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Tehan, John

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Sullivan, Eugene F.

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McNulty, Thomas

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Witnesses:

*Two Garvey  
off the court*

In this case the defense facts  
were tried & the jury disagreed  
I have been unable to obtain  
a & defend proof. I don't be  
have that a conviction can  
be had,  
I suggest that they be dis-  
charged upon their own recog-  
nition  
July 6<sup>th</sup> 1893 John F. Mc. Wylie  
District Atty.

Counsel,

Filed

day of

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Pleads,

THE PEOPLE

vs.

*John Dehan,  
Eugene P. Sullivan,  
and  
Thomas Mc. Mully*

*Robbery, First Degree.  
(Sections 224 and 225 Penal Code.)*

BY LANCEY NICOLL,

District Attorney.

A TRUE BILL.

*Part 2 - June 19. 1893.  
All tried and jury  
disagree.*

Foreman

*8 a.m.  
4 m.*

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Police Court First District.

1923

City and County }  
of New York, } ss.

of No. 108 BATTERY Street, aged 18 years.

occupation LABORER being duly sworn.

deposes and says, that on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of JUNE 1893 at the 6<sup>th</sup> Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York, was feloniously taken, stolen and carried away from the person of deponent by force and violence, without his consent and against his will, the following property, viz:

Good and lawful money of the United States of the amount and

Subscribed before me, this  
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of the value of about One <sup>20</sup>/<sub>100</sub> 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

John Tekau, Eugene Sullivan,  
Jays Thomas McShully all now  
here, and an unknown man now  
arrested, while acting in concert for  
the following reasons. That on said  
date about the hour of 1:15 A.M.,  
deponent was in the yard of the premises  
No 91 Mulberry Street. That the said  
sign of money was in the right  
hand pocket of deponent; that  
that the defendants, now here, and  
the said unknown man were also  
in the yard. That one of the defendants  
caught hold of deponent and threw  
deponent down, and the other defendants

held department down for their hands over  
 department money, and one of the de-  
 pendants put his hand into the afore-  
 said pocket of department's pants and  
 took the said money out.

Therefore department prays  
 that the defendants be adjudged  
 according to law.

Signed before me  
 this 4<sup>th</sup> day of June 1893 John Garvey

John Ryan  
 Public Justice

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AFFIDAVIT FOR COMMITMENT OF WITNESS.

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POLICE COURT.....DISTRICT.

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, ss.

of the.....Precinct Police, being duly sworn, deposes  
and says that.....

(now here) is a material witness for the people against  
.....charged

with..... As deponent has  
cause to fear that the said.....

will not appear in court to testify when wanted, deponent prays  
that the said.....be

committed to the House of Detention in default of bail for his  
appearance.

John L. McAndrews

Sworn to before me this  
day of.....189.....

Police Justice.

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Sec. 198-200.

1882  
District Police Court.

City and County of New York, ss:

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

Question. What is your name?

Answer. *John Tekan*

Question. How old are you?

Answer. *21 yrs*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. *New Jersey*

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

Answer. *Wm. Mulberry St 18 mos*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. *Messenger*

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 innocent*  
*John Tekan*

Taken before me on the

day of *March* 189*3**John Tekan*  
Police Justice.



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Sec. 198—200.

1882  
District Police Court.

City and County of New York, ss:

*Eugene Sullivan* 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. *Eugene Sullivan*

Question. How old are you?

Answer. *29 years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. *New York City*

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

Answer. *195 West 44th St*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. *Laborer*

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*  
*Eugene F. Sullivan*

Taken before me this  
day of *April* 189*3*

Police Justice.

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Sec. 198-200.

1882  
District Police Court.

City and County of New York ss:

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

Question. What is your name?

Answer. *Thomas O'Malley*

Question. How old are you?

Answer. *19 yrs*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. *New York City*

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

Answer. *137th St. Bklyn 5 mos*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. *Mass Moulder*

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

Answer. *I am not guilty*  
*Thomas O'Malley*

Taken before me this  
day of *March* 188*2*

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

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guilty thereof, I order that he be held to answer the same, and he be admitted to bail in the sum of Two 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, June 5 1893 John Ryan Police Justice.

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

Dated, \_\_\_\_\_ 189 \_\_\_\_\_ Police Justice.

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

Dated, \_\_\_\_\_ 189 \_\_\_\_\_ Police Justice.

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Witness John Gurney bailed  
June 5, 1913 by  
Wm L. Reid  
361 Bleeker St

BAILED,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1913  
Police Court--- District. 618

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

*John Gurney*  
*Johnathan*  
*William*  
*M. M. M. M.*

*Robbery*

HOUSE OF DETENTION CASE.

Dated, June 4, 189

*John H. M. M.*  
Magistrate,  
Officer.

*William*  
Precinct.

Witnesses  
*William*  
*William*  
Street.

*William*

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

No. 500 \_\_\_\_\_ Street.

to answer.

*John*

# 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 Tahan, Eugene F. Sullivan and Thomas McNulty*

The Grand Jury of the City and County of New York, by this indictment, accuse *John Tahan, Eugene F. Sullivan and Thomas McNulty,* of the CRIME OF ROBBERY in the *first* degree, committed as follows:

The said *John Tahan, Eugene F. Sullivan, and Thomas McNulty,* all late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the day of *June* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-*three*, in the right time of the said day, at the City and County aforesaid, with force and arms, in and upon one *John Garvey* in the peace of the said People then and there being, feloniously did make an assault; and

*the sum of one dollar and twenty cents in money, lawful money of the United States of America, and of the value of one dollar and twenty cents*

of the goods, chattels and personal property of the said *John Garvey* from the person of the said *John Garvey* against the will and by violence to the person of the said *John Garvey* then and there violently and feloniously did rob, steal, take and carry away.

