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INDICTMENT RECORD.

5704

The District Court for the County of St. Louis and State of Minnesota.

THE STATE OF MINNESOTA,

vs.

Lester Smith

ELEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

ENDORSEMENTS.

THE DISTRICT COURT,

For the County of St. Louis and State
of Minnesota.

ELEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT.

THE STATE OF MINNESOTA

vs.

Lester Smith

INDICTMENT

"A TRUE BILL"

W. J. McCabe

Foreman of the Grand Jury.

Presented to the Court in
open Court by the Foreman of
the Grand Jury, in the presence
of the Grand Jury and filed
with the Clerk this, 19th
day of July 1920

J. P. JOHNSON.

Clerk

By W. R. Mason.

Deputy

Warren E. Greene,
County Attorney.

ACCUSED by the Grand Jury of the County of St. Louis, Minnesota, by
this indictment of the crime of Riot, committed as follows, to-wit:
the said Lester Smith, John Doe, Richard Roe, and divers other
Committed as follows: "The said
on the day of
at
in the County of St. Louis and State of Minnesota, persons to the number
of three and more, whose true names are to this Grand Jury un-
known, having assembled on the fifteenth day of June A.D. 1920,
for the purpose of obstructing one Oscar Olson, a public police
officer of the said City of Duluth and State of Minnesota, and
divers other public police officers of said city and state, whose
true names are to this Grand Jury unknown, in the performance of
certain of their duties, to-wit: the duty of safeguarding and re-
taining in their custody certain persons, to-wit: one Isaac
McGhie, one Elmer Jackson and one Eli Clayton, which said persons
were then and therein in the custody of the said police officers,
and then and there confined in certain property of the City of
Duluth, to-wit: in that certain building situated on East Superior
Street, in the said city, county and state, commonly known as the
Police Headquarters of the City of Duluth, more particular descrip-
tion of which said property is to this Grand Jury unknown,
and the duty of protecting from damage and destruction the said
property and building, and the said persons being then and there
assembled for the further purpose of damaging and destroying said
property and of breaking into said building, and of making there-
from and from said custody, and of assaulting and killing the said
Isaac McGhie, Elmer Jackson and Eli Clayton, and the said John Doe,
Richard Roe, and said divers other persons to the number of three,
and more being then and there engaged in disturbing the public
peace by using force and violence to certain other persons and
property by then and there striking and hitting the said Oscar
Olson and the said other public police officers with bricks,
stones, sticks, streams of water, and divers other weapons, a more
particular description of which said weapons is to this Grand
Jury unknown, and by directing and throwing the same against, and striking
with bricks, stones, sticks, timbers, rails and streams of water the
said building, and by battering down and removing the doors of
said building with rails, timbers, planks, hammers and divers other
instruments to the Grand Jury unknown, and by taking from the said
building and by assaulting and killing the said Isaac McGhie,
Elmer Jackson and Eli Clayton, the said Lester Smith did wrong-
fully, unlawfully, feloniously and riotously participate in said
disturbance of the public peace by being then and there present,
and by then and there instigating, promoting and aiding the said
disturbance of the public peace, contrary to the form of the
Statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace
and dignity of the State of Minnesota,

Dated at Duluth, in the said County of St. Louis and State of Minnesota,
on the this 2nd day of July A.D. 1920.

Witnesses Examined before the Grand Jury:

John C. Brown

John Hammerberg

Earl J. Benolt

W. J. McCabe

Foreman of Grand Jury.

STATE OF MINNESOTA,

COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS.

DISTRICT COURT ELEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT.

I HEREBY CERTIFY That I have compared the foregoing with the original indictment, and also the endorsements, theron found by the Grand
Jury of said County on the 2nd day of July 1920, against Lester Smith
and presented to the Court in open Court by the Foreman of the Grand Jury, and filed on the 19th
day of July 1920, and that the same is a true and correct copy thereof.

J. P. JOHNSON, Clerk

By M. M. Faase, Deputy