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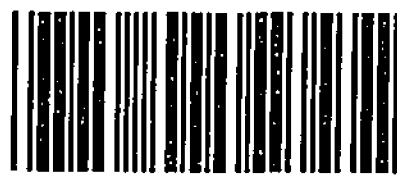
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**DESCRIPTION:**

Baldwin, Harold

**DATE:**

09/24/89



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Witnesses:

*James Macchell*

*Frank Males*

Counsel,  
Filed *Sept 17* day of *Sept* 188*9*

Pleads, *W. J. Males*

THE PEOPLE  
*vs.*  
*Principally*

*Harold Baldwin*

*John L. Larcen*  
(MISAPPROPRIATION,  
Sections 528 and 53 of the Penal Code).

JOHN R. FELLOWS

District Attorney.

A True Bill.

*Chas. B. Fitch*

Foreman.

*pr. ex. 9/89*  
*pleads at 9/2 day of Elumia.*  
*State Refornatory Elumia.*

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Police Court—

District.

Affidavit—Larceny.

City and County } ss.:  
of New York, }

James Macchell  
 of No. 25 Park Place Street, aged 49 years,  
 occupation Jeweler being duly sworn  
 deposes and says, that on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of July 1888 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 day time, the following property, viz:

One diamond Stud of the  
 value of One hundred and  
 fifty-five 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 Harold Baldwin,

otherwise Palmer, for the  
 reasons following, to wit:  
 That said deponent then and  
 there bought said stud from  
 deponent under the name of  
 Harold Palmer, paying deponent  
 therefor the sum of thirty dollars  
 Cash and giving deponent the  
 annexed paper purporting a lease  
 for said property.  
 That on the 17 day of August there  
 after the deponent purchased  
 said property at Simpsons, 225  
 Park Row, and deponent has

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seem and identified the same  
as the hands of said murderer.  
That different, therefore, says said  
defendant may be arrested and  
dealt with as the law directs

I am to begin me this  
11th day of September 1889 James Marshall

E. Hogan  
Police Justice

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Sec. 198—200.

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

District Police Court.

*Harold Baldwin*

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.

*Harold Baldwin*

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

*19 years 2 ages*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

*England*

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

Answer.

*93 Pine Apple St. Brooklyn*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.

*Clerk*

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 demand an examination  
Harold Palm Harold Baldwin*

Taken before me this

*14*

day of *September* 188 *9*

Police Justice.



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Sec. 151.

Police Court 1 District.

CITY AND COUNTY } ss. *In the name of the People of the State of New York; To the Sheriff of the County*  
OF NEW YORK, } *of New York, or any Marshal or Policeman of the City of New York:*

Whereas, Complaint in writing, and upon oath, has been made before the undersigned, one of the Police Justices for the City of New York, by James Mackell of No. 25 Park Place Street, that on the 31 day of July 1889 at the City of New York, in the County of New York, the following article to wit:

One diamond Stud  
of the value of One hundred and fifty-five Dollars,  
the property of of complainant  
w. as taken, stolen and carried away, and as the said complainant has cause to suspect, and does suspect and believe, by Harold Baldwin

Wherefore, the said Complainant has prayed that the said Defendant may be apprehended and bound to answer the said complaint.

These are Therefore, in the name of the PEOPLE of the State of New York, to command you the said Sheriff, Marshals and Policemen, and every of you, to apprehend the body of the said Defendant and forthwith bring him before me, at the First DISTRICT POLICE COURT, in the said City, or in case of my absence or inability to act, before the nearest or most accessible Police Justice in this City, to answer the said charge, and to be dealt with according to law.

Dated at the City of New York, this 4 day of September 1889

[Signature]  
POLICE JUSTICE

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Police Court ..... District.

THE PEOPLE, & c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

vs.

Warrant-Larceny.

Dated ..... 188

Magistrate

*Lanshin, C. C.* Officer.

The Defendant.....  
taken, and brought before the Magistrate, to answer  
the within charge, pursuant to the command con-  
tained in this Warrant.

Officer.

Dated ..... 188

This Warrant may be executed on Sunday or at  
night.

Police Justice.

having been brought before me under this Warrant, is committed for examination to the  
WARDEN and KEEPER of the City Prison of the City of New York.

Dated ..... 188

Police Justice.

The within named



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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.....

Harold Baldwin  
guilty thereof, I order that he be held to answer the same and he be admitted to bail in the sum of Seven 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 September 10 188 9 [Signature] 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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BAILED,

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

Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street.

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

Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street.

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

Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street.

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

Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street.

Ret. Sept. 9 at 10 a. m.  
on motion of deft.  
Adj'd. on motion of deft  
to Sept. 10 at 2 p. m.

Police Court--- District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

*Jimmie Mackin*  
20 Park Place  
*Harold Davidson*

2 \_\_\_\_\_  
3 \_\_\_\_\_  
4 \_\_\_\_\_

*Officer L. M. Conroy*  
*J. L. Conroy*

Dated *September 14* 188 *9*

*Hogans* Magistrate.  
*Geo. W. Lanthier* Officer.  
*C. C.* Precinct.

Witnesses \_\_\_\_\_

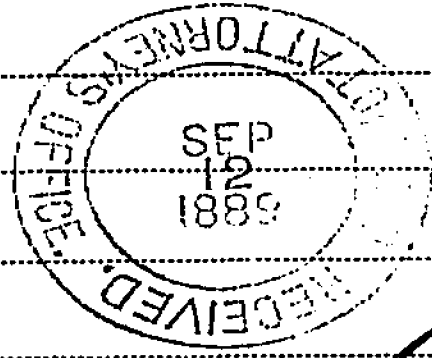
No. \_\_\_\_\_ Street.

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

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

\$ *10000.* to answer *G. S.*

*Res.*



*Comptroller*  
*J. L. Conroy*

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No. 86781

This Indenture, WITNESSETH, that I have this day rented and leased from JAMES MACHELL of 25 Park Place, in the City of New York, the following goods and articles, Diamond Stud #813

Thirty dollars on the date hereof, and five dollars each and every month thereafter, until the sum of One hundred and fifty-five dollars has been fully paid, when said JAMES MACHELL agrees to execute and deliver to me a bill of sale of said goods without further consideration, and I agree to keep in my possession the said property in trust for the said JAMES MACHELL, who neither parts with nor do I acquire any title thereto until the said sum shall be fully paid as aforesaid. And in case default shall be made in anyone of the aforesaid payments on a demand being made by the said JAMES MACHELL, I hereby agree to surrender and return to him the said goods, and allow him to keep and retain the ~~money~~ paid thereon for the use and rental thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have this 31 day of July 1889 set my hand and seal.

Signature Harold Palmer

Residence 92 Henry St

Business 359 Washington St

Witness James Machell



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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

*Harold Baldwin*

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

*Harold Baldwin*  
of the CRIME OF *Grand LARCENY*, in the second degree committed  
as follows:

The said

*Harold Baldwin*  
late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the  
*thirty first* day of *July* in the year of our Lord  
one thousand eight hundred and eighty-*nine* at the City and County aforesaid, being  
then and there the ~~clerk and servant of~~ *agent and bailee*  
of one *James Machell*.

*agent bailee*  
and as such ~~clerk and servant~~ then and there having in his possession, custody and control  
certain ~~moneys~~, goods, chattels and personal property of the said *James Machell*

the true owner thereof, to wit:

*one stud of the*  
*value of one hundred and*  
*fifty-five dollars*

the said *Harold Baldwin* afterwards, to wit:

on the day and in the year aforesaid, at the City and County aforesaid, with force and arms,  
did feloniously appropriate the said *goods, chattels and personal property*

to his own use, with intent to deprive and defraud the said

*James Machell*  
of the same, and of the use and benefit thereof; and the same ~~moneys~~, goods, chattels and  
personal property of the said *James Machell*

did then and there and thereby feloniously steal, 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 R. FELLOWS,  
District Attorney.



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**FOLDER:**

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**DESCRIPTION:**

Ball, William

**DATE:**

09/04/89



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Witnesses:

Edw. Brown  
Maggie Ruth  
Susan Gray  
Off O'Kara

Upon an examination  
of the evidence I am  
of opinion that the  
offence of manslaughter  
in 1<sup>st</sup> degree is all  
that could be established  
upon the facts.

Samuel J. Gurnea  
And I at Albany  
Feb 19 1889  
Vote for adjournment  
and clemency -  
R.B.H.

Counsel,

4 day of Sept. 1889  
Filed  
Pleads, Charge only

THE PEOPLE

vs.

William S. Ball  
H.D.

MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE  
[Section 188, Penal Code.]

JOHN R. FELLOWS,

District Attorney.

Oct 17/89  
Plead guilty after 1 day.  
A True BILL  
S.P. 16 yrs 1  
P.B. 25

Chas. B. Roberson  
Foreman.

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People

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Wm. S. Ball

Homicide

137 Beasleys St on  
Aug. 20<sup>th</sup> 1889  
1.30 AM.

Azzio Kindt, of 231 West 38<sup>th</sup> St.

now in house of detention:

I went with deceased to the  
dance hall about Eleven O'clock.  
Became separated there, and  
next saw deceased and Ball  
talking near the stairs, shortly  
after saw Ball cutting at de-  
ceased with a pen knife. Ball  
was backing away and de-  
ceased was following him up.  
It seemed to me Ball was try-  
ing to get away. Did not see  
anything in deceased's hands,  
nor did he look as if he were  
striking at Ball. Deceased went  
down to the street from the dance  
hall, I then saw a cut on the arm  
and in the left breast. Deceased  
asked me to take his coat and  
take him to a doctor, and said  
"Azzio I'm done for, let me rest."  
He died in about three minutes after.  
I have known deceased some little  
time, and never knew him to be in



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any difficulty with any one.  
Have heard the deceased and  
Bae together very often, and  
whilst they would "kid" each other,  
they seemed very friendly.

Estelle Brown, and Susie Craig  
176 Thompson St. 118 Thompson St.

Both in House of Detention.

