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O'Brien, James

DATE:

02/27/83



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*W. B. G.*

Day of Trial,

Counsel,

Filed *27* day of *July* 188*3*

Pleads *Not Guilty*

THE PEOPLE

vs.

*B.*  
*James O'Brien*

Violation of Excise Law.  
Selling without License.

JOHN McKEON,

District Attorney.

A TRUE BILL.

*William McKelvey*

Foreman.

*James O'Brien*

0422

**Court of General Sessions of the Peace**  
*and County*  
OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

AGAINST

*James O'Brien*

The Grand Jury of the City and County of New York, by this indictment,  
accuse *James O'Brien*

of the CRIME of *Selling Spirituous Liquors without a License*,  
committed as follows :

The said

*James O'Brien*

late of the *First* Ward of the City of New York, in the County of  
New York aforesaid, on the *twenty* day of *February* in the year  
of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty *three*, at the Ward,  
City and County aforesaid, certain strong and spirituous liquors, and certain wines, to  
wit: one gill of wine, one gill of brandy, one gill of rum, one gill of gin, one gill of  
whiskey, one gill of cordial, one gill of bitters, one gill of ale, one gill of porter, one gill  
of beer, one gill of lager beer, and one gill of a certain strong and spirituous liquor  
to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown, unlawfully did sell, in quantity less than five gallons  
at one time, to

and to certain ~~other~~ persons whose names are to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown, without  
having a license therefor, as required by law, contrary to the form of the statute in such case  
made and provided, and against the peace and dignity of the People of the State of New  
York.

**JOHN McKEON, District Attorney.**

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**Police Court, Fifth District.**

STATE OF NEW YORK.  
CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, } ss.

of No. the 22<sup>nd</sup> Precinct Police Street,  
of the City of New York, being duly sworn, deposes and says, that on the 20<sup>th</sup> day  
of February 1893 in the City of New York, in the County of New York, at  
No. 57<sup>th</sup> West 54<sup>th</sup> Street,  
James O'Brien (now present)

did then and there sell, and caused, suffered and permitted to be sold, under his direction and authority, strong and  
spirituous liquors, wines, ale and beer, being intoxicating liquors, in quantities less than five gallons at a time, to be drunk  
in the house or premises aforesaid, contrary to and in violation of law.

WHEREFORE, deponent prays that said James O'Brien  
may be arrested and dealt with according to law.

Sworn to before me, this 21<sup>st</sup> day  
of February 1893

Henry M. Cardle  
[Signature] POLICE JUSTICE.



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BAILED,  
No. 1, by East River near  
Residence 505 West 54<sup>th</sup> Street,  
No. 2, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street,  
No. 3, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street,  
No. 4, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street.

Police Court 4 District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Thomas McAnally  
James Wilson

Offence, Viol. Excise Law

Dated January 21 1883

Hermann Magistrate.

Michael Officer.

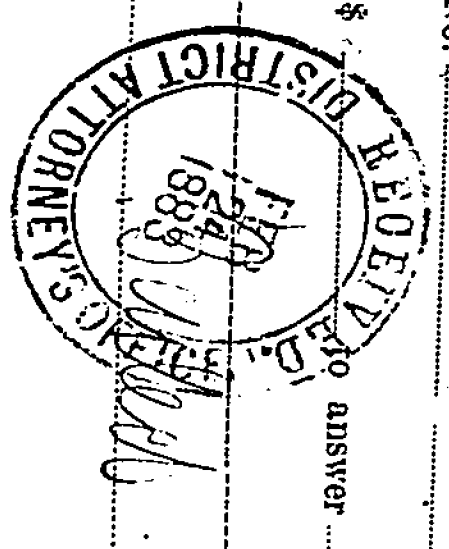
\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk.

Witnesses, \_\_\_\_\_

No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Street,

No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Street,

No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Street,



It appearing to me by the within depositions and statements that the crime therein mentioned has been committed, and that there is sufficient cause to believe the within named James Wilson

guilty thereof, I order that he be held to answer the same and he be admitted to bail in the sum of one Hundred Dollars, and be committed to the Warden and Keeper of the City Prison of the City of New York, until he give such bail.

Dated July 21 1883 [Signature] Police Justice.

I have admitted the above named James Wilson to bail to answer by the undertaking hereto annexed.

Dated July 21 1883 [Signature] Police Justice.

There being no sufficient cause to believe the within named \_\_\_\_\_ guilty of the offence within mentioned, I order he be discharged.

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ 188\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Police Justice.

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Sec. 198-200.

CITY AND COUNTY  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

4 District Police Court.

James O'Brien being duly examined before the undersigned, according to law, on the annexed charge: and being informed that it is his right to make a statement in relation to the charge against him; that the statement is designed to enable him if he see fit to answer the charge and explain the facts alleged against him that he is at liberty to waive making a statement, and that his waiver cannot be used against him on the trial.

Question What is your name?

Answer. James O'Brien

Question. How old are you?

Answer. 27 years

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. New York

Question. Where do you live, and how long have you resided there?

Answer. 500 West 55 Street. 2 years

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. Bar tender

Question. Give any explanation you may think proper of the circumstances appearing in the testimony against you, and state any facts which you think will tend to your exculpation?

Answer.

I did not know whether there was a license for the place or not

James O'Brien

Taken before me this

day of

1887

at

City of New York

Justice.

*[Signature]*

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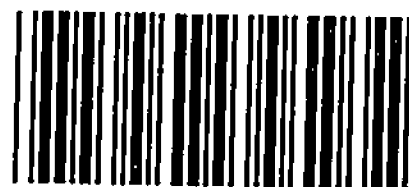
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O'Brien, John

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DESCRIPTION:

Warren, William

DATE:

02/19/83



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THE PEOPLE

IN SENATE  
JANUARY 14, 1883  
REPORT OF THE  
COMMISSIONERS OF THE  
LAND OFFICE  
IN RESPONSE TO A  
RESOLUTION PASSED  
JANUARY 10, 1883

ALBANY: J.B. KNEELAND, PRINTER, 1883.

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Filed 19 day of May 1883  
Pleads John G. Kelly

THE PEOPLE

vs.

P

John O'Brien

P

William W. Waver

JOHN McKEON,

District Attorney.

22 Mar 5, 1883

No 2 tried & acquitted.

22 Mar 12, 1883

A True Bill. An Assault & Battery.

14.

William H. McKeon

Foreman.

Pen 30 days.

Mar 14/83

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Court of General Sessions of the City and County of New York.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF  
NEW YORK,

<sup>against</sup>  
John Brown and  
William Warren

The Grand Jury of the City and County of New York by this indictment accuse  
John Brown and William  
Warren

of the crime of Assault in  
the Second degree  
committed as follows:

The said John Brown and William  
Warren

late of the First Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York, aforesaid,  
on the ~~twenty seventh~~ day of January in the year of our Lord  
one thousand eight hundred and eighty ~~three~~ at the Ward, City and County aforesaid,  
with force and arms, in and upon one Julius Sult  
in the peace of the said People then and there being, feloniously did make an assault with  
intent to commit a felony. to wit: with  
intent to receive promissory notes for the  
payment of money, the same being  
then and there due and unsatisfied  
of a kind, number and denom-  
ination to the Grand Jury aforesaid  
unknown, of the value of ten dollars,  
and also coins of the United  
States of a number, kind and  
denomination to the Grand Jury  
aforesaid unknown of the value of  
five dollars

of the goods, chattels and personal property of the said \_\_\_\_\_

from the person of said Julius Sult and against  
the will and by violence to the person of the said Julius Sult  
then and there violently and feloniously to rob, steal, take and carry away, against the  
form of the Statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace of the People  
of the State of New York and their dignity.

JOHN McKEON, District Attorney.

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STATE OF NEW YORK,  
CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, } ss.

POLICE COURT,

DISTRICT.

*Julius Luft* aged *33 years*  
of No. *1160 First Avenue* *Expreman*  
Street, being duly sworn, deposes and

says that on the *night of the 27<sup>th</sup>* day of *January* 188*3*

at the City of New York, in the County of New York, *he was violently and*

*grossly assaulted and beaten by*  
*John O'Brien and William Warren. Both men present,*  
*with the intent to commit a felony. that on*  
*said night about the hour of ten o'clock, p.m.*  
*while deponent was on the corner of 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue*  
*and 63<sup>rd</sup> Street, the said Warren seized hold*  
*of deponent and demanded money from deponent*  
*and on deponent telling him that he had no money*  
*the said Warren called O'Brien. and the said*  
*O'Brien also seized hold of deponent by the back*  
*and said Warren attempted to take the money*

before me

1883

Police Justice

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Police Court

District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,

ON THE COMPLAINT OF

vs.

Dated

188

Magistrate.

Officer.

Witness,

Disposition,

AFFIDAVIT

1888, in the case of the people vs. Warren & O'Brien, the court ruled that the law provides -

from deponent's pocket, and when deponent  
seized them, the said Warren and said  
O'Brien each struck deponent, and  
attempted to prevent deponent from getting  
away from them. deponent prays that  
said O'Brien and Warren, may be dealt with  
as the law provides -

Julius F. [Signature]



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BAILED,  
No. 1, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street,  
No. 2, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street,  
No. 3, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street,  
No. 4, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street.

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Police Court

4 District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

*John Brown*

*William Warren*

*John Brown*

*William Warren*

*John Brown*

*William Warren*

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*William Warren*

*John Brown*

*William Warren*

Offence, *Assault & Battery*  
*with intent to commit the*  
*felony of Rape, 218. Per*  
*Order*

Dated *February 13* 1883

*James H. Thompson* Magistrate.

*John Brown* Officer.

*William Warren* Clerk.

Witnesses, \_\_\_\_\_

No. \_\_\_\_\_ Street,

No. \_\_\_\_\_ Street,

No. \_\_\_\_\_ Street,

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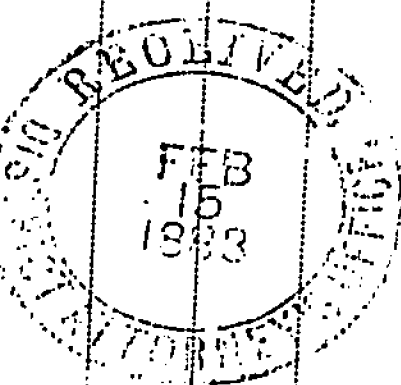
No. \_\_\_\_\_ Street,

No. \_\_\_\_\_ Street,

No. \_\_\_\_\_ Street,

No. \_\_\_\_\_ Street,

No. \_\_\_\_\_ Street,



It appearing to me by the within depositions and statements that the crime therein mentioned has been committed, and that there is sufficient cause to believe the within named \_\_\_\_\_

and \_\_\_\_\_

guilty thereof, I order that the \_\_\_\_\_ be held to answer the same and the \_\_\_\_\_ be admitted to bail in the sum of \_\_\_\_\_

Hundred Dollars, and be committed to the Warden and Keeper of the City Prison of the City of New York, until he give such bail.

Dated *February 13* 1883 \_\_\_\_\_ Police Justice.

I have admitted the above named \_\_\_\_\_ to bail to answer by the undertaking hereto annexed.

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ 1883 \_\_\_\_\_ Police Justice.

There being no sufficient cause to believe the within named \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ guilty of the offence within mentioned, I order h to be discharged.

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ 1883 \_\_\_\_\_ Police Justice.

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Sec. 198-200.

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

District Police Court.

William Warren being duly examined before the undersigned, according to law, on the annexed charge: and being informed that it is his right to make a statement in relation to the charge against him; that the statement is designed to enable him if he see fit to answer the charge and explain the facts alleged against him that he is at liberty to waive making a statement, and that his waiver cannot be used against him on the trial.

Question What is your name?

Answer. William Warren

Question. How old are you?

Answer. 17 years

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. New York

Question. Where do you live, and how long have you resided there?

Answer. 1260 Avenue A. 24 months

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. I work in a chain factory

Question. Give any explanation you may think proper of the circumstances appearing in the testimony against you, and state any facts which you think will tend to your exculpation?

Answer. O'Brien and I were standing on the corner of 63rd Street and 1st Avenue, and the complainant came up and I asked him for four cents. in front.

the complainant then gave me a slap on the face and pushed me on the street. O'Brien came up to us and pushed the complainant away from me. I did not intend to steal from him  
William Warren

Taken before me this

day of

Police Justice.

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Sec. 198-200.

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

District Police Court.

John O'Brien being duly examined before the undersigned, according to law, on the annexed charge: and being informed that it is his right to make a statement in relation to the charge against him; that the statement is designed to enable him if he see fit to answer the charge and explain the facts alleged against him that he is at liberty to waive making a statement, and that his waiver cannot be used against him on the trial.

