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State of Florida  
vs.

MOB

case of

Henry Patterson

Lynched

Subpoena

May 11, 1926

contains

Coroner's Return

STATE OF FLORIDA  
County of Hendry

IN THE COUNTY JUDGE'S COURT  
In the Name of The State of Florida

TO THE SHERIFF OR ANY LAWFUL CONSTABLE OF SAID COUNTY:

You are hereby required to summons ~~Jay~~ Joe Maslenki  
personally to be and appear before me at the Court House on the 15th day of May  
1926, at 9:00 o'clock a.m. to testify in behalf of The State of Florida  
wherein a coroner's inquest is being held, to be examined ~~as plaintiff~~  
~~and~~ concerning the matter in question ~~to defendant~~  
and herein fail not under the penalty of the law.

Given under my hand and seal this 15th day of May 1926.

(SEAL)



*Wesley C. Richards*  
County Judge of Hendry County.

STATE OF FLORIDA  
County of Hendry

IN THE COUNTY JUDGE'S COURT  
In the Name of The State of Florida

TO THE SHERIFF OR ANY LAWFUL CONSTABLE OF SAID COUNTY:

You are hereby required to summons Geo. W. Howard  
personally to be and appear before me at the Court House on the 15th day of May  
1926, at 9:00 o'clock a.m. to testify in behalf of The State of Florida  
wherein a coroner's inquest is being held, to be examined ~~as plaintiff~~  
~~and~~ concerning the matter in question ~~to defendant~~  
and herein fail not under the penalty of the law.

Given under my hand and seal this 15th day of May 1926.

(SEAL)



*Wesley C. Richards*  
County Judge of Hendry County.



IN THE MATTER OF THE INQUEST ON THE BODY : STATE OF FLORIDA  
OF HENRY PATTERSON. : HENDRY COUNTY.  
: COUNTY JUDGE'S COURT.

An inquisition, indented and taken for the State of Florida, in the County of Hendry, on the 14th day of May, A. D. 1926, before me, as Coroner in and for said County, upon the view of the body of Henry Patterson, then and there lying dead, upon the oaths of F. S. Crews, R. V. Hedges, Steve Thomas, Edd Yeomans, M. C. Yeomans and W. D. Blount, good and lawful men of said County, who, being duly sworn, and charged to inquire how, and in what manner, and by whom the said Henry Patterson came to his death, do say upon their oaths aforesaid that Stanley Aultman Driz

Curry, Samuel Howard and Ham  
Smith

on the 11th day of May 1926, in the County aforesaid, in and upon the said Henry Patterson, in the peace of God then and there being, feloniously, willfully and of malice aforethought, did make an assault, and that the said Stanley Aultman Driz

Curry, Samuel Howard and Ham  
Smith

with certain, shot guns, rifles, and other fire arms held in and upon said Henry Patterson, and by hanging by the neck, a mortal wound did inflict, of which said mortal wounds the said Henry Patterson died, and that <sup>the</sup> said Stanley Aultman Driz

Curry, Samuel Howard and Ham  
Smith

in the manner aforesaid, the said Henry Patterson then and there did kill and murder, together with other persons not at this time not known to this jury.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, as well the said Coroner as the Jurors aforesaid have to this inquisition set their hands and seals, on the day and year aforesaid, at the place aforesaid.

T. H.

Wesley C. Rice





CORONER'S WARRANT.

STATE OF FLORIDA :

Hendry County. :

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA.- TO ANY LAWFUL OFFICER  
OF SAID COUNTY:

WHEREAS, it appears to me from an inquisition held before  
me as coroner in and for said County, that from the evidence taken  
in writing before me, the said Coroner, that Stanley Aultman, Driz  
Curry, Lemuel Howard, and Ham Smith, on the 11th day of May, 1926, in  
the County aforesaid, in and upon one Henry Patterson in the Peace of  
God then and there being, feloniously, Willfully, and of malice afore-  
thought, did make an assault, and that the said Stanley Aultman, Driz  
Curry, Lemuel Howard and Ham Smith, with certain shotguns, rifles, and  
other firearms held in and upon said Henry Patterson, and by hanging  
by the neck, a mortal wound did inflict, of which said mortal wound  
the said Henry Patterson died, and that the said Stanley Aultman, Driz  
Curry, Lemuel Howard, and Ham Smith, in the manner aforesaid, the said  
Henry Patterson then and there did kill and murder. These are therefore

~~To command you to forwith arrest the said Stanley Aultman, Driz Curry,~~  
To command you to forwith arrest the said Stanley Aultman, Driz Curry,  
Lemuel Howard, and Ham Smith, and bring them before me to be dealt with  
according to law.

Given under my hand and seal this 14th day of May, A.D.1926



*Wesley C. Richards*  
Coroner, Hendry County, Florida.



IN THE COUNTY JUDGE'S COURT, HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF HENDRY.

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An inquisition indented and taken for the State of Florida, in the County of Hendry on the 11th., day of May A. D. 1926, before me as a coroner in and for said County, upon the view of the body of Henry Patterson, then and there lying dead, upon the oaths of Finis Crews, R. V. Hedges, Steve Thomas, Ed Youmans, M. C. Youmans, W. D. Blount, good and lawful men of the said County, who being sworn and charged to inquire how and in what manner and by whom the said Henry Patterson came to his death, do say upon their oaths aforesaid that some person unknown did upon the 11th. day of May 1926, in the County aforesaid in and upon the said Henry Patterson, in the peace of God then and there being, feloniously willfully and of his malice aforethought did make an assault and that the said person who is unknown with a certain deadly weapon a description of which is unknown, which he then and there had and held in and upon the said Henry Patterson a mortal wound did inflict, of which said mortal wound the said Henry Patterson died, and that the said person unknown, in manner aforesaid, the said Henry Patterson then and there did kill and murder, and the said jurors do further say upon their oaths aforesaid, that Dick Curry

H. R. Reeves, Duane Cox, Robert J. Linn, John Frazier Jr., Coy Mues, Colon Godbalt, Norman Trariner  
and R. E. Edwards.

were feloniously present at the time of the felony and murder aforesaid in form aforesaid committed that is to say on the said 11th day of May 1926 in the County aforesaid, then and there comforting, abetting and aiding the person to the jurors unknown, to do and commit the murder aforesaid in the manner aforesaid.

In witness whereof, as well the said ~~XXXXX~~ coroner as the jurors aforesaid have to this inquisition set their hands and seals the day and year aforesaid at the place aforesaid.

Orsley C. Richards (Seal)  
Coroner

F. A. Grew Foreman (Seal)

R. W. Hedges (Seal)

W. D. Blount (Seal)

Steve Thomas (Seal)

M. P. Weaver (Seal)

E. D. Geomann (Seal)  
Jurors.