Deceased was sitting by Estelle  
Brown, when Bae came over  
to him and began teasing him,  
by tapping him on the shoulder.  
Deceased told Bae to go away.  
Deceased got up and went over  
by crawling in dance hall. Bae fol-  
lowed him. Susie Craig <sup>went</sup> over to  
make Bae come away. Before  
she got to him, she saw him, and  
so did Estelle Brown see him  
jab the knife into deceased's body.  
Deceased then went down street.  
He followed him, and saw him  
fall in front of 153 Blacker Street.  
Then Estelle Brown ran back to  
dance hall and saw Charles

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Carley, Son Phillips and another helping Ball out a front window on to a shed on Beccaker Street. Did not see any warding off of blows, nor see Ball retreating from deceased. Saw Porter deceased, push Ball away. Both witnesses were sitting in such position in the dance hall so that they could see all that was going on.

Officer Wm O'Hara, 15 Precinct.

On Aug 20<sup>th</sup> 1889 about 1:30 PM was informed that a man had been cut at the dance hall 137 Beccaker St, and that the man was lying at or in front of 153 Beccaker St. Went there and found deceased assisted by Aggie Kinds. He dropped down and died. She told me William Ball had cut deceased. Went to the dance hall, and was shown the window out of which Ball had gone. Found him in the back basement of 135 Beccaker St, took him down and in front of deceased



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Baer took he said the cutting, and said "Miserable thing for this damned son of a bitch". Baer gave me the knife, I arrested him, and took him to the Station House, where he was identified by Estelle Brown, Susan Loring and Aggie Kinds as the man who cut deceased. I searched the body of the deceased and found a very small pen knife, in the pants pocket of deceased.

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COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.

THE PEOPLE, &c.

vs.

Wm. S. Baile

BRIEF OF FACTS.

For the District Attorney.

Dated September 4<sup>th</sup> 1888

Henry H. H. H.

Deputy Assistant.



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## STATE OF NEW YORK.

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, ss.

## AN INQUISITION,

Taken at the house of Coroners Office  
No. 67 Park Row Street, in the 4<sup>th</sup> Ward of the City of  
New York, in the County of New York, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of August  
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty nine before

Daniel Hanly Coroner,  
of the City and County aforesaid, on view of the Body of Sherman Porter  
lying dead at

Upon the Oaths and Affirmations of  
Nine good and lawful men of the State of New York, duly chosen and  
sworn, & affirmed and charged to inquire, on behalf of said people, how and in what manner the said  
Sherman Porter came to his death, do  
upon their Oaths and Affirmations, say: That the said Sherman Porter  
came to his death by

Penetrating stab wound of the heart in-  
flicted with a knife in the hands of  
William S. Ball, at 137 Fleeter Street, August  
20<sup>th</sup> 1889.

In Witness Whereof, We, the said Jurors, as well as the CORONER, have to this Inquisition,  
set our hands and seals, on the day and place aforesaid.

## JURORS.

John Davis No 548 - 70 - 42 St

M Wheeler No 510 West 42 St

Domenico Garofalo 186 Spring St

George Tail 9 Dominick St

Isaac Berry 198

Alfred Hills 192 Spring St

Nicholas Berro 190 Spring St

Patrick Howe 66 Stanton St

William Williams 198 Green St

Daniel Hanly

CORONER, E. S.

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Coroner's Office.

TESTIMONY.

Officer J<sup>m</sup> O'Hara 15 Precinct, being  
 sworn says: On morning of Aug<sup>r</sup> 20<sup>th</sup>.  
 I met a man assisting another  
 in front of 153 Bleeker Street at  
 about 1/2 past 1 o'clock. I met ~~the~~  
~~man~~ deceased was assisted by  
 Aggie Hinds, when in front  
 of 153 the man dropped.  
 I inquired what the trouble  
 was & was informed that  
 deceased had been out at  
 a colored dance at 137  
 Bleeker St. I went there &  
 met Estella Brown. She told me  
 that William Ball had done  
 the cutting. I went upstairs  
 & she showed me the window  
 out of which the prisoner Ball  
 had jumped into the yard  
 of 135 Bleeker St. I came  
 down stairs & through the  
 basement of 135 Bleeker  
 & found the prisoner in the  
 back basement of 135.  
 I took the prisoner down in  
 front of the man who was  
 injured but the man was  
 dead. Ball told me that

Taken before me

this

day of

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CORONER.



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Coroner's Office.

TESTIMONY.

he did the cutting & gave me the knife. Estella Brown, Aggie. Hines, & Susan Craig identified the prisoner Wm Ball as the man who did the stabbing. I arrested the prisoner. When the deceased dropped, he said "Let me rest. I'm done for."

Wm. V. Hara

Recalled. The knife shown here is the knife found by Ball out of his <sup>left</sup> pants pocket. I was present when deceased ~~came~~ <sup>was</sup> brought to the station house. I searched the body of deceased & found a very small pen knife in the pants pocket of deceased. I identify the vest as the one taken from body of deceased.

Wm. V. Hara

Taken before me

this 27 day of August 1889

Daniel H. Conly CORONER.

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Coroner's Office.

TESTIMONY.

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Plaint  
 Samuel Filmette, being sworn says  
 living at 336 W 37<sup>th</sup> Street.  
 On the morning in question  
 August 20<sup>th</sup>  
 was going to take the E.R.R.  
 train uptown. I saw the  
 deceased Sherman Porter bleeding  
 from his left side, at the corner  
 of Bleecker St & 5<sup>th</sup> Ave, about  
 1/2 past 1 o'clock. I followed de-  
 ceased in front of a liquor store  
 near Thompson St. in Bleecker.  
 Deceased staggered & I caught hold  
 of his arm & said "Let me  
 get you done for"  
 Mr Lewis & Aggie Kinds were with  
 deceased.

Samuel Filmette

Taken before me

this 27 day of August 1889  
 Daniel Hanly CORONER.



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Coroner's Office.

TESTIMONY.

William Lewis is a horse owner  
 living at 336 W. 36<sup>th</sup> Street.  
 I am a follower of race horses.  
 I was asked by Sherman Porter  
 to take his coat & vest out the  
 steps of the dance hall. & said  
 take the coat & vest to the doctor's will  
 you. I started down to say  
 & left him. I saw an officer  
 & told him a man had been  
 cut up the street. I did not see  
 the cutting & went back with  
 the officer <sup>Ottaway</sup> who ran up stairs  
 & the officer found the prisoner  
 in 135 Bleeker St. I know the  
 prisoner for years. I have seen  
 the deceased at race tracks.  
 There are about 1/2 doz <sup>stairs</sup> steps of the  
 dance hall of the Foxham Club  
 a crowd followed deceased from  
 behind.

William Lewis

Taken before me

this 27 day of Aug - 1889  
 Daniel Henry CORONER.

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Coroner's Office.

TESTIMONY.

Aggie Kinds being sworn says:  
 I live at 231 W. 38<sup>th</sup> Street.  
 I did not see the fight.  
 I was sitting talking to a girl  
 in the dance hall. I saw the  
 deceased Sherman Porter & Mr.  
 Ball talking near the stairs  
 & the next thing I saw deceased  
 I saw the prisoner William Ball  
 cutting at Sherman Porter with  
 a small <sup>sharp</sup> knife. <sup>I saw the</sup> He cut  
 deceased <sup>in the</sup> arm & in the  
 heart. <sup>on the street.</sup> Sherman who is dead  
 followed William Ball up.  
 I saw the prisoner cutting at  
 deceased. & the prisoner was  
 trying to get away.  
 I know William Ball & Sherman  
 Porter. Deceased asked me  
 & him to take his coat & take  
 him to a doctor. Deceased  
 said to me, "Aggie I'm done for  
 let me rest." Deceased lay for  
 about 3 minutes when he died.  
 I knew deceased about 1 year & saw him  
 most every other day. I never heard  
 of him being in scrapes before  
 when Ball was attacking Porter was

Taken before me

this

day of

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Daniel H. Conly

CORONER.



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Coroner's Office.

TESTIMONY.

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following him up. I went to the ball  
 with Porter. I don't know whether  
 deceased had a knife or not. I did not  
 see him have a knife. Both Ball  
 & Porter would "kid" one another.  
 I did not hear what they said.  
 Iing home with my sister.  
 The knife was a small white handled  
 pen knife. There was only one man  
 with the deceased at the time.  
 The occurrence took place on  
 Tuesday morning August 20<sup>th</sup> about  
 1<sup>30</sup> or 2 o'clock.  
 White ball was retreating. There were  
 a good many people around. I saw  
 where the deceased was cut  
 in the ball room. When the crowd  
 separated the prisoner & deceased. I saw  
 the blood & the wound which looked  
 as if made with a pen knife.

Aggee kinds

Taken before me

this

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Daniel H. Lang

CORONER.

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Coroner's Office.

TESTIMONY.

Miss Stella Brown being sworn says:  
 I live at 176 Thompson Street.  
 I saw the stabbing.  
 I was sitting at the dance hall  
 37 Pleasant Street. about 1/2 past  
 12 Tuesday morning Aug 20.  
 Porter was sitting along side of me  
 when Ball came over & ~~tapped~~  
 began to tease. Porter by tapping  
 him on the shoulder tried to get  
 knowledge. Porter told Ball  
 to go away.  
 Porter got up & walked away &  
 Ball followed him. Then Porter  
 stood by the railing around the  
 stairs of the dance hall. I called to  
 Ball to come away from Porter.  
 He still stood there & I called to  
 Miss Craig to go & make Ball come  
 away from Porter. Before Miss  
 could get to Ball I saw Ball  
 when he jabbed the knife into Porter's  
 body. I saw him do it once.  
 I saw the knife. I don't know how  
 big it was. I saw a knife at  
 the Station House. Then I heard  
 Porter ask a man to go with him  
 to a doctor. Then Porter went down.

Taken before me

this

day of

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Daniel Hanly

CORONER.



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Coroner's Office.