Question What is your name?

Answer.

John O'Brien

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

19 years

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

Ireland

Question. Where do you live, and how long have you resided there?

Answer.

336 East 63 Street, 3 years

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.

Shoemaker

Question. Give any explanation you may think proper of the circumstances appearing in the testimony against you, and state any facts which you think will tend to your exculpation?

Answer.

Warren and I were coming up from the river, Warren said to the complainant "hallo". Joe - the complainant. Seized hold of Warren and struck him and threw him in the street. I ran up to them as quick as I could and pushed them apart. I never asked him for any money; nor did I strike him I simply pushed Warren and the complainant apart

John O'Brien

Taken before me this

Day of

1913

Police Justice.

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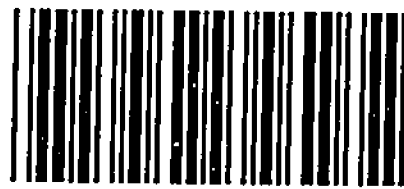
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O'Brien, Michael

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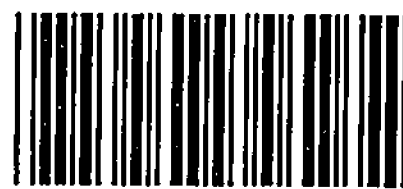
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O'Connell, Charles

DATE:

02/21/83



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No 216

Counsel,  
Filed 21 day of Feb 1883  
Pleads *Chpt guilty*

THE PEOPLE  
vs.  
*Charles R. Ransom*  
*Richard R. Ransom*  
Grand Larceny, 1st degree.

JOHN McKEON,

District Attorney.  
22 March 1st 1883  
Both tried & not convicted  
A True Bill. P.C. & not acquitted.  
Per: *Dec 22/82*

*William H. McKeon*

Foreman

~~of~~  
~~of~~  
*Geo. V.*

0438

Court of General Sessions of the Peace

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,

against

Charles O'Connell  
Michael O'Brien

The Grand Jury of the City and County of New York, by this indictment accuse

Charles O'Connell and Michael O'Brien

of the crime of GRAND LARCENY, in the second degree, committed as follows:

The said Charles O'Connell and Michael O'Brien

late of the First Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York, aforesaid, on the 27th day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three at the Ward, City and County aforesaid, with force and arms,

~~three promissory notes for the payment of money, being then and there due and unsatisfied (and of the kind known as United States Treasury Notes), of the denomination of one thousand dollars, and of the value of one thousand dollars each: three promissory notes for the payment of money, being then and there due and unsatisfied (and of the kind known as United States Treasury Notes), of the denomination of five hundred dollars, and of the value of five hundred dollars each: twenty promissory notes for the payment of money, being then and there due and unsatisfied (and of the kind known as United States Treasury Notes), of the denomination of one hundred dollars, and of the value of one hundred dollars each: thirty promissory notes for the payment of money, being then and there due and unsatisfied (and of the kind known as United States Treasury Notes), of the denomination of fifty dollars, and of the value of fifty dollars each: fifty promissory notes for the payment of money, being then and there due and unsatisfied (and of the kind known as United States Treasury Notes), of the denomination of twenty dollars, and of the value of twenty dollars each: sixty promissory notes for the payment of money, being then and there due and unsatisfied (and of the kind known as United States Treasury Notes), of the denomination of ten dollars, and of the value of ten dollars each: eighty promissory notes for the payment of money, being then and there due and unsatisfied (and of the kind known as United States Treasury Notes), of the denomination of five dollars, and of the value of five dollars each: ninety promissory notes for the payment of money, being then and there due and unsatisfied (and of the kind known as United States Treasury Notes), of the denomination of three dollars, and of the value of three dollars each: one hundred promissory notes for the payment of money, being then and there due and unsatisfied (and of the kind known as United States Treasury Notes), of the denomination of two dollars, and of the value of two dollars each: one hundred and twenty promissory notes for the payment of money, being then and there due and unsatisfied (and of the kind known as United States Treasury Notes), of the denomination of one dollar, and of the value of one dollar each: one promissory note for the payment of money (and of the kind known as bank notes), being then and there due and unsatisfied, of the value of one hundred dollars: one promissory note for the payment of money (and of the kind known as bank notes), being then and there due and unsatisfied, of the value of fifty dollars: two promissory notes for the payment of money (and of the kind known as bank notes), being then and there due and unsatisfied, of the value of twenty dollars each: three promissory notes for the payment of money (and of the kind known as bank notes), being then and there due and unsatisfied, of the value of ten dollars each: ten promissory notes for the payment of money (and of the kind known as bank notes), being then and there due and unsatisfied, of the value of five dollars each: ten promissory notes for the payment of money (and of the kind known as bank notes), being then and there due and unsatisfied, of the value of three dollars each: fifteen promissory notes for the payment of money (and of the kind known as bank notes), being then and there due and unsatisfied, of the value of two dollars each: thirty promissory notes for the payment of money (and of the kind known as bank notes), being then and there due and unsatisfied, of the value of one dollar each: bank bills of banks to the jurors aforesaid unknown, and of a number and denomination to the jurors aforesaid unknown, of the value of one thousand dollars.~~

\$230.

Two gold coins (of the kind usually known as double eagles), of the value of twenty dollars each: three gold coins (of the kind usually known as eagles), of the value of ten dollars each: six gold coins (of the kind usually known as half eagles), of the value of five dollars each: fifteen gold coins (of the kind usually known as quarter eagles), of the value of two dollars and fifty cents each: ten gold coins (of the kind usually known as three dollar pieces), of the value of three dollars each: thirty gold coins (of the kind usually known as dollar pieces), of the value of one dollar each: gold coin of the denomination to the jurors unknown, and a more particular description whereof cannot be given, of the value of one thousand dollars. Sixty silver coins (of the kind usually known as dollars), of the value of one dollar each: sixty silver coins (of the kind usually known as half dollars), of the value of fifty cents each: one hundred and fifty silver coins (of the kind usually known as quarter dollars), of the value of twenty-five cents each: three hundred silver coins (of the kind usually called dimes), of the value of ten cents each: six hundred silver coins (of the kind usually known as half dimes), of the value of five cents each: one thousand silver coins (of the kind known as three cent pieces), of the value of three cents each: silver coin of a denomination to the jurors unknown, and a more particular description whereof cannot be given, of the value of fifty dollars. Three thousand coins (of the kind known as cents), of the value of one cent each: five hundred coins (of the kind known as two cents), of the value of two cents each, forty gold coins of the Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, of the kind known as sovereigns of the value of five dollars each, one watch of the value of thirty dollars, one chain of the value of ten dollars, and one blanket of the value of nine dollars.

of the goods, chattels, and personal property of one Adolphus D. D. then and there being found, feloniously did steal, take and carry away, against the form of the Statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace of the People of the State of New York, and their dignity.

JOHN McKEON, District Attorney



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BAILED.

No. 1, by \_\_\_\_\_

Residence \_\_\_\_\_

No. 2, by \_\_\_\_\_

Residence \_\_\_\_\_

No. 3, by \_\_\_\_\_

Residence \_\_\_\_\_

No. 4, by \_\_\_\_\_

Residence \_\_\_\_\_

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Police Court 21 District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Abraham Berg  
191 West St.

Charles O'Connell  
Michael O'Brien

Offence Grand Larceny

Dated \_\_\_\_\_

February 16 1883

Magistrate.

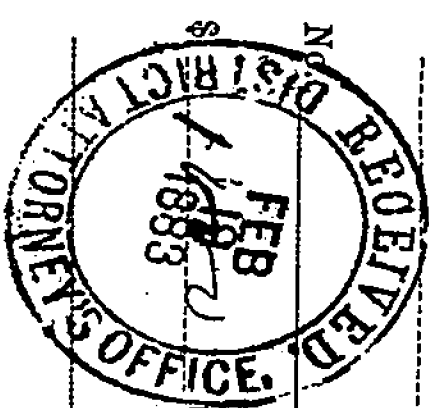
Michael Adams  
Central Office

Witnesses: Hugo Langhart

No. 117 Street.

Edmund Salwick

No. 117 Street.



to answer \_\_\_\_\_  
H. J. Each

It appearing to me by the within depositions and statements that the crime therein mentioned has been committed, and that there is sufficient cause to believe the within named \_\_\_\_\_

Charles O'Connell and Michael O'Brien

guilty thereof, I order that they be held to answer the same and they be admitted to bail in the sum of ten Hundred Dollars, and be committed to the Warden and Keeper of the City Prison of the City of New York, until he give such bail.

Dated February 16 1883 \_\_\_\_\_ Police Justice.

I have admitted the above-named \_\_\_\_\_  
to bail to answer by the undertaking hereto annexed.

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ 188 \_\_\_\_\_ Police Justice.

There being no sufficient cause to believe the within named \_\_\_\_\_  
guilty of the offence within mentioned, I order h to be discharged.

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ 188 \_\_\_\_\_ Police Justice.



0440

Sec. 198-200.

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

2 DISTRICT POLICE COURT.

Michael O'Brien being duly examined before the undersigned, according to law, on the annexed charge: and being informed that it is his right to make a statement in relation to the charge against him; that the statement is designed to enable him if he see fit to answer the charge and explain the facts alleged against him that he is at liberty to waive making a statement, and that his waiver cannot be used against him on the trial,

Question. What is your name?

Answer. Michael O'Brien

Question. How old are you?

Answer. 23 years

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. New York

Question. Where do you live, and how long have you resided there?

Answer. Grand St., near South Street (resided 8 years)

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. Carpenter

Question. Give any explanation you may think proper of the circumstances appearing in the testimony against you, and state any facts which you think will tend to your exculpation?

Answer. I am not guilty

Michael O'Brien

Taken before me, this 16  
day of February 1883

[Signature] Police Justice.

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Sec. 198-200.

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DISTRICT POLICE COURT.

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

*Charles O'Connell*

being duly examined before the undersigned, according to law, on the annexed charge: and being informed that it is his right to make a statement in relation to the charge against him; that the statement is designed to enable him if he see fit to answer the charge and explain the facts alleged against him that he is at liberty to waive making a statement, and that his waiver cannot be used against him on the trial,

Question. What is your name?

Answer. *Charles O'Connell*

Question. How old are you?

Answer. *19 years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. *New York*

Question. Where do you live, and how long have you resided there?

Answer. *15 N 32 St (resided there 4 yrs)*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. *Tailor*

Question. Give any explanation you may think proper of the circumstances appearing in the testimony against you, and state any facts which you think will tend to your exculpation?

Answer.

*I am not guilty*

*Charles O'Connell*

Taken before me, this

*16*

day of

*July*

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*B*

*[Signature]*  
Police Justice.

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2 District Police Court.

Affidavit—Larceny.

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ssaged 42  
18

of No. 191. Mott Street,

Adolph Berg

being duly sworn, deposes and says, that on the 5 day of February 1883,

at the City of New York,

in the County of New York, was feloniously taken, stolen and carried away from the possession

of deponent, in the night time, and from No 17  
Rivington Street occupied by deponent as an Express office  
the following property, viz:

Two hundred dollars in English Sovereign's  
Two hundred dollars in silver coin of various  
denominations Good and lawful money  
of the United States. Six fine  
dollar gold pieces. one Gold  
watch and chain value forty dollars  
one horse blanket value nine dollars

Subscribed before me this

together of the value of four hundred and  
seventy nine dollars  
the property of complainant

day of

and that this deponent  
has a probable cause to suspect, and does suspect, that the said property was feloniously taken,  
stolen, and carried away by Charles O'Connell and Michael

O'Brien (now present) from the fact  
that deponent saw said O'Connell  
and O'Brien loitering in the vicinity  
of premises No 1 Rivington Street,  
and further deponent is informed  
by Hugo Englebert who resides No 117  
East 3<sup>d</sup> Street that he saw said O'Connell  
take the blanket as above described  
from premises No 1 Rivington Street

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and saw him drop the blanket  
corner of chrystie Livingston Street  
at the time deponent said Englebert  
was running after O'Connell  
who stole the blanket the money  
was taken

Sworn to before me

this 16 day of Feb 1883

*J. H. Berg*  
Police Justice  
City and County  
of New York

Hugo Englebert residing  
117 East 3rd Street being sworn says  
that on the 5 day of February 1883,  
deponent saw Charles O'Connell  
come into No 1 Livingston Street,  
and take a blanket from which  
was lying on a trunk which was  
standing near the door, at this  
time the money described in Adolph  
Berg's affidavit was in a tray, and  
in the window of said premises  
deponent pursued said O'Connell  
who had the blanket, and on  
returning to the store the tray  
and money was missing  
Sworn to before me  
this 16 day of Feb 1883  
*Hugo Englebert*  
Police Justice

District Police Court.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,

ON THE COMPLAINT OF

AFIDAVIT-Larceny.

