

**FINAL REPORT OF THE GRAND JURY**

**SPRING TERM - 1952**

**NOVEMBER 10, 1952**

**Circuit Judge Presiding**

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TO THE HONORABLE JUDGES OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL  
CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA:

We, the Grand Jury in and for Dade County, Florida, for the 1952  
Spring Term of the Circuit Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida,  
present this as our final report:

CAPITAL CASES

The following capital cases have been considered and have been  
disposed of by the following action:

STATE OF FLORIDA vs DAVID N. BRECHER - First Degree Murder  
Indicted June 18, 1952 - First Degree - Life.

STATE OF FLORIDA vs CHARLES GARRETT CALHOUN - First Degree Murder  
Indictment returned July 8, 1952 - Committed to Florida State  
Hospital.

STATE OF FLORIDA vs DAVID DIXON - First Degree Murder  
Indicted July 24, 1952 - Awaiting trial.

STATE OF FLORIDA vs THERESA ROBINSON - First Degree Murder  
Indicted July 31, 1952 - Awaiting Trial.

STATE OF FLORIDA vs JOSEPH ROBERT ALBERT; WILLIAM F. CHAPMAN -  
First Degree Murder - Indicted August 7, 1952 - Awaiting Trial.

STATE OF FLORIDA vs JOHN MOSKAL - First Degree Murder  
Indicted October 2, 1952 - Awaiting Trial.

STATE OF FLORIDA vs WILLIE NELSON LESLIE - First Degree Murder  
Indicted October 2, 1952 - Awaiting trial.

STATE OF FLORIDA vs MARY KINNARD - First Degree Murder  
Indicted October 2, 1952 - Awaiting Trial.

STATE OF FLORIDA vs GEORGE HENRY BLAND - First Degree Murder  
Indicted October 2, 1952 - Awaiting Trial

STATE OF FLORIDA vs WILLIE CHESTNUT - First Degree Murder  
Indicted October 2, 1952 - Awaiting Trial

STATE OF FLORIDA vs REMER T. JOHNSON - First Degree Murder  
Indicted October 7, 1952 - awaiting Trial.

STATE OF FLORIDA vs LESTER KING - First Degree Murder  
Indicted October 30, 1952 - Awaiting Trial.

STATE OF FLORIDA vs ADDICUSS O. YARBROUGH - Second Degree Murder  
Indicted June 24, 1952 - Referred to Criminal Court.

STATE OF FLORIDA vs ISAAC SKINNER - Second Degree Murder  
Indicted July 24, 1952 - Referred to Criminal Court.

STATE OF FLORIDA vs. NIKLAS CSUCSAI - Second Degree Murder  
Indicted July 31, 1952 - Referred to Criminal Court.

STATE OF FLORIDA vs CARL GIRARD CROCKER and DONALD ALLAN REED -  
Manslaughter, Indicted July 8, 1952 - Referred to Criminal Court.

STATE OF FLORIDA vs ALTAMESE ROKER, also known as Altamese Piez  
and Rosa Lee Fulton - Manslaughter, Indicted September 16, 1952 -  
Referred to Criminal Court.

STATE OF FLORIDA vs GERALD CHARLES LASHLEY - Rape -  
Indicted June 10, 1952 - Awaiting Trial.

STATE OF FLORIDA vs JAMES CLINTON SMITH, JR. - Rape -  
Indicted June 10, 1952 - Mistrial.

STATE OF FLORIDA vs NOAH GREEN - Rape  
Indicted July 24, 1952 - Awaiting Trial.

STATE OF FLORIDA vs LAMAR R. WILLINGHAM - Rape  
Indicted August 28, 1952 - Awaiting Trial.

STATE OF FLORIDA vs PRIMES CURTIS, JR.,  
No True Bill returned June 18, 1952.

STATE OF FLORIDA vs JOSEPH FERNANDEZ - Grand Larceny  
Indicted June 18, 1952.

In addition to the indictments shown above this Grand Jury has indicted a large number of persons, all of whom have not as yet been arrested and, therefore, the names will not be set out in this report, it being noted that the names and other information concerning these indictments is already a matter of court record.

A number of confidential investigations are being conducted along several different lines and concerning several different subject matters and the information concerning these investigations, with recommendations for continued investigation, are being transmitted to the next Grand Jury in confidential files and, therefore, no information concerning those investigations will

be set out in this report in line with the practice of the last Grand Jury, which transmitted such confidential files to this Grand Jury and thus aided materially the work of this Grand Jury in obtaining the indictments already presented.

This Grand Jury has reviewed the work of the last Grand Jury with regard to the City of Miami laws pertaining to the sale of intoxicating liquors, as set out in the Final Report of the Fall Term Grand Jury A.D. 1951 and has followed with interest the results of the recommendations of that Grand Jury. It is understood that a new Ordinance has been drawn by the City of Miami, and if this Ordinance proves suitable it is recommended that consideration be given to using such Ordinance in its present form, or in a modified form if necessary, in the entire county. The continued emphasis of the Grand Jury on this subject is caused in part by the impression made on this Grand Jury of the serious results that have followed from use of alcoholic beverages under the presently existing liquor ordinances, as evidenced by witnesses who have appeared before this Grand Jury concerning many capital cases. This testimony has further demonstrated the necessity for intensive efforts being made to provide enforceable regulations for the use of intoxicating beverages in the entire area.

It is recommended that the next Grand Jury continue to follow the steps that are being taken in the drawing of an Amended Civil Service Law, in line with the recommendations made by the last Grand Jury as contained in their Final Report. It is understood that steps are being taken to incorporate many of the points suggested in the recommendations of the last Grand Jury into the revised law, and the next Grand Jury should continue checking on the progress made so that the necessary reforms can be obtained as expeditiously as possible. ✓

Many Grand Juries in the past have called to the attention of the authorities the fact that the Grand Jury does not have a suitable meeting place, and this Grand Jury has also been forced to use make-shift quarters. However, facilities are in the process of being provided in the Court House, which may solve this problem and furnish the Grand Jury facilities/<sup>more</sup> suitable to carry on its present activities.

We recommend to the succeeding Grand Juries the desirability of continuing to pursue certain basic policies outlined in the report of the prior Grand Jury and contained in the confidential files and recommendations being transmitted to the next Grand Jury.

In view of the continuous nature of the present Grand Jury set-up in this County and the fact that most of the material which will be of interest to the next Grand Jury is being transmitted to it in the confidential files, this report is necessarily very brief, and it is believed that it should not be necessary to have this report printed, as has been customary in the past, and that the original and five copies which are being tendered herewith to the Court should be sufficient for all present purposes of a report of this nature.

Respectfully submitted,

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Foreman

ORLANDO C. CORBIN,  
Clerk.