TESTIMONY.

stairs & I followed him. We walked down Bleeker St. not quite a block from the dance I saw Porter fallen from top of 153 Bleeker Street. After I saw Porter fall I ran back to the dance to see where Ball was. When I got upstairs I saw three men helping Ball out of a front window onto a shed on Bleeker Street. I saw Charles Cooley & Lou Phillips, & another man. Then officer Hara ran up the stairs & I told him that they were putting Ball out of the window. The officer ran down stairs & I ran down looking for him. He asked me if I knew the man <sup>who did the cutting</sup> & I told him yes. When the officer brought the man out I told him that he was the man who did the cutting. I recognized the prisoner in court as William J. Ball who did the cutting. The officer then took Ball down to where Porter was laying, when I got there Porter was laying on a step at 153 Bleeker Street. I had not been there over 5 minutes when they

Taken before me

this

day of

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Daniel H. Conly  
CORONER.

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Coroner's Office.

TESTIMONY.

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said Porter was dead. I swore home  
Porter was a friend of mine. I went with  
Missie Craig to the dance.

I saw Porter push Bell away. I did  
not see Porter strike Ball. I was sitting  
facing both of them.

I did not know that Aggie was in the  
ball room. I saw no warding off  
of blows. I have not spoken to any  
body about the case. I cannot swear  
that Porter had a knife. I am confident  
that the knife shown here is the knife I saw  
Sharon Hough. I did not see a knife  
with Porter.

Esther Brown

Taken before me

this

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day of

Aug

1889

Daniel Hough

CORONER.



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Coroner's Office.

TESTIMONY.

Jessie Craig being sworn says.  
 Living at 118 Thompson St.  
 On August 20<sup>th</sup> I was at the dance  
 Hall in Bleeker Street 2<sup>nd</sup> House  
 from the corner at 20 minutes past 11.  
 I was standing at the bar, Estella  
 Brown called to me to get Ball  
 away. I could get to him  
 I saw Balling cutting at Porter  
 with a pen knife. I saw a thug  
 in Ball's hands. I cannot tell  
 whether the knife shown here is the knife  
 Ball had. The Bartender & floor manager  
 separated Ball & Porter.  
 Porter walked to the middle of  
 the floor & opened his coat & he  
 said he was cut. I only saw the  
 blood. I knew both Ball & Porter  
 for 4 or 5 months.  
 I did not see Porter strike at Ball at  
 anything. In the dance hall  
 Estella Brown called to me to get Ball away  
 I did not see Porter strike at Ball at  
 anything.

Chas  
 Jessie Craig.  
 marl.

Taken before me

this

27 day of Aug 1889  
 Daniel Hanly CORONER.

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Coroner's Office.

TESTIMONY.

Philip E. Donlin M.D. being sworn  
 says: on Aug 20. 1889. at the 15<sup>th</sup>  
 Precinct Station House I made  
 a post mortem examination of  
 the body of Sherman Porter and  
 found

A stab wound of the left  
 shoulder  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch in length extending  
 through the deltoid muscle to the bone  
 A stab wound of the left breast  
 one half inch in length between the  
 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> ribs close to the sternum. Through  
 the pericardium into the left ventricle  
 of the heart - the pericardial sack  
 was filled with clotted blood - other  
 organs normal

Death was due to shock from  
 stab wound of the heart

P. E. Donlin M.D.

Taken before me

this 27 day of Aug 1889  
 Daniel Hanly CORONER.

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Coroner's Office,

CITY AND COUNTY } ss:  
OF NEW YORK,

*William S. Ball* being duly examined before the undersigned, according to law, on the annexed charge, and being informed that he was at liberty to answer or not, all or any questions put to him, states as follows, viz.:

Question—What is your name?

Answer—*William S. Ball*

Question—How old are you?

Answer—*21 years*

Question—Where were you born?

Answer—*New York City*

Question—Where do you live?

Answer—*227 West 30<sup>th</sup> Street New York City*

Question—What is your occupation?

Answer—*Singer*

Question—Have you anything to say, and if so, what, relative to the charge here preferred against you?

*Nothing.*  
*William S Ball*

Taken before me, this *27<sup>th</sup>* day of *August* 188*9*

*Daniel Henry*

CORONER.



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MEMORANDA.

AGE			PLACE OF NATIVITY	WHERE FOUND	DATE When Reported	
21	Years	Months	Days	U.S.	15 Greenleaf Station Herald	Aug 20/89

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HOMICIDE.

AN INQUISITION.

On the VIEW of the BODY of

Herman Foster

whereby it is found that he came to  
his death by the hands of

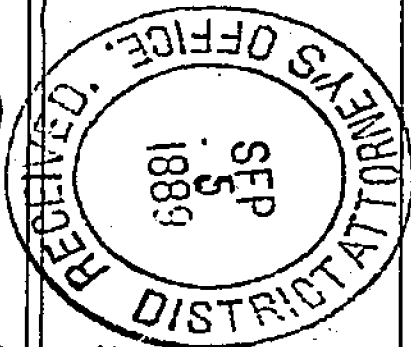
William J. Hall

Inquest taken on the 27th day  
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before

Carrie Stanley  
Clerk.

Committed  
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Date of death Aug 20/89  
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Coroner.



Committed

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Date of death Aug 20<sup>th</sup> 1889  
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MEMORANDA.

AGE	PLAC OF NATIVITY	WHERE FOUND	DATE When Reported
21 Years Months Days	W. S. Tall	15 Duane St. Boston	Aug 27/89

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N. Y. Oct. 18, '89

This is to certify that William S. Ball was a member of St. Mark's M. E. Sunday School, No. 67 W. 35<sup>th</sup> St. While attending said school, he won the love of his classmates and was looked upon by his teachers as a quiet, inoffensive lad, besides being honest and truthful.

Hoping that this may receive just consideration at your hands, I remain

Yours -

S. F. Williams - Sup't.  
Josephine C. Tyler, Asst. Sup't.  
M. E. Cato Sec.

H. A. Mowbray

Pastor, St. Mark's M. E. Church  
65 W. 35<sup>th</sup> St. City.



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The People  
vs  
Wm S. Ball

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District Attorneys Office.  
City & County of  
New York.

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District Attorney's Office,

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

Feb 8 1894

CAPTAIN OR OFFICER IN COMMAND.

Dear Sir:

I desire to see Officer O'Kara  
attached to your command in  
Ana 1894 in relation to the case of  
Wm J Ball  
sentenced Oct 17/94 to 16  
years and ~~months~~ imprisonment by  
Jury Martin

Please ask the officer to bring such information in relation to the case, and as to the previous record of the prisoner, as he may be enabled to obtain.

Yours truly,

HENRY W. UNGER,

Deputy Assistant and Secretary to the District Attorney.

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Police Court, 2 District.

City and County } ss.  
of New York, }

of No. The 15th Precinct Police Street, aged 32 years,  
 occupation Police Officer being duly sworn, deposes and says,  
 that on the 20 day of August 1889 at the City of New  
 York, in the County of New York, William (Dale) Thorne

who did wilfully, maliciously and  
 feloniously cuff and stab Jac Sherman  
Porter with the blade of a pen knife  
 on the left side of the body over the heart  
 and on the left arm which he defendant  
 held in his hand causing the death  
 of said Sherman Porter for reasons following  
 to wit: Deponent is informed by Estella Brown  
 of No 176 Thompson that while in a  
 dance hall in 137 Bleeker Street she  
 saw the defendant annoying the deceased  
Sherman and Sherman told the defendant  
 to move away from him and let him Sherman  
 the deceased alone Sherman the deceased  
 walked towards the end of the dance hall to get  
 away from the defendant I called to the defendant  
 to let the deceased men alone and let the  
 defendant still followed the deceased and  
 when they the deceased and defendant got as far  
 as the stairs they stood talking together the  
 deceased pushed the defendant away from him  
 and then the defendant stabbed the deceased  
 with the knife the defendant held in his hand  
 the deceased walked from the dance hall about  
 a short block and then the deceased fell down  
 on the walk and about fifteen or twenty minutes  
 afterwards, said Estella saw the deceased  
 he was then dead lying down on a step in  
 front of a liquor store No 153 Bleeker Street  
 and after the defendant was arrested, told  
 the officer that he was the man that stabbed  
 the deceased

Sworn to before me this Wm. O'Hara

20 day of August 1889

Police Justice



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CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

Estella Brown  
aged 19 years, occupation Work Home of No.

176 Thompson Street, being duly sworn deposes and  
says, that he has heard read the foregoing affidavit of William O'Kara

and that the facts stated therein on information of deponent are true of deponents' own  
knowledge.

Sworn to before me, this 20<sup>th</sup>  
day of Aug 1888 Estella Brown

Guinness

Police Justice.

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Aggie Kinds of No 231 West 3rd  
Office being and sworn deposes and  
says I was talking to a girl in the  
dance hall no 1037 Meeker Street  
at about the hour of one o'clock, and  
thirty A.M. on the date and I saw the  
deceased and the defendant Ball  
talking together and I saw the defendant  
cut and stab the deceased <sup>with a knife</sup> and the  
deceased said to me I am cut bring  
me to the doctors and I went with  
the deceased to take him to the doctors  
and the deceased said I am getting  
weak Aggie and he fell down on  
the walk and about three minutes after  
he fell he was dead

Sworn to before me this  
20<sup>th</sup> day of August 1889

J. H. Humphrey

Aggie Kinds

Police Justice



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On this date  
Susie Lora of No 118 Thompson  
Street being duly sworn deposes and  
says that at about the hour of  
Twenty minutes after one o'clock P.M.  
while in the dance hall in 137 Second  
Street she saw the defendant Ball  
cut at the deceased with a knife  
the defendant held in his hand

Sworn to before me this  
20th August 1889

J. H. Thompson

Susie Lora  
deposes

Police Justice



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District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY  
OF NEW YORK, ss.*William Ball*

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 Ball*

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

*21 years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

*New York City*

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

Answer.

*227 West 30th St one year*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.

*Drifter*

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 the deceased and I was fooling and playing with each other and we were in the habit of doing so and the deceased had an open knife in his breast pocket he took the knife and attempted to stab me and I had my knife open in my hand and I cut at the deceased for self defense and I did not know that this*

*William S Ball*

day of

Taken before me this

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Police Justice.

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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.....