Dated

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Magistrate

Officer

WITNESSES:

DISPOSITION

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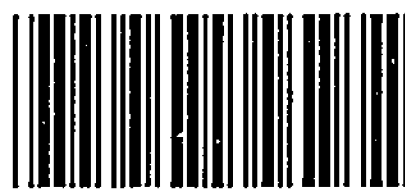
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O'Connell, John

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Counsel,  
Filed 8 day of Feb 1883  
Pleads

THE PEOPLE  
vs.  
John Leavess  
Grand Larceny, Second degree.

JOHN McKEON,  
District Attorney.

A True Bill.

William H. Phelps  
Feb 13.  
Foreman  
James G. Smith  
Chas. R. R.



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**Court of General Sessions of the Peace**  
OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,  
against

*John Donnell*

**The Grand Jury of the City and County of New York**, by this indictment accuse

of the crime of GRAND LARCENY, in the second degree, committed as follows:

The said *John Donnell*

late of the First Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York, aforesaid, on the ninth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-~~three~~ three at the Ward, City and County aforesaid, with force and arms, three promissory notes for the payment of money, being then and there due and unsatisfied (and of the kind known as United States Treasury Notes), of the denomination of one thousand dollars, and of the value of one thousand dollars each: three promissory notes for the payment of money, being then and there due and unsatisfied (and of the kind known as United States Treasury Notes), of the denomination of five hundred dollars, and of the value of five hundred dollars each: twenty promissory notes for the payment of money, being then and there due and unsatisfied (and of the kind known as United States Treasury Notes), of the denomination of one hundred dollars, and of the value of one hundred dollars each: thirty promissory notes for the payment of money, being then and there due and unsatisfied (and of the kind known as United States Treasury Notes), of the denomination of fifty dollars, and of the value of fifty dollars each: fifty promissory notes for the payment of money, being then and there due and unsatisfied (and of the kind known as United States Treasury Notes), of the denomination of twenty dollars, and of the value of twenty dollars each: sixty promissory notes for the payment of money, being then and there due and unsatisfied (and of the kind known as United States Treasury Notes), of the denomination of ten dollars, and of the value of ten dollars each: eighty promissory notes for the payment of money, being then and there due and unsatisfied (and of the kind known as United States Treasury Notes), of the denomination of five dollars, and of the value of five dollars each: ninety promissory notes for the payment of money, being then and there due and unsatisfied (and of the kind known as United States Treasury Notes), of the denomination of three dollars, and of the value of three dollars each: one hundred promissory notes for the payment of money, being then and there due and unsatisfied (and of the kind known as United States Treasury Notes), of the denomination of two dollars, and of the value of two dollars each: one hundred and twenty promissory notes for the payment of money, being then and there due and unsatisfied (and of the kind known as United States Treasury Notes), of the denomination of one dollar, and of the value of one dollar each: one promissory note for the payment of money (and of the kind known as bank notes), being then and there due and unsatisfied, of the value of one hundred dollars: one promissory note for the payment of money (and of the kind known as bank notes), being then and there due and unsatisfied, of the value of fifty dollars: two promissory notes for the payment of money (and of the kind known as bank notes), being then and there due and unsatisfied, of the value of twenty dollars each: three promissory notes for the payment of money (and of the kind known as bank notes), being then and there due and unsatisfied, of the value of ten dollars each: ten promissory notes for the payment of money (and of the kind known as bank notes), being then and there due and unsatisfied, of the value of five dollars each: ten promissory notes for the payment of money (and of the kind known as bank notes), being then and there due and unsatisfied, of the value of three dollars each: fifteen promissory notes for the payment of money (and of the kind known as bank notes), being then and there due and unsatisfied, of the value of two dollars each: thirty promissory notes for the payment of money (and of the kind known as bank notes), being then and there due and unsatisfied, of the value of one dollar each: bank bills of banks to the jurors aforesaid unknown, and of a number and denomination to the jurors aforesaid unknown, of the value of one thousand dollars. Two gold coins (of the kind usually known as double eagles), of the value of twenty dollars each: three gold coins (of the kind usually known as eagles), of the value of ten dollars each: six gold coins (of the kind usually known as half eagles), of the value of five dollars each: fifteen gold coins (of the kind usually known as quarter eagles), of the value of two dollars and fifty cents each: ten gold coins (of the kind usually known as three dollar pieces), of the value of three dollars each: thirty gold coins (of the kind usually known as dollar pieces), of the value of one dollar each: gold coin of the denomination to the jurors unknown, and a more particular description whereof cannot be given, of the value of one thousand dollars. Sixty silver coins (of the kind usually known as dollars), of the value of one dollar each: sixty silver coins (of the kind usually known as half dollars), of the value of fifty cents each: one hundred and fifty silver coins (of the kind usually known as quarter dollars), of the value of twenty-five cents each: three hundred silver coins (of the kind usually called dimes), of the value of ten cents each: six hundred silver coins (of the kind usually known as half dimes), of the value of five cents each: one thousand silver coins (of the kind known as three cent pieces), of the value of three cents each: silver coin of a denomination to the jurors unknown, and a more particular description whereof cannot be given, of the value of fifty dollars. Three thousand coins (of the kind known as cents), of the value of one cent each: five hundred coins (of the kind known as two cents), of the value of two cents each.

of the goods, chattels, and personal property of one *Robert R. Jones* then and there being found, feloniously did steal, take and carry away, against the form of the Statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace of the People of the State of New York, and their dignity.

JOHN McKEON, District Attorney

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BAILED.

No. 1, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_  
No. 2, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_  
No. 3, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_  
No. 4, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_  
No. 5, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_  
No. 6, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_  
No. 7, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_  
No. 8, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_  
No. 9, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_  
No. 10, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_

Police Court - 1st District

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Robert C. Jones

15 West St.

John C. Connell

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Dated

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Magistrate

Offence

Grand Larceny

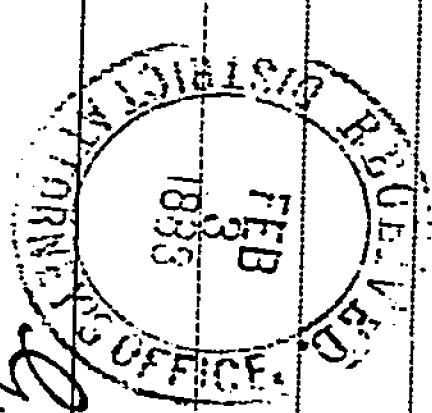
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No. \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

No. \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_



No. 1060

to answer

Street \_\_\_\_\_

It appearing to me by the within depositions and statements that the crime therein mentioned has been committed, and that there is sufficient cause to believe the within named

John C. Connell

guilty thereof, I order that he be held to answer the same and he be admitted to bail in the sum of One Thousand Dollars, and be committed to the Warden and Keeper of the City Prison of the City of New York, until he give such bail.

Dated 20 Feb 188 ccip. C. W. 4 Police Justice.

I have admitted the above-named \_\_\_\_\_ to bail to answer by the undertaking hereto annexed.

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ 188 \_\_\_\_\_ Police Justice.

There being no sufficient cause to believe the within named \_\_\_\_\_ guilty of the offence within mentioned, I order h to be discharged.

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ 188 \_\_\_\_\_ Police Justice.



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Sec. 198-200.

District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY  
OF NEW YORK, ss.

John O'Connell being duly examined before the undersigned, according to law, on the annexed charge: and being informed that it is his right to make a statement in relation to the charge against him; that the statement is designed to enable him if he see fit to answer the charge and explain the facts alleged against him that he is at liberty to waive making a statement, and that his waiver cannot be used against him on the trial.

Question What is your name?

Answer.

John O'Connell

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

17 years

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

New York

Question. Where do you live, and how long have you resided there?

Answer.

9 Duane Street one year

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.

Bookbinder

Question. Give any explanation you may think proper of the circumstances appearing in the testimony against you, and state any facts which you think will tend to your exculpation?

Answer.

I am guilty

John O'Connell

Taken before me this

day of

January 1888

W. J. C. Jones

Police Justice.

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District Police Court.

Affidavit—Larceny.

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss

of No. 15 Dutch

Street,

being duly sworn, deposes and says, that on the <sup>or about</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> day of January 1883  
at the City of New York,

in the County of New York, was feloniously taken, stolen and carried away from the possession  
of deponent <sup>in the day time with the unlawful intent to cheat and defraud</sup>  
the true owner of the following property, viz:

Good and lawful money of the United States  
to the amount and value of seventy three dollars  
and thirteen Cents

the property of deponent

and that this deponent

has a probable cause to suspect, and does suspect, that the said property was feloniously taken,  
stolen, and carried away by John O'Connell (now here) from

the fact that defendant was employed by deponent  
and on said day deponent gave defendant  
the aforesaid money to pay a bill. defendant  
failed to pay said bill and failed to report  
to deponent. deponent has not seen said defendant  
since until this morning February 2<sup>d</sup> 1883  
in the Police Court

Wherefore deponent Charges said  
defendant with taking stealing and carrying away  
the aforesaid money

Robert C Jones

Sworn before me this

day of

February 1883

Police Justice.

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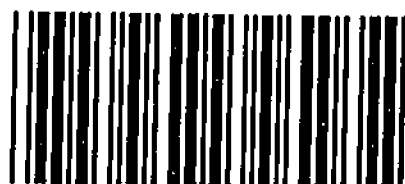
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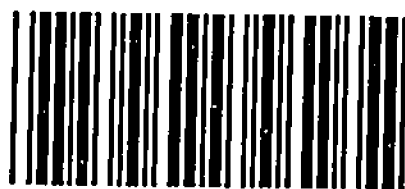
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Smith, Charles

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COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS OF THE PEACE

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

against

*John Connor,  
Thomas St. Hall and  
Charles Smith*

The Grand Jury of the City and County of New York, by this indictment, accuse  
*John Connor and Thomas St. Hall  
and Charles Smith*  
of the CRIME OF BURGLARY IN THE THIRD DEGREE, committed as follows:

The said *John Connor, Thomas St.  
Hall, and Charles Smith*  
late of the *Twentieth* Ward of the City of New York, in the County of  
New York aforesaid, on the *twentyfourth* day of *February* in the  
year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty *three* with force and arms,  
about the hour of *three* o'clock in the *day* time of the same day, at the  
Ward, City and County aforesaid, the dwelling house of

*Ferdinand Jacob*  
there situate, feloniously and burglariously did break into and enter, ~~by means of forcibly~~  
that the said

*John Connor and Thomas St. Hall  
and Charles Smith*  
then and there intending to commit some crime therein, to wit: the goods, chattels and  
personal property of *Ferdinand Jacob*

in the said dwelling house then and there being, then and  
there feloniously and burglariously to steal, take and carry away, against the form of the  
Statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace of the People of the State  
of New York, and their dignity.

And the Grand Jury aforesaid, by this indictment, further accuse the said  
*John Connor and Thomas St. Hall  
and Charles Smith*  
of the CRIME OF GRAND LARCENY ~~in the Second Degree~~ *in the Second Degree*, committed as follows:

The said *John Connor, Thomas  
St. Hall and Charles Smith*  
late of the Ward, City and County aforesaid, afterwards, to wit, on the day and in the  
year aforesaid, at the Ward, City and County aforesaid, with force and arms, *two*  
*watches of the value of six dollars*  
*each, two rings of the value of*  
*six dollars each, one chain of*  
*the value of six dollars, and two*  
*handkerchiefs of the value of*  
*one dollar each*

of the goods, chattels, and personal property of the said

*Ferdinand Jacob*  
in the said dwelling house then and there being, then and there feloniously did steal,  
take and carry away, against the form of the Statute in such case made and provided, and  
against the peace of the People of the State of New York, and their dignity.

JOHN MCKEON, District Attorney.

