceeding.

On August 1, 1935, and in the afternoon Julia
Vickers and I went into Charleston, W. Va., and stayed
in Charleston, W. Va., until that night. About 10:00
P. M., while I was there, we met Frank E. Martin in the
street. We went in the Valley Food Market store to
get some clothes. I thought Frank Martin would walk
with me, but he stayed there and waited for us. So then
we walked to Dan's Meat Market, State Street, Charleston,
W. Va., and remained there until about 11:00 P. M.,
when Frank Martin and Julia Vickers and I drank some beer in
this place. Julia Vickers and I went to the first room
in this business place. I told Julia Vickers that it was until some of these old people had to help all the money. I told Julia that I thought I could have part of it too. Julia said, "I hope I die, I
don't like standing up." She then made a gesture
with her hand on if to grab something. We both then
laughed. I said, "suppose we call Luther?" We then
walked out of the rear room and returned to the booth
where we had left Frank Martin.

I told Julia about Ben talking me about this
room, and Mr. Martin asked me how much the room was and I
told him it was $4.50. He then asked me if I had
that much money and I told him "no". He asked me how
much more money I needed and I told him I needed $5.00. Frank Martin then gave me three one dollar bills and four quarters.

Sometime later I used the telephone in Mom's Blue Door Parlor and called my home. My sister, Mrs. William Brooks answered the phone and I told her I wanted to talk to Luther Hadden, who was staying there at that time. I told Luther that Julita and I were with Mr. Martin and he had too much money for one exit. I then asked him where we could meet him. Luther told me to meet him at the Lithiape Service Station at the mile bridge, about 21 1/20 Frank C. Martin, Julia Vickery and I left Dad's Blue Parlor and went to the Lithiape Service Station and parked the car. Shortly after parking the car, Luther came to the phone. He got out of the car but I do not know who was driving it. He then got in Mr. Martin's car and drove to the Blue Door Parlor, Look Clean Road, North Charleston, S. C. Here we had some beer and danced. I danced with Luther and he asked if Martin really had seen money. I told him that Martin had seen money and Luther then said, "I'll go in and see if I'll have to count this." Julita and I met in the Blue Door Parlor when Frank Martin and Luther Hadden and I left.

Mrs. Martin, Luther and I got in the car and drove toward the river bank. Luther told Mr. Martin to stop the car and then Luther got out and walked around the car and told Mr. Martin to get out of the car. Mr. Martin then laughed, Luther then said I mean it, get out. He then took Mr. Martin over to the side of the road. I could not hear what was being said. I heard a bottle break and then Luther got in the car and drove to the Blue Door Parlor to get Julita Vickery. We went in after her. She was not there and we drove on home. We arrived a little bit before Julia did. As she came in we were there. Julita Vickery, Luther Hadden and I got in the car and drove to a street near Patrick Street, Charleston, S. C. Here we parked the car, walked to a restaurant on Washington Street, Luther called a taxicab and took us to the Daniel Boone Inn B & Q Co., State St., near Snow Hill, S. C. Here we got a cabin and stayed in it the rest of the night.

J. M.
Statement of Kathleen Hanson

We stayed here at this place until about 4:30 P.M. August 2, 1935, at which time Julia Vickers and I were here with a witness at the Drinan drinks bar S Q, and upon arrival at home was arrested by the State Police.

I have nothing further to say in this matter.

Kathleen Hanson (Signed)

Witness:

C.E. [signature]
In my capacity as the interviewee, I hereby state that on the 3rd day of August, 1939, I was residing at 37, Maple Avenue, North Charleston, S. C., and that on this same date I was threatened by a group of persons in the city of North Charleston, S. C., consisting of Kathleen Houston, Frank Lee Martin and Luther Holland.

I have not been threatened, forced or mistreated by the officers, nor have I been promised any reward or inducement to make this statement but do so of my own free will.

I have been apprised of my Constitutional rights, in that I need not be a witness against myself or inculpate myself in any manner, and realize that anything that I might say will be used against me in a criminal proceeding.

Kathleen Houston and I went into Charleston F. C. on the afternoon of August 3, 1939. We remained until that night. About 10:30 P.M., Kathleen Houston and I met Frank Lee Martin on the street and we talked to him at his car. He drove Kathleen and me back home on River Road. Kathleen and I went into the rear room of this place and then Kathleen told me she would like to have some money.

Sometime that night Kathleen made a telephone call to our home, I talked to her, William Thomas, which was our boy, and also talked to Luther Holland at the same time.

We remained at Don's Bow Parlor for sometime with Frank Lee Martin and then left, driving in the Martin car, toward the Lock Six Road, North Charleston, S. C. P.M. Mr. Martin was going to take Kathleen and I home. We pulled the car in at the Edgewood Service Station and talked for Luther Holland. Very shortly Luther Holland got out of the car and joined us. He was driven to this point by some unknown person.
Statement of Julia Vickard

After Luther Hadden arrived, he got in the car with us. We then drove to the Blue Moon Bar near Audley, Stop Sign, Durham Line, on Charlotte, Va. Va. We entered this business place and drank some beer and danced. At this point Luther Hadden told me to go on home. Luther Hadden, Kathleen Hadden, and Frank E. Martin left the beer parlor. I drank a cool cola and then started for my home, walking.

As I was going through the field near my home, I saw a car drive up in front of the house. Upon arrival at the house I found it to be Luther Hadden and Kathleen Hadden. They were driving a dark-colored coupe automobile. The same car that Frank E. Martin was driving earlier in the evening, when he met us.

Luther Hadden was driving this car and Kathleen and I got in with him. We drove this car to a point near Audley Street, Wood Charlotte, Va. Va., and parked it. When Luther parked the car, we got out and walked up the street, went to a restaurant on Washington Street, and called a taxi cab. From here we went in the backyard to the Durham Broom Lunch room. U.S. 6 route near Snow Hill, Va. Va. Kathleen Hadden, Luther Hadden and I stayed in a cabin at this place the rest of the night. Then we got up to the cabin Luther Hadden and Kathleen Hadden told me off the robbery of Frank E. Martin and the theft of his car.

We remained at this place until about 4130 P.M., August 2, 1936, and then Kathleen Hadden and I came home with a witness at the Durham Broom Lunch room. As we entered our home we were arrested by the State Police.

[Signature below]

Julia Vickard

Witness to

O.E. [signature]