Defendant  
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. He legally discharged

Dated August 22 188 G. Henry Bond 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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of Aug 22<sup>nd</sup> 2.44pm 1246

Police Court--- 2<sup>nd</sup> District.

#9 THE PEOPLE, &c., 1246  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

William O'Kara

William Pace

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Offence / Homid. 1246

BAILED,

No. 1, by

Residence

Street.

No. 2, by

Residence

Street.

No. 3, by

Residence

Street.

No. 4, by

Residence

Street.

Witnesses

Wm Lewis 336 W 37<sup>th</sup> St

Samuel Illman

336 W 37<sup>th</sup> St

Dated

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Magistrate.

Officer.

Precinct.

Witnesses

No. 126 Thompson Street.

Aggie Kinds

No. 127 Thompson Street.

Dusie Craig

No. 128 Thompson Street.

Committed to House  
of Detention in  
New York 1000 bail  
each



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The People &c.

agst

William S. Ball

.....

This man Black Hawk and I have been very good friends and all ways playing and fooling with him I knew that he was wicked and I was kinder afraid of him by me and him being such good friends I thought I would be the last one for him to get a knife for so I commence fooling nad playing with him this night and he told me to go away I now minded him for a many time .I told him the dame thing he never went away and the only way I could get read of him was to go out in the street and go some where else so he goes over to the banasters and I go over to and I said to him what is the matter Hawk he says go away I says Hawk you ought not get mad at me for fooling with you and as I said that he pushed me with his right hand and go to his top vest pocket with his left to get his knife wich was open when I saw him going for his knife I started for mine and before I get mine out of my pocket he stabbed me in the shoulder I got my knife out and commenced backing away from him jabbing at him and hellowing go away he still came felling me up trying to cut me again Indid no net know he was cut till after the people had seperated us and then he pulled open his vest and said I am cut I looked at my knife to see if there was any blood on it and I found that my knife was broken and then I thought I cut him and I got scared, a man came and said to me come this way I was going to go down stairs and he lead me out through a door out on the roof and I climed down to the next yard into a saloon next deer and a man went out and

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got the police man and brought him in all I said to him  
then was that he had a knife to he was going to lock me up  
when another policeman came up and said that man was dying  
so the poliecceman and Iran down there and he ask the man  
if I was the man and he could not speak but he was breath<sup>in</sup>  
and working his lips I asked the Poliecceman to get the ~~kn~~  
knife from that man before his friends get it and he said  
he would but did not get it then but the next morning he  
haid he had the knife but it wasnt half as large as the  
one I ~~ahad~~ thats all.

*William S Ball*

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N.Y. General Sessions

The People &c }  
against  
William S. Ball }

City & County of New York D.S.:

George Stovey of  
Williamsport Pa. being duly sworn says.  
- That, I have known the defendant above  
named for the past two years; have seen  
him often during that <sup>time</sup> ~~time~~. I have never heard  
or known of the defendant being in any  
trouble of any kind up to the present charge  
against him. he was always quiet and  
peaceable, and the last one whom (I thought)  
would ever get in his present position.

Sworn to before me

This 26<sup>th</sup> day of October 1889

William D. Odell }

George W. Stovey

Com. of seeds  
- ref. city & co.



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The

General Sessions

The People vs }  
against  
William S. Ball }

City of New York ss.

Nathaniel Collins  
Jr. of Number 304 East 49th Street  
this City being duly sworn says:

That he has known the defendant  
William S. Ball for the past two years  
that during that time he has seen  
the defendant on an average of three  
times per week, that he has always  
found him to be a quiet, peaceable  
young man and since he has  
known him the defendant has never  
been in trouble of any kind.

Sworn to before me this }  
26<sup>th</sup> day of October 1889 }

Nathaniel Collins Jr.

William Dill

Recorder of Deeds  
N.Y. City & Co.

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New York Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> 89

His Honor

I know Mrs. E. Ball,  
the mother of Wm. Ball, to be  
a respectable, hard-working woman.

I have known William  
from his infancy, and have  
never seen or heard any thing  
detrimental to his character, and  
have always found him to be  
honest and upright.

Most Respectfully,  
Wm. J. Ford



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I L. A. Cole as a Friend

Willie Ball have known  
childhood he was always  
a good Boy Honest and  
upright and always willing  
to work and did work when  
ever he could or had any  
thing to do I also knew  
his Mother + Father they  
were both Honest Industrious  
People they are both dead now  
and are not aware of their  
Poor Boy affliction therefore



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I do hope our Trust  
for his sake as well as his  
Friends that you will  
be favorable with him  
In Regards to his sentence  
I know the Lord will  
Reward you all

L. A. Cole

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I L. A. Cole as a Friend

Willie Ball from  
childhood he was always  
a good Boy Honest and  
upright and always willing  
to work and did work when  
ever he could or had any  
thing to do I also knew  
his Mother + Father they  
were both Honest Industrious  
People they are both dead now  
and are not aware of their  
Poor Boy affliction therefore



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9 do  
for  
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In reference

To William Ball's  
character, I have known Wm  
Ball for a period of sixteen  
yrs. and have never known  
him to get in any trouble  
before. He has always been  
an industrious lab.

Oct 20. 89.

W. J. Williams

Fair Haven, N. J.

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I do  
for  
L. J.

New York Oct 21<sup>st</sup> 89

This is to certify that  
I have known William  
Ball from childhood  
and can verify as to  
his being a sober, honest  
and truthful boy, and  
have never known him to  
have been in any difficul-  
ty prior to the affair he  
is now concerned in. Sinc-  
erely hoping he will be  
dealt with leniently for  
his unfortunate condition



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in the sad affair. I am  
very Respectfully yours  
Obediently  
Mrs Elizabeth Dey

NY General  
Sessions

The People v  
Against  
William J. Ball

Affidavits - Character  
v

Jacob Perlman  
Council West  
23 Chambers St  
NYC



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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

*William S. Ball*

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

*William S. Ball*

of the CRIME OF Murder in the First Degree, committed as follows:

The said *William S. Ball*,

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the *twentieth*  
day of *August*,— in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and  
eighty-*nine*, at the City and County aforesaid, with force and arms, in and upon one

*Sherman Porter*,

in the peace of the said People then and there being, wilfully, feloniously, and of  
*his*—malice aforethought, did make an assault, and — *he*— the said

*William S. Ball*, *him*,

the said *Sherman Porter*, with a certain *knife* —  
which — *he* — the said *William S. Ball* — in  
*his* right hand then and there had and held, in and upon the *breast*—  
of — *him* — the said *Sherman Porter* —  
then and there wilfully, feloniously, and of — *his* — malice aforethought did strike,  
stab, cut and wound, giving unto *him* the said *Sherman Porter*,  
then and there with the — *knife* — aforesaid, in and upon the *breast*  
of — *him* — the said *Sherman Porter*, —  
one mortal wound of the breadth of one inch, and of the depth of six inches, of which said.

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mortal wound — *he* — the said *Sherman Porter* then  
at the City and County aforesaid, from the day first aforesaid, in the year aforesaid, until the  
day of \_\_\_\_\_ in the same year  
aforesaid, did languish, and languishing did live, and on which said  
day of \_\_\_\_\_ in the year aforesaid, the said  
at the City and County aforesaid,  
of the said mortal wound did die —  
and there died.

And so the Grand Jury aforesaid do say: That the said *William*  
*S. Ball*, *him*, \_\_\_\_\_  
the said *Sherman Porter*, in the manner and form, and by  
the means aforesaid, wilfully, feloniously, and of *his* malice aforethought, did kill,  
and murder, 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  
\_\_\_\_\_ *William S. Ball* \_\_\_\_\_  
of the same CRIME OF MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE, committed as follows:

The said *William S. Ball*, \_\_\_\_\_

late of the City and County aforesaid, afterwards, to wit: on the said *twentieth*  
day of *August* \_\_\_\_\_ in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred  
and eighty- *nine* , at the City and County aforesaid, with force and arms, in and  
upon the said *Sherman Porter*, \_\_\_\_\_

in the peace of the said People then and there being, wilfully, feloniously, and with  
a deliberate and premeditated design to effect the death of — *him* — the said  
*Sherman Porter* \_\_\_\_\_, did make another assault, and  
the said *William S. Ball*, *him* \_\_\_\_\_ the said  
*Sherman Porter* , with a certain *knife* —  
which — *he* — the said *William S. Ball*, in



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~~— his —~~ right hand then and there had and held, in and upon the breast  
of ~~— him —~~ the said Sherman Porter,  
then and there wilfully, feloniously, and with a deliberate and premeditated design to effect  
the death of ~~him~~ the said Sherman Porter, did strike, stab, cut and  
wound, giving unto him the said Sherman Porter, then  
and there, with the ~~— knife —~~ aforesaid, in and upon the breast  
of ~~— him —~~ the said Sherman Porter,  
one mortal wound of the breadth of one inch and of the depth of six inches, of which said  
mortal wound ~~— he —~~ the said Sherman Porter, ~~at~~  
~~the City and County aforesaid, from the said~~ ~~— day of~~  
~~in the year aforesaid, until the~~ ~~— day of~~ ~~— in the~~  
~~same year aforesaid, did languish, and languishing did live, and on which said~~  
~~day of~~ ~~in the year aforesaid,~~  
~~the said~~ ~~— at the City and County~~  
~~aforesaid, of the said mortal wound did die.~~  
then and there died.

And so the Grand Jury aforesaid do say: That the said  
William S. Ball, him,  
the said Sherman Porter, in the manner and form, and by  
the means aforesaid, wilfully, feloniously, and with a deliberate and premeditated design  
to effect the death of ~~— him —~~ the said Sherman Porter,  
did kill and murder, 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 R. FELLOWS,

District Attorney.

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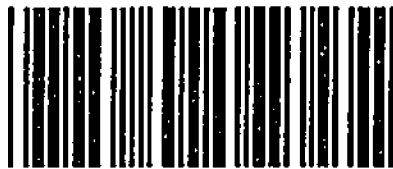
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**DESCRIPTION:**

Bissell, William

**DATE:**

09/16/89



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Witnesses:

Lucy Jackson  
off Ernest H. Foss  
at the Peace

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Counsel,

Filed

day of

1887

Pleads,

W. J. Foss

THE PEOPLE

vs.