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And the Grand Jury aforesaid, by this indictment, further accuse the said

*John O'Connor, Thomas M. Hall*  
*and Charles Smith*

of the CRIME OF RECEIVING STOLEN GOODS,

committed as follows:

The said *John O'Connor, Thomas*  
*M. Hall and Charles Smith*

late of the First Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York  
aforesaid, on the *24th* day of *February* in the year of our Lord  
one thousand eight hundred and eighty-*three*, at the Ward, City and County  
aforesaid, with force and arms *two watches of the*  
*value of six dollars each, two*  
*knives of the value of six dol-*  
*lars each, one chain of the*  
*value of six dollars, and*  
*two handkerchiefs of the*  
*value of one dollar each*

of the goods, chattels and personal property of

*Ferdinand Jacob*

by a certain person or persons to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown, then lately before  
feloniously stolen, taken and carried away from the said

*Ferdinand Jacob*

unlawfully and unjustly, did feloniously receive and have; the said *John*  
*O'Connor, Thomas M. Hall*  
*and Charles Smith*  
then and there well knowing the said goods, chattels and personal property to have  
been feloniously stolen, taken and carried away, against the form of the Statute in  
such case made and provided, and against the peace of the People of the State of  
New York, and their dignity.

**JOHN McKEON, District Attorney.**



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Testimony in the  
case of  
John O'Connor and  
Thos. H. Hall

filed Feb.  
1883.

The People  
 vs.  
 John O'Connor  
 and  
 Thomas H. Hall } Court of General Sessions. Part I  
 Before Recorder Smyth. March  
 Jointly indicted with Charles Smith<sup>12, 1883</sup>  
 for burglary in the third degree, grand larceny in  
 the second degree and receiving stolen goods.

Ferdinand Jacob sworn and examined.  
 I live at 415 South Avenue, second floor, in  
 the 24<sup>th</sup> of last month I had in my room two  
 open case silver watches valued at \$12, two  
 gold rings valued at \$12, two chains worth  
 about \$6 and two silk-handkerchiefs worth  
 \$2; the property was kept in my bureau in  
 the front room; the bureau was not locked, but  
 the room was locked. There is a bed room  
 window which has iron bars on it; I found  
 one of the bars of this window lying on the bed  
 bent up. I looked for my property in the bureau  
 and could not find it. I saw some of it  
 afterwards in Jefferson Market. I saw a ~~gold~~  
 watch at one time and one ring and  
 at another time I saw one watch and chain  
 (Property shown to the witness) This is the  
 property that I had in my bureau and  
 that I missed, watches, ring and handkerchief.  
 William S. Devery, sworn and examined.  
 I am an officer and saw the prisoner  
 on the 24<sup>th</sup> of Feb. about 3 o'clock in the  
 afternoon. I was in a barber's shop between

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Thirty third and Thirty fourth sts and 10<sup>th</sup> ave  
Jacob's house is right opposite 415 between  
Thirty third and Thirty fourth sts. opposite  
the barber's shop. These two young men  
in company with two others came right  
in front of the window. These two parted  
and went across the street in front of  
Jacob's and the other two went to 34<sup>th</sup> St.  
corner. Charles and Thos. Smith and  
these two men made the four. They were on  
the east side of Tenth ave. between 33<sup>d</sup> and  
34<sup>th</sup> sts. These two spoke together and part-  
ed and went across the street. Hall and  
Connor went over in front of Jacob's. The  
two Smith's went up to Thirty fourth St. they  
foiled around the door two or three times  
Connor looked into Jacob's saloon and  
they both went to Thirty third St. corner and  
foiled around the corner and crossed  
over to the east side and walked up the  
east side of the Avenue to Thirty fourth St.  
They joined the two Smith's and crossed  
over to the west side of the Avenue and  
Charles Smith, Connor and Hall went  
down to 415 again. That was where the  
burglary was committed. Hall and Connor  
went in the hall and disappeared and  
Smith went in the cigar store and

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bought a paper of tobacco and came out again and went up on the corner. Hall and Emma stood inside of Forty fifth st. I should judge about 20 minutes. They came out of the hall of 419 after an absence of '25 minutes and then joined the two Smiths. I followed the whole four seeing I could not get another officer; they went through 34<sup>th</sup> st. towards 11<sup>th</sup> ave, turned up 11<sup>th</sup> ave. between Forty and Forty first st. They got showing one another something, but I could not see what it was. Thomas Smith went into a baker's shop and brought something out in a paper and they commenced to eat it. The two Smiths parted with them and went through 41<sup>st</sup> St. and these two went up 11<sup>th</sup> ave. I followed them because of their being in this house; they went down to 38<sup>th</sup> st. where I arrested them. In the possession of Emma I found what was supposed to be a "jimmy" and some keys and a silk handkerchief which the girl identified. I got a dump shot with Hall. On the following day I got Charles Smith and a watch and chain and ring; the following day I arrested Thomas Smith and I found out where he pawned another one of these watches; the pawnbroker identified

him as the party that pawned it.

James Oberner, sworn and examined in his own behalf testified. I live in 433 Forty fifth st. I have heard the testimony of the policeman I met Hall in a dime museum. I laid off halfaday. Hall worked with me about four months in a paper factory; when we were coming up Thirty third St. we met Charles Smith and Thomas. Hall and me talked to them. Smith said he was not able to heat but would be in a few minutes. Smith went over the roofs and went into Jacobs house first. Hall and I stood on the corner and they sent us into the back yard. He said, "Now we have got some money;" he showed me a silk handkerchief. He told me to give it to Lizzie Smith in Forty third St.; we were hungry and we bought ten cents worth of beans and ate them. The officer afterwards came over and arrested us, and found the handkerchief in my possession; I did not break into the premises 415-I did not steal anything and I did not know the handkerchief was stolen.

Thomas Hall was sworn and corroborated Oberners testimony. He did not break into the complainants place, nor did

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he knew it was going to be broken into.  
The jury rendered a verdict of  
guilty of burglary in the third degree.



*Dated* \_\_\_\_\_ **188** \_\_\_\_\_ *Police Justice.*

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Sec. 198-200.

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

3 DISTRICT POLICE COURT.

*Charles Smith* being duly examined before the under-  
signed, according to law, on the annexed charge: and being informed that it is h *is* right to  
make a statement in relation to the charge against h *me*; that the statement is designed to  
enable h *me* if he see fit to answer the charge and explain the facts alleged against h *me*  
that he is at liberty to waive making a statement, and that h *is* waiven cannot be used  
against h *me* on the trial,

Question. What is your name?

Answer.

*Charles Smith*

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

*Nineteen years of age*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

*New York*

Question. Where do you live, and how long have you resided there?

Answer.

*557 West 45 St. 2 months*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.

*Painter*

Question. Give any explanation you may think proper of the circumstances appearing in the  
testimony against you, and state any facts which you think will tend to your  
exculpation?

Answer.

*I am not guilty. I have  
nothing else to say.*

*his*  
*Charles X Smith*  
*mark*

Taken before me, this *26<sup>th</sup>*

day of *February* 188 *8*

*J. M. Patterson* Police Justice.



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STATE OF NEW YORK,  
CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, ss.POLICE COURT, 2

DISTRICT.

of No.

Ferdinand Jacob  
415 Tenish Av. Street, being duly sworn, deposes and

says that on the

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day of

February

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at the City of New York, in the County of New York,

Charles Smith

Now here, was arrested by officer  
William J. Keever, then present,  
and at the time of said arrest  
the said defendant, Charles Smith,  
had then in his possession one  
of the silver watches and one of  
the gold rings and the plated  
chain mentioned in the foregoing  
affidavit of deponent.

That deponent therefore charges  
said defendant with being a  
principal in the burglary and  
larceny charged and described  
in deponent's said foregoing affidavit.

That the property above  
described is the property of deponent  
and was being unlawfully taken as  
related in deponent's said foregoing  
affidavit.

Sworn to before me this  
26<sup>th</sup> day of February 1883

Ferdinand Jacob

Wm. J. Keever

Police Officer

City and County of New York, ss.  
William J. Keever, an officer of  
the 20<sup>th</sup> Precinct Police, being duly  
sworn says - That he arrested the

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defendant Charles Smith, now here,  
on the afternoon of the 25<sup>th</sup> inst.,  
and then found in his possession  
the stolen property named in the  
forfeiting affidavit of Ferdinand Jacob.

That at the time defendant  
arrested James O'Connor and  
Thomas Hall the defendant  
Charles Smith and a man  
known as "Foght Carvill" stood  
close to the premises of said  
Ferdinand Jacob at #15 Lomb  
Avenue

Sworn to before me this }  
26<sup>th</sup> day of June 1883 } Wm. S. Peery,

J. W. Patterson }  
Police Justice

Police Court District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,

ON THE COMPLAINT OF

vs.

AFRIDA VIT.

Dated 1883

Magistrate.

Officer.

Witness.

Disposition.

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Sec. 198-200.

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District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

*Thomas Hall*

being duly examined before the undersigned, according to law, on the annexed charge: and being informed that it is his right to make a statement in relation to the charge against him; that the statement is designed to enable him if he see fit to answer the charge and explain the facts alleged against him that he is at liberty to waive making a statement, and that his waiver cannot be used against him on the trial.

Question. What is your name?

Answer.

*Thomas Hall*

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

*16 years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

*New York.*

Question. Where do you live, and how long have you resided there?

Answer.

*241 W 32 St (resided there 1 1/2 yrs)*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.

*Corset riveter*

Question. Give any explanation you may think proper of the circumstances appearing in the testimony against you, and state any facts which you think will tend to your exculpation?

Answer.

*I am not guilty*

*Thomas H. Hall*

Taken before me this

day of

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Police Justice.

*Over*

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Sec. 198-20).

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District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

*James O Connor* being duly examined before the under-  
signed, according to law, on the annexed charge: and being informed that it is h *h* right to  
make a statement in relation to the charge against h *h*; that the statement is designed to  
enable h *h* if he see fit to answer the charge and explain the facts alleged against h *h*  
that he is at liberty to waive making a statement, and that h *h* waiver cannot be used  
against h *h* on the trial.

Question. What is your name?

Answer.

*James O Connor*

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

*17 years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

*New York*

Question. Where do you live, and how long have you resided there?

Answer.

*433 W 45th (resided there 3 yrs)*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.

*Reeler in Jones Paper Factory*

Question. Give any explanation you may think proper of the circumstances appearing in the  
testimony against you, and state any facts which you think will tend to your  
exculpation?

Answer.

*I am not guilty*

*J O Connor*  
*mark*

Taken before me this

day of

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Police Justice

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Police Court— 2 District.City and County } ss.:  
of New York,Ferdinand Jacobof No. 415 10 avenue Street, aged 42 years,  
occupation Saloon Keeper being duly sworndeposes and says, that the <sup>2 floor</sup> premises No. 415 10 avenueStreet, 20 Ward, in the City and County aforesaid, the said being a brick building2 floor  
and which was occupied by deponent as a Saloon and a dwelling

were BURGLARIOUSLY

entered by means of forcing off an iron bar on a window  
leading to a bedroom and getting into the room through  
this window and left the room by unlocking the door  
of said room from the inside this was a front room on the  
2 floor of the building and was a front room no human being  
on the afternoon of the 24 day of February 1883  
at about three o'clock in the afternoon  
and the following property feloniously taken, stolen, and carried away, viz:Two open case silver watches value  
twelve dollarsTwo gold rings value twelve dollarsone gold plated chain value six dollarsTwo silk handkerchiefs value two dollarstogether of the value of thirty two dollarsthe property of Complainant and his daughterCarrie Jacob

and deponent further says, that he has great cause to believe, and does believe, that the aforesaid

BURGLARY was committed and the aforesaid property taken, stolen, and carried away by

James O'Connor and Thomas Hall  
(present)

for the reasons following, to wit;

from the fact that deponent  
is informed by officer William Deser  
of the 20 precinct police that he  
saw said O'Connor and Hall enter  
the building number 415 10 avenue  
saw them leave out of the adjoining  
building 417 10 avenue. Said officer  
informs deponent that he followed  
said O'Connor and Hall and arrested  
them near the corner of 38<sup>th</sup> street and 10  
avenue and in the possession of O'Connor

found a silk handkerchief which is fully identified by deponent as the property of his daughter Clara. and further found in O'Connor's possession a jimmy and keys and in Hall's possession a slung shot and keys Said O'Connor and Hall were together the entire time

Sworn to before me  
this 25 day of February 1883  
Septimant Jacoby  
Police Justice

City and County  
of New York

William S. Devery  
police officer 20 precinct being  
sworn says that at about  
3 o'clock in the afternoon of  
the 25 day of February 1883. Deponent  
saw James O'Connor and Thomas  
Hall enter the hall door of premises  
number 415 10 avenue and saw  
them come out about twenty minutes  
afterward through the door of  
number 417 10 avenue. and deponent  
followed them and when at  
near the corner of 38<sup>th</sup> street and  
10 avenue deponent arrested James  
O'Connor and Thomas Hall in O'Connor's  
possession was found a silk  
handkerchief, and a jimmy and  
keys and in Hall's possession  
deponent found slung shot and



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Keys William S. Hewery  
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John J. H. H.

