

Petition
Request for Application for
PETITION FOR REQUISITION
Requisition in International Extradition

IN RE:

STATE OF TENNESSEE

VS.

Ray
DONNA GRIFFIS

TO HIS EXCELLENCY, THE HONORABLE
BUPORD ELLINGTON, GOVERNOR OF THE
STATE OF TENNESSEE

Your Petitioner, Phil M. Canale, Jr., would respectfully present and show to Your Excellency, that:

I

Petitioner is the duly elected, qualified, commissioned and serving District Attorney General for the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit of the State of Tennessee, comprising the County of Shelby, and that he is a resident citizen of Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee;

II

That one *Ray* DONNA GRIFFIS stands charged with the offense of **FALICIOUSLY SHOOTING A MISSILE AT AND INTO AN** *motor* **AUTOMOBILE**, as evidenced by the accompanied certified copies of Indictment and Capias;

III.

That the Indictment, in this cause, was returned a True Bill by the Grand Jury of Shelby County, Tennessee, under date of May 29, 1967, and bears Criminal Court Docket Number 12219; 16645

That the Capias, in this cause, was issued by J.A. Blackwell, Clerk of the Criminal Courts of Shelby County, Tennessee, under date of May 29, 1967, and bears Criminal Court Docket Number 12219; 16645

That the aforesaid two documents, consisting of Certified Copy of Indictment and Certified Copy of Capias, both documents, ^{having been} certified under the acts of Congress, are hereto attached and herein made a part of this Petition for Requisition;

IV.

That the said DONNA GRIFFIS committed the offense herein of ~~MALICIOUSLY SHOOTING A MISSILE AT AND INTO AN AUTOMOBILE~~ on the 7th day of May 1967, in the County of Shelby, the State of Tennessee;

V.

That the said DONNA GRIFFIS, at the time of the commission of the alleged offense herein of ~~MALICIOUSLY SHOOTING A MISSILE AT AND INTO AN AUTOMOBILE,~~ was present in ^{Shelby County and} the State of Tennessee, and, that ^{she} has,

thereafter, fled from the State of Tennessee;

VI

Your Petitioner would further state to Your Excellency, that, at the time of the making of this Petition for Requisition, the said ~~DONNA GRIFFIS is known, or believed to be, in the City of Fairfax, the state of Virginia,~~ the grounds for such knowledge, or belief, being the receipt of a telegram by Lieutenant M.F. Wilson, of the Police Department, Memphis, Tennessee, dated May 18th, 1967, copy received in the office of Your Petitioner, on May 22nd, 1967, from Major William L. Durrer, Chief of Police, Fairfax County, Fairfax, Virginia, advising that the subject herein, DONNA GRIFFIS, and her co-defendant in this case, one JAMES F. ROBERTS, referred to in said telegram, as JAMES ROBERTS, in custody of the Police Department of Fairfax County, Fairfax, Virginia, refuses to waive extradition to the State of Tennessee, in the cause herein pending against her, the said DONNA GRIFFIS, in the jurisdiction of Shelby County, Tennessee, that the date for the hearing at Fairfax, Virginia, in this cause, has been set for June 15, 1967; copy of this telegram is hereto attached, and herein made a part of this Petition for Requisition;

Conforms to telegram

United Kingdom, City of London, England

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Standard
Include as evidence
fact of flight
as required*

Your Petitioner would, also, further state to Your Excellency, that, in the opinion of Your Petitioner the writ for extradition is presented solely for the purpose of bringing about the trial and punishment of ~~the fugitive~~ ^{the fugitive} from justice Ray, Jr., and not for any private purpose, and that if the extradition is granted, the criminal proceedings will not be used for any private purpose.

the ends of justice require the arrest and return of the said DONNA GRIFFIS to the State of Tennessee for trial in the aforesaid cause of MALICIOUSLY SHOOTING A MISSILE AT AND INTO AN AUTOMOBILE now pending against her in the Criminal Courts of Shelby County, Tennessee, and upon which this Petition for Requisition is based;

VIII

Further, Your Petitioner begs leave to state to Your Excellency, that, this proceeding is not sought, or instituted, to enforce a civil claim, or any civil matter or remedy, but, for the purpose of punishing crime;

WHEREFORE, YOUR PETITIONER PRAYS:

- (1) That ^{an Application} a ~~Requisition~~ ^{Secy} issue to the Governor of the State of Virginia, ^{the U.S. for} demanding the extradition of DONNA GRIFFIS to the ^{U.S. State} State of Tennessee, ^{to wit: Shelby Co.} AND
- (2) That the said DONNA GRIFFIS be returned to the ~~State of Tennessee~~ for trial on the indictment charging ^{her with Murder} MALICIOUSLY SHOOTING A MISSILE AT AND INTO AN AUTOMOBILE, now pending against her in the Criminal Courts of Shelby County, Tennessee;
- (3) That Lieutenant M.F. Wilson, Police Department, Memphis, Tennessee, be appointed Demanding Agent to go for, receive and return the said DONNA GRIFFIS to the State of Tennessee, AND

(4) In the event, the said Demanding Agent herein named and designated is unable to make the trip and return the said DONNA GRIFFIS to the State of Tennessee, THAT

(5) Lieutenant D.C. Perry, Police Department, Memphis, Tennessee, be appointed Alternate Demanding Agent to go for, receive and return the said DONNA GRIFFIS to the State of Tennessee, AND

(6) That the Demanding Agent herein named and designated, or the Alternate Demanding Agent, as the case may be, be authorized to employ a Guard, or Escort, sufficient to return the said DONNA GRIFFIS to the State of Tennessee, AND

(7) That such Guard, or Escort, be paid expenses as provided for by law in matters of this kind.

Phil M. Canale
PHIL M. CANALE, JR., DISTRICT ATTORNEY
GENERAL, FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
STATE OF TENNESSEE

STATE OF TENNESSEE
COUNTY OF SHELBY

I, Phil M. Canale, Jr., solemnly swear that the facts set forth in the foregoing Petition are true, except those allegations made as on information, and belief, which are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Phil M. Canale, Jr.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the ¹⁰ 27th day of May 1967.

Brian J. Goff
Notary Public

J. A. B.

My commission expires:

~~December 30, 1967~~

Handwritten note:
This is made to certify
the contents of this petition

Attest