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William H. Bissell

Grand Larceny Second degree.

[Sections 528, 531, Penal Code.]

JOHN R. FELLOWS,

District Attorney.

72 Sep 23/87

Indicted & acquitted.

A TRUE BILL.

Chas. D. Foss

Foreman.

Sept 23

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Police Court

District.

Affidavit—Larceny.

City and County }  
of New York, } ss.:Lucy Jackson  
of No. 256 West 41st Street, aged 19 years,  
occupation Domestic Service being duly sworndeposes and says, that on the 16 day of August 1889 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 day time, the following property, viz:

Twenty dollars  
in gold and lawful money of  
the United States, and a great  
quantity of the value of fifty  
dollars, together with the value  
of eighty dollars & 50

the property of Deponent and her <sup>two</sup> sisters  
and then in deponent's care

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 William H. Orsell, now

here. The defendant hired a  
furnished room of deponent  
and her two sisters, Esther and  
Lillie Jackson (now Lucy) and  
the defendant had access to the  
said property. The said property  
was kept in a trunk in a  
room on said premises and the  
defendant had in his possession  
a key to fit the said trunk  
as deponent is informed by  
Sergeant David W. Fass now here  
The said property was missing  
by deponent on August 16, and

Sworn to before me, this  
1889 day

Police Justice



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deponent charges the defendant  
with the larceny of the said  
property and for the reason that  
he was the only person who  
had access to said property to  
take it.

Sworn to before me this  
20th day of August 1885  
G. H. M. D. D.

Police Justice

L. J. Jackson

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CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

*Jacob W. Feess*  
aged \_\_\_\_\_ years, occupation *Postman* of No. *46*

*20th Street* being duly sworn deposes and  
says, that he has heard read the foregoing affidavit of *Lucy Jackson*  
and that the facts stated therein on information of deponent are true of deponents' own  
knowledge.

Sworn to before me, this *20*  
day of *August* 188*8*

*Jacob W. Feess*  
*G. Kennedy*  
Police Justice.



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Sec. 108-200.

2 District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

*William H. Brissell* 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 H. Brissell*

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

*26 years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

*MS.*

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

Answer.

*236 West 4th St 2 months*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.

*Waiter*

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*

*Wm H. Brissell*

Taken before me this

day of *August* 188*5*

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*J. M. M. M. M.*  
Police Justice.

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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.....

*William H. Russell*

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 *Aug 20* 188*9* *J. Murphy* 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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Police Court---

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1239 District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Lucy Jackson  
286 West 41 St  
Wm. H. Brissell

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Offence

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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.

Dated

August 20

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Jord Magistrate.

Fress

Officer.

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Precinct.

Witnesses

Call the officer

No.

Street.

No.

Street.

No.

Street.

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to answer



Answer

9 12 30 money

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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

*William H. Bissell*

THE GRAND JURY OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, by  
this indictment, accuse

*William H. Bissell*

of the CRIME OF GRAND LARCENY IN THE *second* DEGREE,  
committed as follows:

The said

*William H. Bissell*

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the *sixteenth*  
day of *August* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and  
eighty-*nine*, at the City and County aforesaid, with force and arms, in the  
*day* time of the same day, divers 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 a number and denomination to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown, for the  
payment of and of the value of *thirty*

dollars; divers other promissory notes for the payment of money, being then and there due  
and unsatisfied (and of the kind known as Bank Notes), of a number and denomination  
to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown, for the payment of and of the value of *thirty*  
dollars; divers United States Silver Certificates of a number and denomination to the Grand  
Jury aforesaid unknown, of the value of *thirty*

dollars; divers United States Gold Certificates of a number and denomination to the  
Grand Jury aforesaid unknown, of the value of *thirty*

dollars; divers coins of a number, kind and denomination to the Grand Jury aforesaid  
unknown, of the value of *ten dollars, and one*

*breast-pin of the value of fifty*  
*dollars*

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one

*Lucy Jackson*

then and there being found,

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 R. FELLOWS, *District Attorney.*



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BOX:

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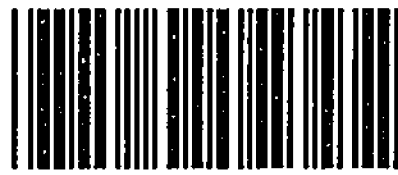
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DESCRIPTION:

Bonner, Philip

DATE:

09/27/89



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Witnesses:

Officer W. C. Verhaegh  
At the Court

Counsel,

Filed

Pleads,

day of

188

THE PEOPLE

vs.

ATTEMPTING SUICIDE.

(Section 174, Penal Code).

Philip Bonner

JOHN R. FELLOWS,

District Attorney.

A True Bill.

Chief, B. B. B. B.

Foreman.

Sept 27/89  
Plead Guilty

Guilty to manslaughter  
W. C. Verhaegh

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

POLICE COURT—

DISTRICT.

Herman H. Gebhard  
of the 11<sup>th</sup> Precinct Police Street, being duly sworn, deposes and  
says that on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1889  
at the City of New York, in the County of New York, deponent was called

into a room N<sup>o</sup> 35 Bowry, (a Lodging house) and there found one Philip <sup>Conner</sup> ~~Barrett~~ (now here) in the act of vomiting caused, as deponent is informed by Theodor Kretzer the clerk of said Lodginghouse, from dose of Paris green taken for the purpose of committing suicide. Deponent asked this defendant why he had attempted to commit suicide and received the answer, That he done it because he had no work and nothing to live on. Deponent caused his removal to the Government Street Hospital, from whence he, said defendant was discharged this morning.

Wherefore deponent prays that he, ~~said~~ said defendant be dealt with as the Law in such case made and provided may direct.

Sworn to before me this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September 1889 Officer  
Herman H. Gebhard  
Police Justice

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Sec. 198-200:

3rd

District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY } ss.  
OF NEW YORK,

*Philip Barreto Bonner* 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.

*Philip Barreto Bonner*

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

*24 years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

*Germany*

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

Answer.

*724 05. East 16th Street, about 18 months*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.

*Waiter*

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 have done it out of ~~domestic~~ by mistake. I had two different papers in my pocket, one contained Seidlitz powders and the other contained Paris green and I must have done it while I intended to take a Seidlitz powder.*

*Ph. Bonner*

Taken before me this

17th

day of

Police Justice.



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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.....

*Defendant*  
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 *September 17<sup>th</sup>* 188 *[Signature]* 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 he to be discharged.

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

0281

BAILED,

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

Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street.

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

Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street.

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

Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street.

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

Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street.

Police Court-- 3 District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

*Hermon H. Gubbard*  
vs.  
1 *Philip Bonner*  
2 \_\_\_\_\_  
3 \_\_\_\_\_  
4 \_\_\_\_\_  
Offence *Assault*  
*Swindle*

Dated *September 17* 188*9*

*W. Duff* Magistrate

*Gubbard* Officer.

*11* Precinct.

Witnesses *Theodor Krutger*

No. *35 Bower* Street.

*Frank Brown*

No. *35 Bower* Street.

*Daniel Barnard*

No. *35 Bower* Street.

\$ *1000* to answer *Yes*

*Cum*



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General Hospital  
New York City Sept 9<sup>th</sup>  
To Judge Duffy,  
Essex Street Court.

This is to certify  
that Philip Bonner is lying  
sick at this institution from  
large dose of Paris Green  
taken with suicidal purpose.  
He is too sick to appear at Court  
for several days.

C. E. Perkins M.D.

Honor Surgeon

0283

**Court of General Sessions of the Peace**

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,

*against*

*Fredric Banner*

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

*Fredric Banner*

of the CRIME OF ATTEMPTING SUICIDE, committed as follows:

The said *Fredric Banner*,

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the

*eight* day of *September*, in the year of our Lord  
one thousand eight hundred and eighty-*nine*, at the City and County aforesaid,

with intent to take *his* own life, did feloniously *give and*

*administer unto himself, and take*

*and swallow down into his body,*

*a quantity of a certain deadly*

*poison commonly known as*

*"Paris Green";*

the same being an act dangerous to human life, 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 R. FELLOWS,

District Attorney.



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**BOX:**

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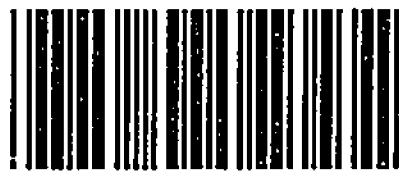
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**DESCRIPTION:**

Bortkiewitch, Stanislaus

**DATE:**

09/16/89



3421

Witnesses:

Annie Brown  
Off hester Lewis

Counsel,

Filed

Pleads

day of

188

181, 1812

THE PEOPLE

vs.

Robbery,  
[Sections 224 and 229, Penal Code].

Stanislav Dorkineitch

JOHN R. FELLOWS,

District Attorney.

Part 3 Monday Oct 14, 1889  
W. J. J.

A True Bill.

Chas. B. DeCade

Forfeiture.

Part 3 Oct 21 at 11  
repeated for 1st time

112  
G. L. D.

Part III October 21, 1889.

Triad and Acquitted.



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Police Court—

District.

Affidavit—Larceny.

City and County } ss.:  
of New York,of No. 222 East 32<sup>d</sup> Street, aged 36 years,occupation Housekeeper being duly sworndeposes and says, that on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of September 1889 at the City of NewYork, in the County of New York, was feloniously taken, stolen and carried away from the possession of the deponent, in the night time, the following property viz:

Good and lawful money of the  
United States issue to the amount  
and value of One hundred and twenty  
one 97/100. 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 Mary Boyle. (now here)

from the fact that on said date  
deponent missed said money from  
a table in the basement of said  
premises, and that on the 10<sup>th</sup> day  
of September 1889 deponent found  
the said money concealed in  
the person of the said Boyle

Mary F. Hammer

Sworn to before me, this 11<sup>th</sup> day  
 of September 1889

Alfred W. M. Justice  
 Police Justice.

0287

Sec. 198-200.

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

✓ District Police Court.

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

Question. What is your name.

Answer. *Mary Boyle*

Question. How old are you?