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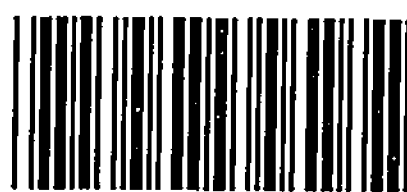
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WITNESSES:

*W. Leary* 16<sup>th</sup> Feb. 88

Counsel,

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Pleads *Not guilty*

THE PEOPLE

vs.

*Wm. Mulvey*

*Prisoner*

*James O'Donnell*

INDICTMENT.  
RETURNED FROM THE PRISON.

JOHN McKEON,

District Attorney.

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*A True Bill of Indictment.*

*William A. McKeon*

Foreman.

*James O'Donnell*

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COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS OF THE PEACE  
OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK  
against

*James O'Donnell*

The Grand Jury of the City and County of New York, by this indictment, accuse

*James O'Donnell*

of the CRIME OF ~~Larceny from the person~~ *Grand Larceny in the first degree*

committed as follows:

The said

*James O'Donnell*

late of the First Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York, afore-  
said, on the ~~twenty seventh~~ *day* of ~~December~~ *December* in the year of our Lord  
one thousand eight hundred and eighty- ~~two~~ *two*, at the Ward, City and County  
aforesaid, with force and arms, *in the night time*

*of said day, one watch of the*  
*value of fifteen dollars*

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one *Anthony Ricciardi*  
on the person of the said *Anthony Ricciardi* then and there being found,  
from the person of the said *Anthony Ricciardi* then and there feloniously  
did steal, take and carry away, against the form of the statute in such case made and  
provided, and against the peace of the People of the State of New York, and their  
dignity.

JOHN McKEON, District Attorney.

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No. 2, by \_\_\_\_\_

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No. 3, by \_\_\_\_\_

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No. 4, by \_\_\_\_\_

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Police Court: 3 District: \_\_\_\_\_

THE PEOPLE, &c.  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Christina Mallett,

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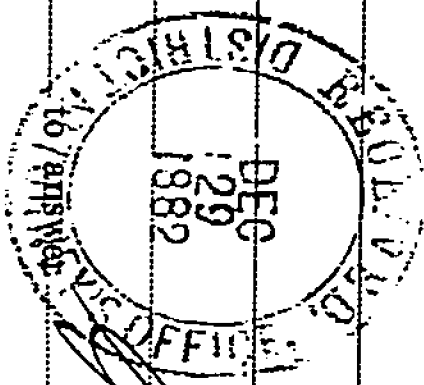
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It appearing to me by the within depositions and statements that the crime therein mentioned has been committed, and that there is sufficient cause to believe the within named Allen Earl Brown et al

guilty thereof, I order that he be held to answer the same and he be admitted to bail in the sum of                       
~~Hundred Dollars, and be committed to the Warden and Keeper of the City Prison of the City of New York, until he~~  
~~give such bail~~ *is legally discharged*

Dated March 18 1882 W. H. Patterson Police Justice.

I have admitted the above named \_\_\_\_\_  
to bail to answer by the undertaking hereto annexed.

*Dated*..... 188..... *Police Justice.*

There being no sufficient cause to believe the within named \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ guilty of the offence within mentioned, I order h to be discharged.

*Dated* \_\_\_\_\_ 188. \_\_\_\_\_ *Police Justice.*

0475

Sec. 198-200.

3<sup>rd</sup> District Police Court.CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

James M. Donnell being duly examined before the undersigned, according to law, on the annexed charge: and being informed that it is his right to make a statement in relation to the charge against him; that the statement is designed to enable him if he see fit to answer the charge and explain the facts alleged against him; that he is at liberty to waive making a statement, and that his waiver cannot be used against him on the trial.

Question What is your name?

Answer.

James M. Donnell

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

17 years

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

Jersey City

Question. Where do you live, and how long have you resided there?

Answer.

88 Mulberry Street 3 years

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.

Printer

Question. Give any explanation you may think proper of the circumstances appearing in the testimony against you, and state any facts which you think will tend to your exculpation?

Answer.

I did not take the match, I know the man that took it

James A. Donnell.

Taken before me this

28

day of

December 1887

James A. Donnell  
Police Justice.

0476

FORM 112.

STATE OF NEW YORK,  
CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, } ss

Police Court—Third District.

of age a *Seaman* *Anthony Millett* *50 years*  
 of No. *175 West* Street, being duly sworn, deposes

and says that on the *27* day of *December* 188*7*

at the City of New York, in the County of New York, was feloniously taken, stolen, and carried  
 away from the possession of deponent. *and from the person of*

*deponent at night time*

the following property viz: *one Silver Watch*

of the value of *thirteen* Dollars

the property of *deponent*

and that this deponent has a probable cause to suspect, and does suspect, that the said property  
 was feloniously taken, stolen, and carried away by *James M. Donnell*

*(known) and another person not arrested*  
*and whose name is unknown to deponent,*  
*from the fact that deponent was standing*  
*in front of a Show Window on the Bowery*  
*when deponent had said Watch in the*  
*left hand pocket of the Vest then worn*  
*upon deponent's person. Deponent*  
*caught said M. Donnell in the act*  
*of taking and stealing said Watch from*  
*said Vest pocket and gave the same to said*  
*unknown person. Deponent immediately*  
*signed Index of said M. Donnell and*

*Sworn to before me this*  
*day of*

*18*

Police Justice.

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and said unknown person said  
unknown person escaped from the  
Custody of deponent with said  
property in his possession

Sworn to before me this 28<sup>th</sup> day of December 1887  
J. W. Patterson  
Justice

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3 District Police Court,

New York, Dec. 28 1882

Anthony DiLetti } Long J. J. P. P.  
vs }  
James McDonnell }

The complainant in this case  
is a seaman and will return  
in about 20 days, send  
Subpoena to officer Dutman  
of the 10th Precinct who will  
produce the complainant

J. H. H. H.  
and Court

Count of Gen. Sessions

The People

vs.

~~James E. Donald~~  
James E. Donald

Affidavits to dis-  
charge prisoners from  
prisonment

Flowers & Co.  
Attys for  
Prisoners



Court of General Sessions of the Peace  
for the City & County of Newark

The People &c

vs

James O'Donnell

City & County of New York ss.  
Edward Kennedy of said City being  
duly sworn says that he resides  
at No. 126 North Street in said  
City, by occupation a helper to finish  
sewing machines - was present  
on the evening of the 27<sup>th</sup> day  
of January 1898 when  
a crime was committed by a  
boy unknown to him but it  
was not committed by the  
defendant James O'Donnell  
that he saw a boy by the  
name of John O'Brien as  
he is informed & verified by  
Pete P. O'Donnell the  
father of said defendant.  
Defendant further says that  
he is positive that the said  
O'Brien & not the defendant  
perpetrated the crime.

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of Antonio Melitti the watch  
mentioned & described as the  
complaints herein.

Sworn to before me } Edward Kennedy  
February 12, 1888 }

Same  
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Same }

City & County of Jackson to  
Martin McHewen of do. 216  
Mulberry Street in said city  
being duly sworn says that he  
is fifteen years of age & resides  
with his parents there and by  
occupation a lobl cutter  
that he has heard read the  
foregoing affidavit of Edward  
Kennedy knows the contents  
thereof & that the same is  
true in all respects to his  
own knowledge.

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Sworn <sup>to</sup> before me }  
February 12, 1888. { Martin M<sup>c</sup> Ewand,

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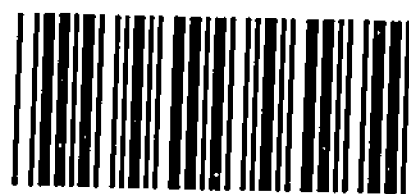
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Day of Trial,

Counsel,

Filed 26 day of Friday 1883

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Guilty (2)

THE PEOPLE

vs.

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Michael D. Donnell

11-11-83 (2 cases)

March 13, 1883

Fred J. Conville

JOHN McKEON,

District Attorney.

March 26, 1883

Perjury, 1 year.

A True Bill.

William W. Phelps

Foreman.

Aug. 25, 1883

0485

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS OF THE PEACE,  
of the City and County of New-York.

-----x  
The People of the State of New-York :

- against - :

Michael D. Danell :

-----x  
THE GRAND JURY OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW-YORK, by this indictment, accuse Michael D. Danell of the Crime of unlawfully using a key of a fire alarm station, committed as follows:

The said Michael D. Danell late of the City and County of New-York, on the second day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eightyeight at the City and County aforesaid, with force and arms, not being one of the fire commissioners of the City of New-York, and not being one of the officers, or one of the employes of the said commissioners authorized to operate the fire alarm telegraph, and not being a policeman or citizen using the same for communicating an actual alarm of fire, unlawfully did then and there use a certain duplicate key of one of the fire alarm telegraph signal and alarm stations, duly designated as such by the said fire commissioners of the City of New-York, against the form of the Statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace of the People of the State of New-York and their dignity.

And the Grand Jury aforesaid, by this indictment, further accuse the said Michael D. Danell of the Crime of committing a false alarm of fire, committed as follows:

The said Michael D. Danell late of the City and County aforesaid, afterwards, to wit: on the day and in the year aforesaid, at the City and County aforesaid, with force and arms, unlawfully did use a key and the appliances of one of the fire alarm telegraph signal and alarm stations, duly designated as such by the said fire commissioners of the City of New-York, for the purpose of by such use, communicating a false alarm of fire, against the form of the Statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace of the People of the State of New-York and their dignity.

And the Grand Jury aforesaid, by this indictment, further accuse the said Michael D. Danell of the Crime of having in his possession a key of a fire alarm telegraph signal and alarm station, without authority, committed as follows:

The said Michael D. Danell late of the City and County aforesaid, afterwards, to wit: on the day and in the year aforesaid, at the City and County aforesaid, unlawfully did have and possess a certain key of a certain fire alarm telegraph signal and alarm station, duly designated as such by the said fire commissioners of the City of New-York, he, the said Michael D. Danell not having been designated by the said fire commissioners as one of the persons entrusted with duplicate keys thereof, against the form of the Statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace of the People of the State of New-York and their dignity

JOHN Mc'KEON,

District Attorney.

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Testimony in the  
case of  
Michael W. O'Donnell  
filed 7/2/83

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 The People  
 Michael H. O'Donnell (Before Recorder Smyth. March 12. 1883.  
 Indictment for communicating false alarms of fire.

Daniel Lenny, sworn and examined.  
 I know the prisoner, was with him on the night of the 2<sup>nd</sup> of February. I came to New York on the 26<sup>th</sup> of Dec., and about two or three weeks after that I met McCabe. He asked ten or eleven of us to go down to the corner of Twenty Second St. and Seventh Ave.; the prisoner was one of them. McCabe left a fire key in the box on a telegraph pole. The next night there was four of us - McCabe, Conlin, O'Donnell and myself left in a box a key and lock and some paper on the corner of Seventh Ave. and Twenty Second St. He, <sup>(McCabe)</sup> then pulled the alarm; the prisoner was there; the next time that I accompanied McCabe was to the corner of Stanton and Attorney Sts, but the prisoner was not with us; the next time when the prisoner was with us (Swift, McCabe and myself) was to the Kings Bridge road; we went to the fire box; the prisoner stood a hundred yards away; there was a door broke off the fire box and I believe a special call was sent out, but I do not believe there was any answer to it; the paper which I heard them talk about was attached to that lock (Paper exhibit A. read in evidence)



Cross Examined. I was arrested charged with larceny I was arrested with the others charged with using these fire alarms - Swift, McCabe, Conlin and Hughes, eight or nine of us, we were playing cards. I did not say anything about this till I was arrested. I was arrested about three years ago for larceny and sent to the Elmira Reformatory for stealing from Caswell and Hazards. It is about twelve months since I left the Reformatory. That is the only time I have been arrested till a week ago.

Benjamin A. Gicquel sworn. I am Chief of the Battalion of the Fire Department. I was present when the prisoner made a statement, which was reduced to writing.

