

Minnesota. District Court (Saint Louis County)
Indictment Records.

1

Volume P [F?], January 1920 – September 1946.

Selected pages 43-88: Selected case nos. 5675-5735, June-August 1920.

Case no. 5722: John Hammerberg

INDICTMENT RECORD.

5722.7

ENDORSEMENTS.

THE DISTRICT COURT,

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

ELEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT.

THE STATE OF MINNESOTA,
vs.
John Hammerberg.

ELEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

John Hammerberg is
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 John Hammerberg, John Doe, Richard Roe, and divers other Committed as follows: The said persons to the number of three and more, whose true names -on-the- are to this Grand Jury known of unknown, having -A.D. 19- at assembled on the fifteenth in the County of St. Louis and State of Minnesota day of June, A. D. 1920, at the city of Duluth, County of St. Louis and State of Minnesota, 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 retaining in their custody certain persons, to-wit: one Isaac McGhie, one Elmer Jackson and one Eli Clayton, which said persons were then and there 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, and commonly known as the Police Headquarters of the City of Duluth, a more particular description 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 taking therefrom 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 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, poles, 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 John Hammerberg did wrongfully, unlawfully, wilfully, 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 29th day of June, A. D. 1920.

Witness Examined before the Grand Jury:

John C. Brown

Lester Smith

James McAuliffe

Paul Albinson

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, thereon found by the Grand Jury of said County on the 29th day of June, 1920, against John Hammerberg, and presented to the Court in open Court by the Foreman of the Grand Jury, and filed on the fourteenth day of July, 1920, and that the same is a true and correct copy thereof.

J. P. JOHNSON,

Clerk

By M. F. McCallie,

Deputy