Answer. *25 years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. *Ireland*

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

Answer. *227 East 92 St. 2 months*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. *Domestic*

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 of the*  
*Charge*  
*Mary Boyle*  
*Murst*

Taken before me this

day of *April* 188*7*

*Wm. M. Murphy*  
Police Justice.



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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 A. J. J. J. J.

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 Sept 11 188 A. J. J. J. J. 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 he to be discharged.

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ 188 \_\_\_\_\_ 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

1366 District

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Mary H. Hammer  
vs.  
Mary Boyle

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Dated

1889

Magistrate

Officer.

Precinct.

Witnesses

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Street.

No.

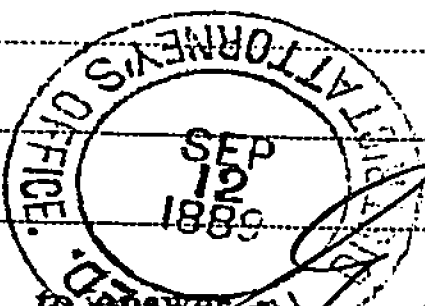
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Street.

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AT 12  
money



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**CORRECTION**

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**BOX:**

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**FOLDER:**

3421

**DESCRIPTION:**

Bortkiewitch, Stanislaus

**DATE:**

09/16/89



3421



Witnesses:

Annie Brown  
Off hater Lewis

Counsel,

Filed

Pleads

day of

188

151, 1887

Sept. 9

1887

THE PEOPLE

vs.

Robbery,  
[Sections 224 and 229, Penal Code].  
second degree.

Stanislaus Rothkewitch

JOHN R. FELLOWS,

District Attorney.

Part 3 Monday Sept 14  
W J J  
A True Bill

Chas. B. Doan

Grand Jury  
Sept 14  
Report for Sept term

G. L. D.

Part III October 21, 1887.

Ind and Acquitted.

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Police Court First District.CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss

Annice Brown  
of No. 715 1/2 1st Avenue Street, Aged 34 Years  
Occupation School Principal being duly sworn, deposes and says, that on the  
3rd day of September 188 9, at the First Ward of the City of New York,  
in the County of New York, was feloniously taken, stolen, and carried away, from the person of de-  
ponent by force and violence, without his consent and against his will, the following property, viz:

a Pocket-Book Containing gold  
and lawful money of the United  
States, to the amount and

of the value of Four (4) 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 force and violence as aforesaid by

Stanislaus Bortkiewitch,  
now here, for the reasons following:  
to wit: That about the hour of  
3 1/4 o'clock P. M. on said day de-  
ponent was leaving the office  
of Mr. Belmont at 23 Nassau  
Street, and said pocket-book  
was then held in deponent's hands.  
That as deponent was going down  
the steps from said office, the  
said defendant struck deponent on  
the left shoulder  
turning deponent round and



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throwing dependent against the wall and at the same time he seized (used) of said pocket book and pulled it out of dependents hands by force and violence. That dependent ran up the steps in pursuit of said defendant and called for assistance and the defendant was there and there assisted by officer Lewis then present.

I want to return me this { Annie Brown.  
H. C. G. of Alexandria 1889 }

Ed. H. Gam

Polizist

*Dated* \_\_\_\_\_ 188

*Police Justice.* \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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.

*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*

Police Court, \_\_\_\_\_ District.

**THE PEOPLE, &c.,**  
*on the complaint of*

*Offence—ROBBERY.*

1. 2. 3. 4.

**Dated** <sup>6</sup>

**Dated** <sup>6</sup>..... 188

Magistrate.

Officer.

*Clerk.* .....

**Witnesses,**

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

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

No. .... Street,

to answer General Sessions.

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Sec. 198—200.

District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY } ss.  
OF NEW YORK, }

*Stanislaus Bortkiewitch* 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.

*Stanislaus Bortkiewitch*

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

*29 years of age*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

*Russia Poland*

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

Answer.

*Boston, Mass.*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.

*Professor*

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*

*Stanislaus Bortkiewitch*

Taken before me this

*4<sup>th</sup>*

day of *September* 188*8*

Police Justice.

*[Signature]*



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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.....

*Stanislaus Boettcher*  
guilty thereof, I order that he be held to answer the same and he be admitted to bail in the sum of *Twenty* 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 *September 11* 188 *9* *W. H. H. H.* 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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BAILED,

No. 1, by .....

Residence ..... Street.

No. 2, by .....

Residence ..... Street.

No. 3, by .....

Residence ..... Street.

No. 4, by .....

Residence ..... Street.

Police Court---

1341 District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Annie Brown  
715 E. 5th Ave  
Stanislaus  
Borthwick

Offence Robbery

3 .....  
4 .....

Dated September 4 1889

Hogan Magistrate.

Lewis Officer.

Bring property over 1st Precinct.

Witnesses Lester Lewis

No. 1st Precinct Police Street.

Arthur M. Dodge

No. 72 E 34th St Street.

No. 605 W. 1st St Street.

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0298

Court of General Sessions of the Peace

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,

against

*Stanislaus Bertolucci*

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

of the CRIME OF ROBBERY in the *second* degree, committed as follows:

The said *Stanislaus Bertolucci*

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the *twentieth* day of *September*, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-*nine*, in the day time of the said day, at the City and County aforesaid, with force and arms, in and upon one *Annie Brown*, in the peace of the said People, then and there being, feloniously did make an assault, and

*one pocket book of the value of one dollar, and the sum of four dollars in money, lawful money of the United States of America, and of the value of four dollars,*

of the goods, chattels and personal property of the said *Annie Brown*, from the person of the said *Annie Brown*, against the will, and by violence to the person of the said *Annie Brown*, then and there violently and feloniously did 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 A. Brown,*  
*District Attorney*

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**BOX:**

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**FOLDER:**

3421

**DESCRIPTION:**

Boyle, Mary

**DATE:**

09/27/89



3421



Witnesses:

Mary F. D'Amore

I have examined  
the Complaint  
& officer's report  
is fully correct  
never in trouble  
before - Party  
returned Complaint  
to the complainant  
the debt to Mary -  
I app. that the  
Sentence be suspended  
for 1 year.

Act 2-89  
3-10  
202

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Counsel,

Filed

Pleads,

27 Oct 1889  
Pleas

THE PEOPLE

vs.  
Mary Boyle

Grand Larceny - 1st degree.  
[Sections 528, 529, 6, Penal Code]

JOHN R. FELLOWS,

District Attorney.

Oct 2. 1889

pleads guilty

Sentence suspended

A TRUE BILL.

Chas. B. Roberts

Foreman.

0301

Police Court—

District.

Affidavit—Larceny.

City and County } ss.:  
of New York, }

of No. 222 East 32<sup>d</sup> Street, aged 36 years,  
occupation Laundress being duly sworn

deposes and says, that on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of September 1889 at the City of New  
York, in the County of New York, was feloniously taken, stolen and carried away from the possession  
of ~~the~~ deponent, in the night time, the following property viz:

Four am. League money of the  
United States issue of the amount  
and value of One hundred and twenty  
one 97/100. 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 Mary Boyle. (now here)

from the fact that on said date  
deponent missed said money from  
a tub in the basement of said  
premises, and that on the 10<sup>th</sup> day  
of September 1889 deponent found  
the said money concealed in  
the person of the said Boyle

Mary F. Hammer

Sworn to before me, this 11<sup>th</sup> day  
of September 1889  
Alfred M. Mahan Police Justice.



0302

Sec. 198-200.

✓ District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

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

Question. What is your name.

Answer. Mary Boyle

Question. How old are you?

Answer. 30 Years

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. Ireland

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

Answer. 772 East 92 St. 2 Months

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. Domestic

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 of the  
Charge

Mary Boyle  
Mund

Taken before me this

day of April 1885

Police Justice.

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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 Defendant

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 Sept 11 188 R. M. Mahon 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 he to be discharged.

Dated ..... 188 ..... 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 1366

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Mary L. Hammer  
vs.  
Mary Boyle

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Dated Sept 11 1889

M. Mahon Magistrate

Malverskey Officer.

21 Precinct.

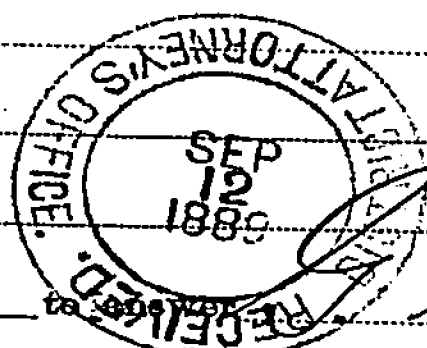
Witnesses Benjamin Mahon

No. 21. Freeman Street.

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

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

\$ 1000



921 1/2  
money

0305

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

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,

against

*Mary Boyle*

THE GRAND JURY OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, by  
this indictment, accuse

*Mary Boyle*  
of the CRIME OF GRAND LARCENY IN THE *first* DEGREE,

committed as follows :

The said

*Mary Boyle*

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the *ninth*  
day of *September* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and  
eighty *seven*, at the City and County aforesaid, with force and arms, in the  
*night* time of the same day, divers 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 a number and denomination to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown, for the  
payment of and of the value of *thirty-five*

dollars ; divers other promissory notes for the payment of money, being then and there due  
and unsatisfied (and of the kind known as Bank Notes), of a number and denomination  
to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown, for the payment of and of the value of *thirty-five*  
dollars ; divers United States Silver Certificates of a number and denomination to the Grand  
Jury aforesaid unknown of the value of *thirty-five*

dollars ; divers United States Gold Certificates of a number and denomination to the  
Grand Jury aforesaid unknown, of the value of *thirty-five*

dollars ; divers coins of a number, kind and denomination to the Grand Jury aforesaid  
unknown, of the value of *eleven dollars and ninety-*

*seven cents*

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one *Mary Hammerer* in the dwelling-  
house of the said *Mary Hammerer*, there *situate*, then and there being found,  
*from the dwelling-house aforesaid*  
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 R. FELLOWS, *District Attorney.*



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**BOX:**

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**FOLDER:**

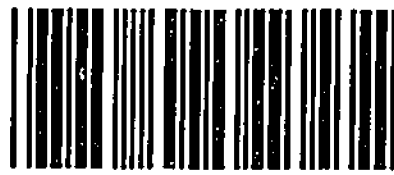
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**DESCRIPTION:**

Brucher, John

**DATE:**

09/04/89



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Witnesses;

Wm. McHenry

Off. Riley

The defendant therein  
having been married  
this day to the complainant  
by Judge Mathews, I  
recommend that the  
indictment be dismissed  
and the defendant  
discharged.