(Statement read in evidence <sup>Ex 2</sup> by Mr. Requier)

The names of the Fire Commissioners are: John J. Gorman, President; Cornelius Van Cott, Henry D. Parroy. I have been connected with the Fire Department about 17 years; the defendant is not employed by the Department and is not in any way connected with it. There is a rule in reference to the fire boxes; citizens, police officers and firemen are all supplied with what they call a citizen's Key and any one having that Key can easily

send out an alarm, but whenever they  
 open the box the key remains in the  
 box and nobody can release that key  
 except an officer of the Fire Department;  
 it requires what they call a release key  
 to do it; which is a smaller key  
 Daniel Kenny recalled. O'Donnell opened  
 the box, but I do not know who gave the  
 false alarm. I was in the service of the  
 Police Department. Cross examined. I was  
 employed by Inspector Byrnes to go with  
 those men when they pulled an alarm.  
 McCabe was in the employ of different  
 officers, Capt. McElwaine, I believe, and he  
 was trying to put the boys away and I  
 thought it was time to see to my own  
 safety. McCabe is now in the State prison.  
 Edward Dolan, sworn and examined. I  
 know the prisoner fifteen or sixteen years.  
 I know other people who know him. I never  
 knew his character to be bad. It is good to  
 my knowledge. I am speaking now of what  
 I personally know of him. Have you heard  
 his character discussed by anybody? No sir.  
 Ernest Kaufman, sworn and examined,  
 testified. Mr. Kaufman, what is your business?  
 Butcher. Do you know this young man?  
 Yes sir. How long have you known him?

Ten years. Do you know what his general character is for honesty, what kind of a young man he is? Since I know him he is perfectly honest what I know of him. Is his character good or bad? I never heard anything wrong about him. Patrick Burbridge, sworn and examined. What is your business? Plumber. Do you know this young man at the bar, the prisoner? Yes sir. How long have you known him? Some twelve or fifteen years. Do you know what his general character is for honesty? As far as ever I knew anything about him it was always very good from what I could hear from all the neighbors and from his mother besides. They speak well of him? They could not say anything else. Cross Examined. I heard from several men around the neighborhood that he was one of the best boys that was ever brought up in the place. I heard that maybe a year ago, I could not exactly say, somewhere about that I have heard my own mother tell me that Mrs. O'Donnell has told her that "Mikey" was always a very good boy and would fetch home his money when on Saturday when he would get paid. The jury rendered a verdict of guilty.

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No. 2, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
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Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
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No. 4, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
Street, \_\_\_\_\_

Police Court-2 District  
THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF  
Daniel Kenney;  
vs.  
Michael Donnell  
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Dated February 7 1883  
Magistrate,  
Alfred Mulcaid  
Officer,  
Clerk,  
Witnesses,  
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It appearing to me by the within depositions and statements that the crime therein mentioned has been committed, and that there is sufficient cause to believe the within named Michael Donnell

guilty thereof, I order that he be held to answer the same and he be admitted to bail in the sum of Ten Hundred Dollars, and be committed to the Warden and Keeper of the City Prison of the City of New York, until he give such bail.

Dated February 7 1883 Hugh Gorman Police Justice.

I have admitted the above named \_\_\_\_\_  
to bail to answer by the undertaking hereto annexed.

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ 188 \_\_\_\_\_ Police Justice.

There being no sufficient cause to believe the within named \_\_\_\_\_  
guilty of the offence within mentioned, I order h to be discharged.

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ 188 \_\_\_\_\_ Police Justice.

0492

Sec. 198-200.

DISTRICT POLICE COURT.

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

*Michael H. O'Donnell* being duly examined before the undersigned, according to law, on the annexed charge: and being informed that it is his right to make a statement in relation to the charge against him; that the statement is designed to enable him if he see fit to answer the charge and explain the facts alleged against him that he is at liberty to waive making a statement, and that his waiver cannot be used against him on the trial,

Question. What is your name?

Answer.

*Michael H. O'Donnell*

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

*23 years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

*New York*

Question. Where do you live, and how long have you resided there?

Answer.

*165 West End about 23 years*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.

*a Packer*

Question. Give any explanation you may think proper of the circumstances appearing in the testimony against you, and state any facts which you think will tend to your exculpation?

Answer.

*I am not guilty*

Taken before me, this

day of

*7*  
*February* 188*3**Michael H. O'Donnell**Supervisor* Police Justice.

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City and County of New York, ss  
 Daniel Kenney  
 being duly sworn, says, I am 22 years  
 of age, reside at 174 Seneca  
 Avenue, in the city of New York, and  
 am a Shoemaker by trade. On or  
 about the night of the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of Febru-  
 ary, 1883 Michael O'Daniel, not being  
 a fire commissioner or officer or employee  
 of the fire department or other person  
 authorized to operate or use the fire  
 Alarm Telegraph, did wilfully and  
 maliciously use the keys and appli-  
 ances of said fire Alarm Telegraph,  
 and aid and assist in using  
 the same for the purpose of com-  
 municating a false alarm and  
 did communicate said false alarm,  
 and did tamper with said keys  
 and appliances, and aid and  
 assist therein for the purpose of  
 sending out said false alarm.

Sworn to before me this  
 7<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1883.

} Daniel Kenney  
 Hugh Gorman  
 Police Justice



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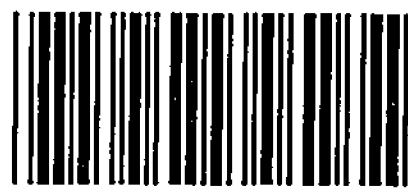
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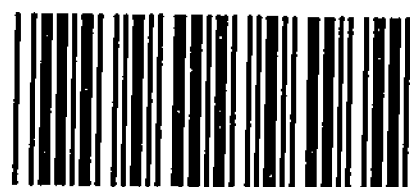
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Day of Trial,

Counsel,

Filed 26 day of Feb 1882

Pleads *Not Guilty (27)*

THE PEOPLE

vs.

*P*  
Michael H. Donald  
*P*  
Carey  
William Hughes  
*Com. W. H. H. H.*

JOHN McKEON,

District Attorney.

*Depto. on ans*  
*under Mich/83*

A True Bill.

*William H. H. H.*  
*Foreman.*

0497

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS OF THE PEACE,  
of the City and County of New-York.

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The People of the State of New-York :

- against -

*William D. Hughes*  
*Michael D. Donnell*  
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THE GRAND JURY OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW-YORK, by this indictment, accuse *William D. Hughes and Michael D. Donnell* of the Crime of unlawfully using a key of a fire alarm station, committed as follows:

The said *William D. Hughes and Michael D. Donnell* late of the City and County of New-York, on the *eleventh* day of *January* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty *two*, at the City and County aforesaid, with force and arms, not being ~~one of the~~ fire commissioners of the City of New-York, and not being ~~one of the~~ officers, or ~~one of the~~ employees of the said commissioners authorized to operate the fire alarm telegraph, and not being a policeman or citizen, using the same for communicating an actual alarm of fire, unlawfully did then and there use a certain duplicate key of one of the fire alarm telegraph signal and alarm stations, duly designated as such by the said fire commissioners of the City of New-York, against the form of the Statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace of the People of the State of New-York and their dignity.

And the Grand Jury aforesaid, by this indictment, further accuse the said *William D. Hughes and Michael D. Donnell* of the Crime of ~~committing~~ a false alarm of fire, committed as follows:

*Donnell* The said *William D. Hughes and Michael D. Donnell* late of the City and County aforesaid, afterwards, to wit: on the day and in the year aforesaid, at the City and County aforesaid, with force and arms, unlawfully did use a key and the appliances of one of the fire alarm telegraph signal and alarm stations, duly designated as such by the said fire commissioners of the City of New-York, for the purpose of ~~and~~ by such use, communicating a false alarm of fire, against the form of the Statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace of the People of the State of New-York and their dignity.

And the Grand Jury aforesaid, by this indictment, further accuse the said *William D. Hughes and Michael D. Donnell* of the Crime of having in ~~his~~ possession a key of a fire alarm telegraph signal and alarm station, without authority, committed as follows:

*Donnell* The said *William D. Hughes and Michael D. Donnell* late of the City and County aforesaid, afterwards, to wit: on the day and in the year aforesaid, at the City and County aforesaid, unlawfully did have and possess a certain key of a certain fire alarm telegraph signal and alarm station, duly designated as such by the said fire commissioners of the City of New-York, ~~they~~ the said *William D. Hughes and Michael D. Donnell* not having been designated by the said fire commissioners as ~~one of the~~ persons entrusted with duplicate keys thereof, against the form of the Statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace of the People of the State of New-York and their dignity.

*John McLean, District Attorney.*

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Michael H O'Donnell 23 yrs  
 Laga. packer 165 West 24th St  
 being duly sworn says that on  
 or about the 30th day of April 1882  
 William McCabe William  
 H Hughes James McCred and  
 Richard Swift and myself  
 stood waiting on the corner of 34th  
 St + 10th Avenue. McCabe + Swift  
 went to 12th Ave + 34th St and  
 immediately after they went there  
 an alarm of fire was sounded  
 from the box on the corner of 12th Ave  
 + 34th St. When the alarm was  
 sounded one of the above named  
 parties (I don't rem which) gave  
 a signal by whistling. After that  
 alarm was sent out McCabe said  
 he had sent a third alarm out.  
 I saw the engines come in response  
 to the third alarm. On several  
 other occasions McCabe sent out  
 alarms. I and others were with  
 him. Some times I went to  
 the box with McCabe and the  
 others and sometimes I stood  
 by and saw him (McCabe)  
 send out alarms. On April 30th  
 McCabe Swift + Hughes left me

McCabe  
 Swift  
 Hughes  
 McCred

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for the purpose of sending  
out a 3d alarm. The alarm  
was sent out and in a few  
moments they returned to where  
I was waiting for them.

Michael R. Donnell  
Sworn to before me  
this 7th of Feb 1883

Hugh Gardner  
Police Justice

Richard L. Swift 27. yrs of age  
laborer. 503 West 55th St being  
duly sworn says. On the night of the  
30th of April 1882 McCabe <sup>Hughes</sup> McCre  
O'Donnell and myself were  
at the corner of 34th St & 12th  
Avenue at the time the 3d alarm  
was sent from the box at that corner.  
I can't say who sent the alarm  
out but we were all there together.  
McCabe was the one who opened  
the box and sent the alarm.  
After the alarm was sent I saw  
some lights in 10th Ave

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Then I went home. I have  
been with McCabe and  
others on five or six occasions  
when McCabe sent out  
alarms. I have never been  
alone with McCabe when he  
sent out an alarm.

R. C. Swift

Sworn to before me  
this 7th day of Decr 1883

Hugh Green  
Police Justice

Richard C. Swift recalled  
says at the time an alarm  
was sent from 14th Street and  
3d Avenue Richard O'Keefe  
was with me, and ~~others~~ I stood  
four or five blocks away when  
the alarm was sent. I saw  
an engine answer the call  
from that box. At another time  
O'Keefe was with me in Gansey  
Park when an alarm was sent  
out. On most of the times when  
false alarms were sent out Richard  
O'Keefe William H. Hughes  
William H. McCabe

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Michael H. Dorewell  
were with me -

R. B. Smith

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Hugh Gorman  
Plus Lushes



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City & County of New York ss  
William McCabe

being duly sworn says that  
in the month of ~~on or about~~ <sup>the</sup> day of  
September 1882 he did send out  
a false alarm from alarm box  
at 313 by opening said box  
with a key made by himself -  
that he left said key in said  
box being unable to release the  
same - That Wm Hughes  
Nichl O'Donnell & myself  
left Hooker's on 8<sup>th</sup> of January  
1883 at about 8.35 P.M.  
& went to box corner of 57<sup>th</sup> St  
& 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue at 556 - Hughes  
opened the box with a newly  
invented key - ~~we~~ <sup>he</sup> left  
the box open - we then went  
to box in 57<sup>th</sup> St between  
10 & 11 Avenues to try the  
master-key, it would not work  
Hughes then left us at 10 Avenue  
& 57<sup>th</sup> St and went to the  
box left open & an alarm was  
subsequently rung which he said  
he pulled - went then to box  
Cor of 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue & 64<sup>th</sup> St

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No 613 - This box I opened  
with a key invented by O'Donnell  
~~Hughes & O'Donnell~~ Hughes & O'Donnell  
went to 65<sup>th</sup> St & 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue -  
there was a light on box & I was  
afraid to ring it & I closed  
the box & opened them - In  
the meantime they had opened box  
at 65<sup>th</sup> St - We left it opened &  
returned to 64<sup>th</sup> St. Hughes then  
put out light - I then went  
to East Side - The only purpose  
I had in operating with the gary  
in sending out false alarms  
was maliciousness - On the  
8<sup>th</sup> of January last the only  
persons engaged in sending out  
the alarms were Hughes O'Don-  
nell & myself -

~~Sworn~~

Sworn to before me this }  
5<sup>th</sup> day of Feby 1883 } Wm M. Deane  
William A. Friedman }  
Notary Public  
N.Y.C.

