UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

Middle DISTRICT OF Georgia

OCT 22 1943
CRIMINAL DIVISION

October 20, 1943

REPORT OF DISPOSITION OF CRIMINAL CASE

(Department Circular No. 3429)

UNITED STATES, v. M. Claud Screws

Civil Rights & Domestic Violence (Nature of case) 1300 Albany (Docket number) October, 1943 (Term)

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I desire to report that on October 7, 1943, the above case was disposed of as to the defendant M. Claud Screws,

charged with violating 18 U.S.C.A.,52 and 18 U.S.C.A.,88, in Connection (Statute) with 18 U.S.C.A.,52

as follows:

Date of trial and results: October 4 - October 7, 1943 - Verdict of guilty

Plea: Not guilty Disposed of otherwise:

Sentence: 1 year and $1000.00 fine on Count 2, and 2 years on Count 3, sentences to run consecutively.

Salient facts of crime and defendant's part in it:
On January 30, 1943, this subject, Sheriff of Baker County, Georgia, together with Frank Edward Jones and Jim Bob Kelley, one a Deputy Sheriff and the other a policeman at Newton, Georgia, under color of office, arrested one Robert Hall at his home, carried him to the court-house square in Newton, Georgia, where they beat him into unconsciousness with blackjacks. He died about an hour later in a hospital at Albany, Georgia. He was denied due process of law and deprived of his rights as a citizen of this Country.

Previous criminal record: None known.

In fixing sentence what consideration was given to assistance, if any, rendered by defendant to prosecution? None

Other circumstances considered by court in fixing sentence:
None known except that the crime was such a heinous one.

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Subject M. C. Screws
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Respectfully,

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