Oct. 10. 1889. J. M. [Signature]

Asst. Dist. Atty.

Asst. Dist. Atty.

Counsel,

Filed

Pleads,

1889

THE PEOPLE

vs.

John Brucher

H.D.

RAPH.  
(Sections 278 and 218, Penal Code.)

JOHN R. FELLOWS,

District Attorney.

On recom. Dist. Atty.  
indict. dtds. P.M.

A TRUE BILL.

(Rec. Endorsement.)  
Chas. D. [Signature]

Foreman.

[Signature]

Sept. 8th 1889  
J. R. D.

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0308

CITY AND COUNTY } ss.  
OF NEW YORK, }

POLICE COURT, 5 DISTRICT.

*Ellie M. Kievey*

of No. *539 12<sup>th</sup> Street* Street, aged *17* years,  
occupation *Domestic* being duly sworn deposes and says

that on the *23* day of *August* 188*9*  
at the City of New York, in the County of New York

*that John Bucher*  
*now here, did wilfully, unlawfully,*  
*and with force and violence,*  
*seize hold of defendant*  
*throw her to the ground and against*  
*her will and consent have*  
*sexual intercourse with her,*  
*from the fact that said Bucher*  
*had defendant to a house on*  
*spot was 160<sup>th</sup> Street and the*  
*old Aqueduct at about the*  
*house of 130 o'clock Am. of said*

Sworn to before me, this

188

day

Police Justice.

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date that said Brucher did then  
forcibly throw Appraiser to the  
ground, place his hand over  
Appraiser's mouth raised Appraiser's  
clothes and inserted his fingers in  
Appraiser's private parts. That Appraiser  
made all the outcry possible  
attracted attention and caused the arrest  
of the defendant. *John W. Turner*  
Sworn to before me  
this 25<sup>th</sup> day of August 1889,  
*Wm. W. Smith*  
Police Justice

Police Court-- District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

AFFIDAVIT.

vs.

Dated

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Magistrate.

Officer.

Witness,

Disposition,



0310

CITY AND COUNTY } ss.  
OF NEW YORK, }

POLICE COURT, 5 DISTRICT,

Charles Wiley

of the 32. Avenue Police Street, aged 29 years,

occupation Police Officer - being duly sworn deposes and says

that on the 23 day of August 1889

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

Tillie McKinnon  
my true is the complainant against one  
John Bracken charged with rape and  
depression says that she has no permanent  
residence and prays that she may be admitted  
to the sum of sentence as a witness  
against said John Bracken

Charles Wiley

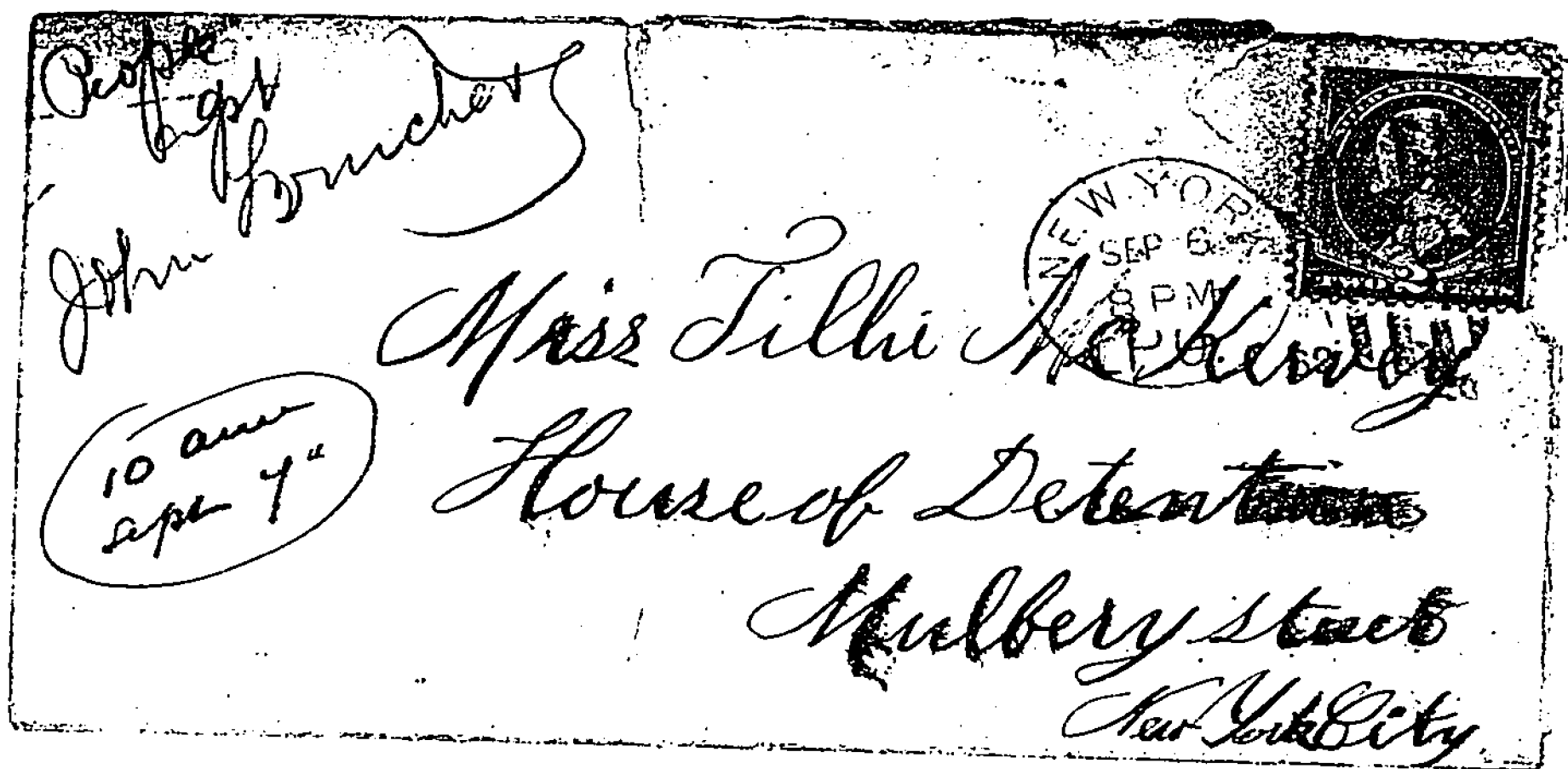
Sworn to before me, this 23 day

of August 1889

W. H. B. B.

Police Justice.

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Board of Commissioners of Emigration  
OF THE  
STATE OF NEW YORK.  
EDGAR L. RIDGWAY, President.  
HENRY A. HURLBUT, CHARLES F. ULRICH,  
GEORGE STARR, EDMUND STEPHENSON,  
DANIEL D. WYLIE.  
THE MAYOR of the City of New York.  
JAMES RORKE, Pres. Irish Em. Society. } *Ex-Officio*  
CHARLES HAUSELT, Pres. German Society. } *Members*  
H. J. JACKSON, Secretary.

Castle Garden,  
New York, August 24, 1889.

Hon. E. L. Ridgway,  
Sir;

In regard to the Examination of Matilda McKeever, which I made in your direction at the House of Detention yesterday, I would report as follows: I found the young woman complaining of soreness in the shoulders and in the small of the back, which she said was caused by being dragged upon the ground. Upon inspection, her knees were found to have been recently lacerated. The inner aspects of both thighs presented dark areas, over which area they were also tender to the touch. The vulva and labia were not hyperaemic, nor did they present in any way an abnormal appearance. The hymen had been ruptured, but how recently I found it difficult to determine, as no remains of it were apparent. The walls of the vagina were intensely sensitive to the finger, greatly thickened, and deeply congested. The uterus was normal.

Respectfully submitted, C. C. Vinton, M.D.,  
Resident Physician, Castle Garden.

0313

Sec. 198-200

5 District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY  
OF NEW YORK.

*John Brucher* 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.

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.

*I am not guilty*  
*John Brucher*

Taken before me this

day of August 1888

Police Justice.



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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 Defendant

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 Aug 28<sup>th</sup> 1889 Pha. [Signature] 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.

03 15

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--- District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

*William McKinley*  
*John Brucher*

2 \_\_\_\_\_  
3 \_\_\_\_\_  
4 \_\_\_\_\_

Offence

Dated *August 22* 188*9*

*W. H. Wade* Magistrate.

*Oliver W. Wiley* Officer.

*R. J.* Precinct.

"Complaint committed to"

*the House of Detention*

*at the City Jail*

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

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

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ to answer

*4th 28 2 P.M.*

*1000 - Bailam Co.*

*4th 26 2 P.M.*

*- Com -*



03 16

Q2 don't let the policeman talk  
to deprive Lillie of her job  
you know he told a lie in the  
court room

Tombs Prison Sep 6. 1887

Dear Lillie you  
know that you promised to  
marry me the night I was  
arrested you also know that I  
asked whether you could cook  
and wash and every thing  
in the house ~~keeping~~ line  
you also know my dear Lillie  
that I did not throw you down  
or hit you, and if you tell that  
to the Judge he will let us get  
married, and tell him that you  
do not want me sent to prison  
I have always been an honest  
man and never have been arrested  
in my life before I will  
make an honest and good liv-

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ing for you I have been getting  
12 & 13 dollars a week and can  
support you rich and will  
always treat my dear little  
wife kindly. I can get work  
at any time and will always  
work hard so that you or I  
will never be in want. tell  
the judge that you do not  
want to say any thing of  
only that you want to get  
married to me and that I  
can earn a living for you  
and that you like me well  
enough to marry me if you  
marry me I swear before  
God and man that you never  
will regret in all your life  
I remain your true loving  
promised husband  
your Jack as you called me

Please answer John Bucher

Tombs Prison, Tier 2 cell 44



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Police Department of the City of New York.