Sworn to before me  
this 7 day of February 1883 }

Hughes  
Police Justice

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BAILED,  
No. 1, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_  
No. 2, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_  
No. 3, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_  
No. 4, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_

Police Court--  
District  
THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF  
William McCabe  
Michael O'Donnell  
William Hughes  
Dated July 7 1883  
Magistrate  
Alfred Sturges  
Central Office Precinct.  
Witnesses  
No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_  
No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_  
No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_  
\$ 1000 to answer  
Cm

It appearing to me by the within depositions and statements that the crime therein mentioned has been committed, and that there is sufficient cause to believe the within named

And William Hughes  
guilty thereof, I order that they be held to answer the same and they be admitted to bail in the sum of Ten  
Hundred Dollars, and be committed to the Warden and Keeper of the City Prison of the City of New York, until they  
give such bail.

Dated July 7 1883  
Police Justice.

I have admitted the above-named \_\_\_\_\_  
to bail to answer by the undertaking hereto annexed.

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ 188 \_\_\_\_\_ Police Justice.

There being no sufficient cause to believe the within named \_\_\_\_\_  
guilty of the offence within mentioned, I order h to be discharged.

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ 188 \_\_\_\_\_ Police Justice.

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Sec. 188-200.

*W* DISTRICT POLICE COURT.

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

*Michael O'Donnell*

being duly examined before the under-  
signed, according to law, on the annexed charge: and being informed that it is h *u* right to  
make a statement in relation to the charge against h *u*; that the statement is designed to  
enable h *u* if he see fit to answer the charge and explain the facts alleged against h *u*  
that he is at liberty to waive making a statement, and that h *u* waiven cannot be used  
against h *u* on the trial,

Question. What is your name?

Answer.

*Michael O'Donnell*

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

*23 Years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

*New York City*

Question. Where do you live, and how long have you resided there?

Answer.

*165 West St & about - five Years*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.

*Docker*

Question. Give any explanation you may think proper of the circumstances appearing in the  
testimony against you, and state any facts which you think will tend to your  
exculpation?

Answer.

*I am not guilty of the  
charge*

Taken before me, this

day of

*July* 188*8*

*Michael O'Donnell*

*Thygesen* Police Justice.

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Sec. 198-200.

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK } ss.

DISTRICT POLICE COURT.

*William Hughes*

being duly examined before the undersigned, according to law, on the annexed charge: and being informed that it is his right to make a statement in relation to the charge against him; that the statement is designed to enable him if he see fit to answer the charge and explain the facts alleged against him that he is at liberty to waive making a statement, and that his waiver cannot be used against him on the trial,

Question. What is your name?

Answer.

*William Hughes*

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

*20 Years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

*New York City*

Question. Where do you live, and how long have you resided there?

Answer.

*209 W 28 St about 7 Years*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.

*Clark*

Question. Give any explanation you may think proper of the circumstances appearing in the testimony against you, and state any facts which you think will tend to your exculpation?

Answer.

*I don't know anything about it*

Taken before me, this

day of

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*Wm Hughes*

*Hughes* Police Justice.

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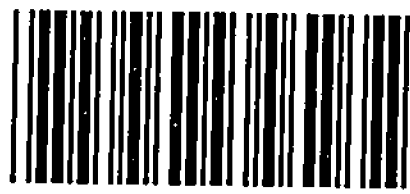
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Ogle, George G.

DATE:

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Filed 27 day of Feb 1883  
Pleads *Not Guilty (28)*

THE PEOPLE

vs.

*R*  
*George D. Dole*

Assault in the First Degree.  
(Firearms.)

JOHN McKEON,  
District Attorney.

A TRUE BILL.

*William H. Phelps*  
March 26/83 Foreman  
*Thos. J. Appleton*

*In memory of*  
*V. For Andrew, March*  
*14/83*



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# Court of General Sessions of the Peace

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

AGAINST

*George J. O'Leary*

The Grand Jury of the City and County of New York, by this indictment, accuse *George J. O'Leary*

of the CRIME OF *Assault in the first degree*, committed as follows:

The said *George J. O'Leary*

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the ~~thirteenth~~ day of ~~February~~ in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty ~~seven~~ with force and arms, at the City and County aforesaid, in and upon the body of *Edwin S. Peters* in the peace of the said People then and there being, feloniously did make an assault, and to, at and against ~~him~~ the said *Edwin S. Peters* a certain  ~~pistol~~ then and there loaded and charged with gunpowder and one leaden bullet, which the said *George J. O'Leary* in ~~his~~ right hand then and there had and held, the same being a deadly and dangerous weapon, wilfully and feloniously, did then and there shoot off and discharge, with intent ~~him~~ the said *Edwin S. Peters* thereby then and there feloniously and wilfully to kill, against the form of the Statute in such case made and provided. and against the peace of the People of the State of New York and their dignity.

## SECOND COUNT.

And the Grand Jury aforesaid, by this indictment, further accuse the said

*George J. O'Leary*

of the Crime of assault in the second degree, committed as follows:

The said *George J. O'Leary*

afterwards, to wit, on the day and in the year aforesaid, at the City and County aforesaid, with force and arms, in and upon the body of the said *Edwin S. Peters* then and there being, feloniously did, willfully and wrongfully, make an assault, and to, at and against ~~him~~ the said *Edwin S. Peters* a certain  ~~pistol~~ then and there loaded and charged with gunpowder and one leaden bullet, which ~~he~~ the said *George J. O'Leary* in ~~his~~ right hand, then and there had and held, the same being an instrument likely to produce grievous bodily harm, feloniously did, willfully and wrongfully then and there shoot off and discharge

against the form of the Statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace of the People of the State of New York and their dignity.

JOHN McKEON, District Attorney.

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BAILED,

No. 1 by

Residence

Street,

No. 2, by

Residence

Street,

No. 3, by

Residence

Street,

No. 4, by

Residence

Street,

Police Court District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,

ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Almon J. Deane

337 West 16 St

George Ogle

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Dated

July 21

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Magistrate.

Wm. McQuinn

not at City Prison

Witnesses, Deane & Hotan

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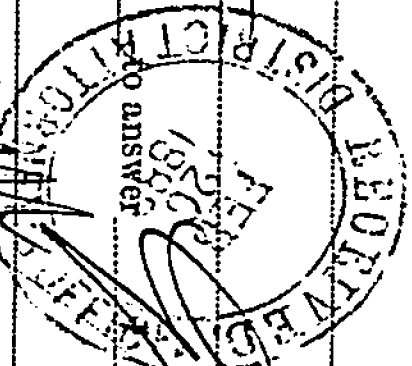
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Street,



It appearing to me by the within depositions and statements that the crime therein mentioned has been committed, and that there is sufficient cause to believe the within named

guilty thereof, I order that he be held to answer the same and he be admitted to bail in the sum of five Hundred Dollars, and be committed to the Warden and Keeper of the City Prison of the City of New York, until he give such bail.

Dated July 21 188 Police Justice.

I have admitted the above named to bail to answer by the undertaking hereto annexed.

Dated 188 Police Justice.

There being no sufficient cause to believe the within named guilty of the offence within mentioned, I order h to be discharged.

Dated 188 Police Justice.

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Sec. 108-200.

CITY AND COUNTY  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

2 District Police Court.

George Ogle being duly examined before the under-  
signed, according to law, on the annexed charge: and being informed that it is his right to  
make a statement in relation to the charge against him; that the statement is designed to  
enable him if he see fit to answer the charge and explain the facts alleged against him  
that he is at liberty to waive making a statement, and that his waiver cannot be used  
against him on the trial.

Question What is your name?

Answer.

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

Question. Where do you live, and how long have you resided there?

Answer.

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.

Question. Give any explanation you may think proper of the circumstances appearing in the  
testimony against you, and state any facts which you think will tend to your  
exculpation?

Answer.

Geo H Ogle

Taken before me this

day of

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Police Justice.

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Police Court

District.

STATE OF NEW YORK,  
CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, } ss.

of No.

356 West 16<sup>th</sup> Street,

on

Monday the 19<sup>th</sup> day of February

in the year 1883 at the City of New York, in the County of New York,

he was violently and feloniously ASSAULTED and BEATEN by

Gorge Ogle now present  
That said Ogle did wilfully  
and maliciously point and  
aim a pistol loaded with powder  
and lead at deponent and  
fired and discharged said  
pistol while the same was  
so pointed and aimed

Previous  
with the felonious intent to take the life of deponent, or to do him bodily harm; and without any  
justification on the part of the said assailant :

Wherefore this deponent prays that the said assailant may be apprehended and bound to answer  
for the above assault, etc., and be dealt with according to law.

Sworn to before me, this

day

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Edwin H. Peters.

POLICE JUSTICE.

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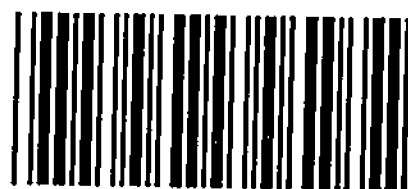
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Counsel,

Filed 26 day of

1883

Pleads

vs THE PEOPLE

vs.

Richard D. O'Brien

John Gordon

March 26/83

(Book) Speed of Court

JOHN McKEON,

District Attorney.

A True Bill.

William H. Phelps

March 26/83 Foreman

James

John



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COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS OF THE PEACE,  
of the City and County of New-York.

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The People of the State of New-York :

- against -

*Richard O'Keefe*  
*John Conlon*  
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THE GRAND JURY OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW-YORK, by this indictment, accuse *Richard O'Keefe and John Conlon* of the Crime of unlawfully using a key of a fire alarm station, committed as follows:

The said *Richard O'Keefe and John Conlon* late of the City and County of New-York, on the ~~seventeenth~~ day of ~~December~~ in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty ~~two~~ at the City and County aforesaid, with force and arms, not being fire commissioners of the City of New-York, and not being officers or employes of the said commissioners authorized to operate the fire alarm telegraph, and not being policemen or citizens using the same for communicating an actual alarm of fire, unlawfully did then and there use a certain duplicate key of one of the fire alarm telegraph signal and alarm stations, duly designated as such by the said fire commissioners of the City of New-York, against the form of the Statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace of the People of the State of New-York and their dignity.

And the Grand Jury aforesaid, by this indictment, further accuse the said *Richard O'Keefe and John Conlon* of the Crime of communicating a false alarm of fire, committed as follows:

The said *Richard O'Keefe and John Conlon* late of the City and County aforesaid, afterwards, to wit: on the day and in the year aforesaid, at the City and County aforesaid, with force and arms, unlawfully did use a key and appliances of one of the fire alarm telegraph signal and alarm stations, duly designated as such by the said fire commissioners of the City of New-York, for the purpose of by such use communicating a false alarm of fire, against the form of the Statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace of the People of the State of New-York and their dignity.

And the Grand Jury aforesaid, by this indictment, further accuse the said *Richard O'Keefe and John Conlon* of the Crime of having in their possession a key of a fire alarm telegraph signal and alarm station, without authority, committed as follows:

The said *Richard O'Keefe and John Conlon* late of the City and County aforesaid, afterwards, to wit: on the day and in the year aforesaid, at the City and County aforesaid, unlawfully did have and possess a certain key of a certain fire alarm telegraph signal and alarm station, duly designated as such by the said fire commissioners of the City of New-York, they, the

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said Richard Kelly and John  
Conlon

not having been designated by the said fire commissioners as persons entrusted with duplicate keys thereof, against the form of the Statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace of the People of the State of New-York and their dignity.

JOHN Mc'KEON,

District Attorney.

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Testimony in the  
case of  
Richard O'Keefe  
and  
John Lyden

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1883.