Precinct No. ....

New York, Aug 27<sup>th</sup> 1889

I hereby certify that I  
examined Philip Lillie,  
Mc Kervoy of the house  
of Detention on Aug 23<sup>rd</sup> 1889  
at 3 1/2 P.M. and found  
that her hymen had  
been recently ruptured.

B. H. Determ.  
Surgeon of Police  
11<sup>th</sup> Dist.

0319

Rape  
Indicted Sept 3<sup>d</sup> 1889  
on for pleading today

New York.  
Sept 3<sup>d</sup> 89.

Dear Sir,

The offer was made to me  
in police court, to marry  
John Brecher, I would have  
been willing to do so, as my  
sister ~~and~~ wished me to, but  
my uncle and aunt persuaded  
me that it was better to let  
the law take its course.

I have been thinking the  
matter over, and have decided  
that I would marry this  
man if you will allow me  
to do so.

Yours truly  
Tillie McRervey.  
House of Detention



0320



Court of General Sessions,  
Judge's Chambers,  
32 Chambers Street.

New York, Oct 10<sup>th</sup> 1889

John R. B. Martine,

Judge Court General Sessions of the Peace.

Sir: - I believe the age  
of my sister Matilda McKenney  
to be one seventeen years of age.  
and this belief is founded upon  
information received from members  
of my mother's family, and from  
the understanding of the family  
as to her age. My mother lives  
in Ireland, my father is dead. I  
am twenty (20) years of age and  
believe my sister will be eight-  
een years old upon her next  
birthday

Mary McKenney

(Mary McKenney)

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Dear Tillie

I now write to you for to let you know that I still love you as much and if not more than any <sup>one</sup> in this world can ever love you, you know in your own heart that I did not strike you or knock you down or force you to keep my company, I know you like me or you would not marry me, I know that I think the world of you to you have only to simply to tell the truth and then the Judge will let us go to a church and get married decently I only ask you to speak truth and if you do not tell the truth the Almighty God will never forgive you and I will not let marry you and then I will never see you ~~for~~ again oh Tillie do tell the truth and don't let them take us away from each other oh Tillie don't let them do it and don't let nobody talk to you to make the Judge send me away from you don't see where the law of man has got to interfere with the laws of God a far more supreme Judge than ever sat before any bar, I now close hoping you will remember what I have written to you hoping and that God will bless and watch over you till I see you again my dear I remain your ever loving promised husband John Brucher



0322

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 Brucher*

THE GRAND JURY OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, by this  
indictment, accuse *John Brucher*  
of the CRIME OF RAPE, committed as follows:

The said *John Brucher*,  
late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the  
*23rd* day of *August* in the year of our Lord one thousand  
eight hundred and eighty- *nine*, at the City and County aforesaid, with  
force and arms, in and upon a certain female not his wife, to wit: one *Fannie*  
*McKenney*, then and there being, wilfully and,  
feloniously did make an assault, and her the said *Fannie Mc Kenney*  
then and there, by force and with violence to her the said *Fannie*  
*Mc Kenney*, against her will and without her consent, did wilfully  
and feloniously ravish and carnally know, 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 *John Brucher*  
of the CRIME OF ASSAULT IN THE SECOND DEGREE, com-  
mitted as follows:

The said *John Brucher*,  
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, in and upon a certain  
female not his wife, to wit: her the said *Fannie Mc Kenney*, then  
and there being, wilfully and feloniously did make another assault, with intent her the  
said *Fannie Mc Kenney*, against her will and without her consent, by  
force and violence, to then and there wilfully and feloniously ravish and carnally know,  
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.

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THIRD COUNT—

AND THE GRAND JURY AFORESAID, by this indictment, further  
accuse the said *John Anderson*  
of the CRIME OF RAPE, committed as follows:

The said *John Anderson*,  
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, in and upon a certain  
female not his wife, to wit: her the said *Fannie Mc Harvey*, then  
and there being, wilfully and feloniously did make another assault, and an act of sexual  
intercourse with her the said *Fannie Mc Harvey*.  
then and there wilfully and feloniously did commit and perpetrate, against the will of the  
said *Fannie Mc Harvey*, and without her consent; 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.

FOURTH COUNT—

AND THE GRAND JURY AFORESAID, by this indictment, further  
accuse the said *John Anderson*  
of the CRIME OF ASSAULT IN THE SECOND DEGREE, com-  
mitted as follows:

The said *John Anderson*,  
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, in and upon a certain  
female not his wife, to wit: her the said *Fannie Mc Harvey*,  
then and there being, wilfully and feloniously did make another assault, with intent, an  
act of sexual intercourse with her the said *Fannie Mc Harvey*  
against her will and without her consent then and there wilfully and feloniously to commit  
and perpetrate, 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 R. FELLOWS, *District Attorney.*



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**BOX:**

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**FOLDER:**

3421

**DESCRIPTION:**

Burnett, Daniel

**DATE:**

09/25/89



3421

Witnesses:

Richard Gledhill

W/ O McLanderson  
11 Wall St

Counsel,

Filed

Pleads,

THE PEOPLE

vs.

Daniel A. Burnett

(2 cases)

JOHN R. FELLOWS,

District Attorney.

A TRUE BILL.

Chas. D. Roberts

Foreman.

Remitted by 3 Juries  
Per me year.

Crime against nature  
[Sec. 503, Penal Code]

25 Sept. 1889

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0326

*The New York Society for the  
Prevention of Cruelty to Children*

100 EAST 23D ST. (COR. FOURTH AVE.)

New York, *September 20<sup>th</sup> 1889*

*Court of General Sessions of the Peace in and for the  
City and County of New York.*

*The People*

*against*

*Daniel A. Gurnett  
(2 charges.)*

*Notice of Prosecution.*

*To the District Attorney of the  
City and County of New York,*

*Sir: This Society is interested in the prosecution of  
the above defendant, and is familiar with the facts of the  
case. It respectfully requests that before sending the papers  
to the Grand Jury, fixing the day of trial, consenting to  
any postponement thereof, or to any reduction of bail, or  
final disposition of the charge, you will duly notify me as  
its President and Counsel, so that I may confer with you  
in regard thereto. This request is made pursuant to the  
statute (Laws of 1886, Chapter 30, Section 3), and in  
furtherance of the ends of Justice.*

*I have the honor to remain, with great respect,*

*Elbridge T. Gerry,*

*President, &c.*

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**N. Y. GENERAL SESSIONS**

THE PEOPLE



*Ormeau's picture*  
CRUELTY TO CHILDREN.

**NOTICE OF PROSECUTION**

**BY THE SOCIETY.**

**ELBRIDGE T. GERRY,**

*President, &c.*



0328

CITY AND COUNTY } ss.  
OF NEW YORK,

POLICE COURT, 2 DISTRICT.

of No. 423 W. 34 Street, aged 12 years,

occupation, School boy, being duly sworn deposes and says  
or about 1st day of September 1889

that on the 1st day of September 1889  
at the City of New York, in the County of New York and on many other  
days and times prior thereto. Daniel  
A. Burnett. (now here) did take  
deponent into a room in the premises no  
411 West 34th Street. and forcing deponent  
to take his pantaloons down. he the said  
defendant took hold of deponents penis  
and after feeling of it for a while. he the  
said defendant took deponents penis into  
his the defendants mouth.

Wherefore deponent charges the said  
defendant with feloniously committing the

Know all to whose and this is given

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of September 1889  
J. J. [Signature]  
Police Justice

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Detestable and Abominable Crime  
against nature as aforesaid in  
violation of Subdivision 2 Section 303  
of the Penal Code. of the State of New  
York. and fixing the said defendant  
may be dealt with according to Law.

Sworn to before me  
this 16th day of Sept 1889

Richard Gladhill.

John J. Gorman  
Police Justice

Police Court-- District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF  
vs.  
AFFIDAVIT.

Dated 1889 Magistrate.

Witness, Officer.

Disposition.



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Sec. 103-200.

District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY  
OF NEW YORK, ss.

*Daniel A. Birtwell*

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

Question. What is your name?

Answer.

*Daniel A. Birtwell*

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

*42 years old*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

*New York City*

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

Answer.

*411. W 34 St. N.Y. one year*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.

*Letter agent*

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 of the  
charge*

*Daniel A. Birtwell*

Taken before me this

day of

1889

*John J. McManus*

Police Justice

*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 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 Apr 10 1889 John H. Hume 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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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

*Richard Gedhill*  
#23 West 34th St

*Samuel A. Burton*

2 .....

3 .....

4 .....

Dated *Sept 16* 188 *9*

*Gorman* Magistrate.

*Wagner* Officer.

*30* Precinct.

Witnesses *E. Bulardo*

No. *100 E 34th* Street.

No. .... Street.

No. .... Street.

\$ *1000* to answer

See Report of N. Y. S. P. C. C.  
for information about defendant  
filed with these papers. If lost,  
notify the Society at once.

0333

Court of General Sessions of the Peace

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,

against

David A. Gaultlett

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

Indictment accuse

David A. Gaultlett

of the crime of

against nature

committed as follows:

The said

David A. Gaultlett

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York, aforesaid, on the

first day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand  
eight hundred and eighty-nine, at the City and County aforesaid,

in and upon one Richard Egedhill,  
a male person, feloniously did make  
an assault, and upon the said Richard  
Egedhill, in a manner contrary to  
nature then and there feloniously  
did carnally know, 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.



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Second COUNT.

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

David A. Bennett  
of the CRIME ~~of~~ against nature, \_\_\_\_\_

committed as follows:

The said David A. Bennett, \_\_\_\_\_

late of the City and County aforesaid, afterwards to wit: On the day and in the year aforesaid,  
at the City and County aforesaid, deliberately did unlawfully  
submit to carnal knowledge of himself  
to one Richard Whedhill, a male  
person, in a manner contrary to nature,  
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 R. Bellows,  
Attorney