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The People  
 Richard O'Keefe  
 and John Conlon } Court of General Sessions. Part I  
 Before Recorder Smyth. March 22, 1883  
 Indictment for communicating  
 false alarms of fire. Daniel Kennedy, sworn  
 and examined. I know the prisoners. Prior  
 to the 17<sup>th</sup> of Dec. last were you present on  
 any occasions when the fire alarm sig-  
 nal stations were set in motion? I know  
 nothing about the 17<sup>th</sup> of Dec; in the middle  
 of January, the first false alarm was  
 at the corner of Tenth Avenue and Twenty  
 second St. - There was no alarm, but  
 the Key was left in the box; on that oc-  
 casion myself, McCabe, O'Donnell and  
 Conlon, one of the defendants were there.  
 McCabe left the Key in the box of the fire  
 alarm, but no alarm was sent out;  
 the next occasion was at the corner of  
 Twenty Second St. and Seventh Ave. My-  
 self, Conlon, O'Donnell and McCabe were  
 there. There was an alarm sent out and  
 that lock and Key was left in the box  
 and a piece of paper attached. McCabe  
 sent out the alarm. The next occasion  
 was on the corner of Stanton and Attor-  
 ney Sts. McCabe, Conlon and myself  
 were there. I know McCabe opened the  
 box and I believe Conlon was feeling

around for the hook and he said he could not find it. There happened to be a man come up Stanton st. I turned round to see who it was, I heard the door box close. Who rung the alarm I could not say. The next occasion was on the Kingsbridge road. McCabe, myself, Swift and O'Donnell were there, but neither of the prisoners. The Tenth ave. and Twenty Second St. occasion was about the 10th of January, I could not exactly say; the Twenty Second St. and Seventh ave. occurred two days after the Tenth ave, it was after twelve o'clock at night; the Stanton and Attorney St. occasion must have occurred upon the 14th or 20th of January. I know it was the latter part of January or the beginning of February. Neither of the prisoners were at the corner of Sixth Ave. and Twenty Sixth St, nor at 179th St. and Kingsbridge. I have known Conlon about nine or ten years and O'Keefe about seven or eight years. I believe Conlon was in the newspaper business and O'Keefe was a tailor. At the time I was going out with this party I was in the employ of the police. Inspector Byrnes employed me for the purpose of detecting the culprits and reporting it to find out who was

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ringing these alarms. I reported to him or to Mr. Ruland and Mr. Healy, detective officers under Inspector Byrnes. Cross Examined: I was employed by Inspector Byrnes the 10<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> of January. Every day I was employed I detected these people sending false alarms. They were not arrested I suppose because they wanted to accumulate more evidence against them. After I left Headquarters the first day I was employed, I went home and I left home about four o'clock in the afternoon. I met Mr. McCabe, Swift, Hughes, and several more in a <sup>beer</sup> saloon on Seventh ave. I did not meet Mr. McCabe there by appointment; he was always there. I believe he is now in State prison. O'Keefe used to come in there once in a while. I did not meet him there that particular afternoon. I probably remained an hour or two, from five to seven o'clock. Then I went and had something to eat and came back there and went down to Sixth ave. - Corliss was there. I left there to go down to Sixth ave. I believe Mr. McCabe was going to send out an alarm. There was no arrangement made to send out an alarm. I was asked to take a walk. I took a walk



to Twenty Second St. while McCabe left the Key of the fire box in the door. Conlon, O'Donnell and myself were there. O'Keefe was not. Conlon stood around the box while McCabe was putting the Key in. There was no alarm sent that night. I saw Conlon next day in the same saloon. I believe I saw McCabe too. I did not meet O'Keefe. I asked McCabe what was his reason for leaving the Key? He said he was only giving them a feeder. I believe Conlon was sitting at another table. I don't know whether he heard all that occurred or not. I did not think it was my place to tell McCabe that it was wrong to send out fire alarms. I did not exactly belong to the gang. I was with them. I met McCabe, O'Donnell and Conlon in the saloon two nights following the tenth Ave. one. It was about the 12th of January. I could not say the day of the week, I think it was Saturday night. McCabe came to us and asked us to walk down as far as the house; we went down as far as the house; he told us what he was going in there for. He wanted to get a lock. Then he came out he showed us this paper with a fire engine on the back of it. He said,



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"we will have the firemen crazy tomorrow." He came up Twenty fourth St. to Eighth Avenue, down Eighth Ave - to Twenty Second St. and down Twenty Second St. to Seventh Ave. This was very near or after 12 o'clock at night. McCabe opened the box, took out the Key, opened the inside door of the box, and left this little Key in it, then attached the lock to a string and a piece of paper and pulled the alarm and me and him and O'Donnell went down Seventh Ave. Conlon went some place else I do not know where. O'Keefe was not with us that night. I repeated this second occasion. The third time was on the corner of Stanton and Attorney Sts. That I believe was on a Wednesday night I believe it was between the 17<sup>th</sup> and the 23<sup>rd</sup>. McCabe, Conlon and myself were present. O'Keefe was not there. I am 23 years old. I have never been a witness in Court before. I was here as a prisoner twice; on the first occasion I believe it was up stairs, for larceny. I pleaded guilty and was sent to Elmira. I have been out twelve or thirteen months. On the second occasion I was taken to Jefferson Market Police Court for breaking a pane of

Mr. Naverly.

glass. I was not guilty; they did not call it burglary; it did not know anything at all about it. A man claimed that there was a bottle fired at his saloon in broad-day light. I was out on \$300 bail. I was not discharged for misappropriating money from

Benjamin A. Gicquel, sworn and examined. I am chief battalion of the Fire Department. He enumerated the false alarms of fire that were sent out in January mentioned by the District Attorney. I know the prisoners O'Keefe and Conlon; they are not employed by the Fire Commissioners; they were not authorized to operate the fire alarm telegraph. They were not to my knowledge policeman. [The witness then described the manner in which the keys are used in the fire boxes and how alarms are sent out.] The key to the outside door of the boxes is furnished to all the members of the Fire Department, all the members of the Police Department, and also to citizens upon recommendation of officers of the Fire Department. Nobody but officers of the Fire Department holds possession of the key to the inner box. When there is an alarm of fire, you can open

the outer box and the Key remains fastened in the door of the outer box and can not be taken out unless released by the Key of the inner box, which is a smaller Key. I was present when some of these false alarms were responded to and there was no fire in the neighborhood. Daniel Kennedy recalled. On these several occasions that I have described to the jury the alarms of fire were false. Mr. O'Keefe was not present upon those occasions, but Cullen was. He was not to my knowledge a policeman. I know he was not. Owen Healy, sworn and examined. I am a policeman under Inspector Byrnes. Kennedy was employed by Inspector Byrnes, detective Ruland and myself to act as a detective in relation to these matters for the purpose of getting evidence on which to base prosecutions against persons who were sending out false fire alarms. The statement now shown me was made by Richard O'Keefe before Justice Gardner. I was present. He was told by the Justice that it was his right to make a statement and he made and signed this statement.  
 (Mr. Requier read it to the jury.)

I was present when Conlon made a statement at Headquarters to Inspector Byrnes, Sergeant Trunk, Roland and myself on the 4<sup>th</sup> of February, the day after the arrest. He stated that he had been a number of times with McCabe and Hughes. I did not hear any one say to him, "Now you don't want to go to State prison for this - you tell us what you know about it, it will be all right," or words to that effect. Sergeant Trunk took down Conlon's statement. He said he had been with McCabe, Hughes, Swift, Michael O'Donnell, Richard and Edward O'Keefe and Kennedy a number of times, but not on the night of the big alarm. He made a statement about being at Twenty Sixth St. and Sixth Ave; at Rivington and Stanton, and I think Fourteenth St. and First Ave. and two or three other places.

Richard O'Keefe, sworn and examined for the defence testified. I am 23 years old, am a tailor, and worked for Mr. O'Keefe over three years. I never with anybody else maliciously rung these fire alarms. I became acquainted with a beer saloon on Seventh Ave. between

Twentyeth and Twenty First sts. I never went out with McCabe to ring these alarms. I have known Conlon ten or twelve years and O'Donnell the same length of time. I have known Hughes about two months. Edward O'Keefe is my brother.

(Statement made before the Magistrate shown to the witness) That is my signature.

Mr J. Federlein sworn. I am in the coal business. I have known O'Keefe two or three years. His general character has been good.

Bridget Conlon sworn. The prisoner is my son; he is 17 years old, he sells papers; he has never been arrested before; he works steadily and never drinks.

The jury rendered a verdict of guilty.



*Dated*.....188.....*Police Justice.*

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Sec. 198-200.

DISTRICT POLICE COURT.

CITY AND COUNTY  
OF NEW YORK,

*John Conlin* being duly examined before the undersigned, according to law, on the annexed charge: and being informed that it is his right to make a statement in relation to the charge against him; that the statement is designed to enable him if he see fit to answer the charge and explain the facts alleged against him that he is at liberty to waive making a statement, and that his waiver cannot be used against him on the trial,

Question. What is your name?

Answer. *John Conlin*

Question. How old are you?

Answer. *17 years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. *New York City*

Question. Where do you live, and how long have you resided there?

Answer. *127 West 19<sup>th</sup> Street and about 17 years*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. *Newspaper business*

Question. Give any explanation you may think proper of the circumstances appearing in the testimony against you, and state any facts which you think will tend to your exculpation?

Answer. *I am not guilty**John Boulton*

Taken before me, this

day of

*7*  
*February* 188*3**Hugh Gardner* Police Justice.



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Sec. 198-200.

CITY AND COUNTY  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

Just DISTRICT POLICE COURT.

Richard O'Keefe being duly examined before the under-  
signed, according to law, on the annexed charge: and being informed that it is his right to  
make a statement in relation to the charge against him, that the statement is designed to  
enable him if he see fit to answer the charge and explain the facts alleged against him  
that he is at liberty to waive making a statement, and that his waiver cannot be used  
against him on the trial,

Question. What is your name?

Answer.

Richard O'Keefe

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

Twenty three years

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

Ireland

Question. Where do you live, and how long have you resided there?

Answer.

208 East 22 St One year

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.

I am a tailor

Question. Give any explanation you may think proper of the circumstances appearing in the  
testimony against you, and state any facts which you think will tend to your  
exculpation?

Answer.

I am not guilty and  
know nothing about the charge  
except I was with McPake when the  
alarms were sent out but did  
not know what he was going to do

Taken before me, this

day of

July 4th  
1882Richard O'Keefe

Amey J. ... Police Justice.

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City and County of New York, ss.

Richard Swift aged  
27 years, residing at 503 West 55<sup>th</sup> St.  
being duly sworn says that Richard  
O'Keefe, not being a fire Commissioner  
or officer or employee of the fire Depart-  
ment or ~~officer or employee of the~~  
~~fire~~ other person authorized to  
operate or use the fire alarm  
telegraph, did, on or about the 17<sup>th</sup>  
day of December, 1882, wilfully  
and maliciously use the keys and  
appliances of said fire alarm  
telegraph, and aid and assist  
in using the same, and did  
tamper with said keys and  
appliances, and aid and assist  
therein, for the purpose of sending  
and communicating a false  
alarm, and did communicate  
such false alarm. R. C. Swift

Sworn to before me this }  
7<sup>th</sup> day of February 1883. }

Hugh Gorman  
Police Justice

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63) Richard O'Keefe 23. Years tailor  
we 203. East 22 & first being duly  
n sworn says. One night I was with  
26/83 McCabe Coulon Swift and  
Hughes. At 17th street and 2d Avenue  
McCabe told me to wait. McCabe  
left myself Coulon and Swift.  
About 5 or 10 minutes after McCabe  
left I saw engines come  
to the box where the alarm was  
sent from. O'Donnell went  
with me to the box, and stood  
there with Swift & Coulon. After  
the engines came I did not see  
McCabe again that night, till  
I met him and Hughes on  
3d Avenue between 20th & 21st  
St. We stood at the hardware  
store at the corner of 21st & 3d Ave.  
McCabe & Hughes went around  
the corner. In a few moments  
Hughes came back and in  
a few moments McCabe came back.  
When Hughes came back he laughed  
and said "By God! It is done too." From  
there I went home. While I stood  
at the box a stout man  
drove up in a red wagon  
and said. I bet these men

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That at this is standing in  
the crowd. Then I went home

Sworn to before me  
this 4th of July 1882

~~Hyph~~ ~~Justice~~  
I have been employed by Bond  
& O'Neil 252 5th Avenue I used to carry  
the keys of the stone with me when  
I left the stone

~~Police Justice~~  
one night I was playing  
pool with Coulson I had the  
keys of the stone with me. I went  
to change them from my over  
coat pocket to my inside coat  
pocket when McCabe asked me  
to let him see the ring they were  
attached to. I let him take the keys.  
Coulson then told me it was my  
turn to play. I played about 10  
minutes and then took them back  
from McCabe. This was about 2 weeks  
ago. One was a small key for  
the hall door the other was a large  
key with bars on each side. At an  
other time in a saloon McCabe  
asked me to let him look at the  
keys. I held them in my hands  
and let him look at them

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Sworn to before me  
this 7th of July 1883

Richard C. Keffe  
Hugh Gunner  
Police Justice