*The said John Tahan, Eugene F. Sullivan and Thomas McNulty and each of them being then and there aided by an accomplice actually present, to wit: each by the other, and also by a certain other person to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown;*

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.

*Wm. Lacey Nicoll*  
District Attorney

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Theile, Herman

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Farrell, George

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Ringwood, James

**DATE:**

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**DESCRIPTION:**

Hogan, Michael

**DATE:**

06/02/93



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Police Court 5 District.CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss

Harris Ross  
of No. 2244 1st Ave Street, Aged 26 Years  
Occupation Merchant being duly sworn, deposes and says, that on the  
23 day of May 1893, at the 12th 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:

Good and lawful money to the  
amount of \$257.00 Dollars.  
and me hat together

of the value of Six + 257.00 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

Herman Heile. George Farrell and James  
Rignwood. (all now here) and me Michael  
Hogan not arrested. From the fact  
that at about the hour of 5 o'clock  
P.M. said date. deponent was walking  
on W 98 Street between Amsterdam Ave  
and Western Boulevard. When there  
defendants and said Hogan not arrested  
came up to deponent and each of them  
struck deponent. Knocking deponent  
down. and while deponent was lying  
down these defendants and the said  
Hogan took said property from the

Deponent deposes and says

person of defendant and ran away with it. Wherefore defendant charges the said defendants and said Hogan not arrested with being together and acting in concert with each other and feloniously taking stealing and carrying said property from the person of defendant by force and violence.

Sworn to before me  
this 26<sup>th</sup> day of May 1893 } Harry X Ross  
Justice of the Peace  
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  
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 188  
Police Justice.  
I have admitted the above named  
to bail to answer by the undertaking hereunto annexed.  
Dated 188  
Police Justice.  
There being no sufficient cause to believe the within named  
guilty of the offense within mentioned, I order he to be discharged.  
Dated 188  
Police Justice.

Police Court, District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
on the complaint of

vs.

Offence—ROBBERY.

1.  
2.  
3.  
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Dated 188

Magistrate.

Officer.

Clerk.

Witnesses,

No. Street,

No. Street,

No. Street,

\$ to answer General Sessions.

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Sec. 198—200.

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District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, ss:

*Herman Theil* 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 sees 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. *Herman Theil*

Question. How old are you?

Answer. *17 years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. *New York City*

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

Answer. *364 Columbus Ave 7 months*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. *Butcher*

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*

*Herman Theil*

Taken before me this  
day of *May* 189*5*  
*Amos W. Smith*  
Police Justice.

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Sec. 198-200.

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, ss:

.5 District Police Court.

*James Ringwood* 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 sees 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-*  
*James Ringwood*

Taken before me this

day of

*Sept 11* 1897

*26th*

*John G. Runkle*

Police Justice.

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Sec. 198-200.

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, ss:

5 District Police Court.

*George Farrell*

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 sees 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.

*George Farrell*

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

*16 years old*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

*New York City*

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

Answer.

*769 Columbus Ave Three months*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.

*Painter*

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

Answer.

*I Am Not Guilty*

*George Farrell*

Taken before me this

day of

*April 1897*

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

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

Dated, *May 26* 189 *3* *John P. [Signature]* Police Justice.

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

Dated, \_\_\_\_\_ 189 \_\_\_\_\_ Police Justice.

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

Dated, \_\_\_\_\_ 189 \_\_\_\_\_ Police Justice.



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Police Court, 5 District. <sup>396</sup>

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Harris Roos  
2244 1st St.  
vs.  
1 Herman Theile  
2 James Ringwood  
3 George Farrell  
4 Wm. Logan

*[Signature]*  
Officer

BAILED,

No. 1, by.....  
Residence..... Street.

No. 2, by.....  
Residence..... Street.

No. 3, by.....  
Residence..... Street.

No. 4, by.....  
Residence..... Street.

Dated, May 26 1893

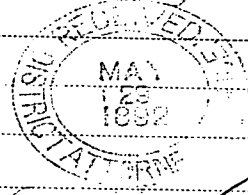
Burns Magistrate.  
Watts & Cain Officer.

Witnesses Charles A. Schaffer Precinct.  
No 208 West 98 Street.

No. .... Street.

No. .... Street.

\$ 100.00 each to answer Gas



*[Signatures]*

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

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T H E P E O P L E

VS.

JAMES RINGWOOD,  
(Jointly indicted with)  
(George Farrell,)  
(Herman Theile)  
(and)  
(Michael Hogan.)

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TRIED, NEW YORK, JUNE 8TH, 1893.

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INDICTED FOR ROBBERY IN THE FIRST DEGREE.

INDICTMENT FILED JUNE 2ND, 1893.

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APPEARANCES:

ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY HARRY W. MACDONA,

For THE PEOPLE.

E. E. PRICE, ESQ.,

For THE DEFENSE.

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HARRIS ROOS testified that he lived at 115th Street and 1st Avenue---No. 2244. He was in West 98th Street between Amsterdam Avenue and the Boulevard, about 3 o'clock on the afternoon of May 23rd. He was peddling old or cast off clothes. He had a big bag on oneside, and lots of hats on the other side. He was calling out in the street. He saw the defendant in company with three others. They all came up to him, the complainant, and the defendant said, "Give me that hat," referring to one of the hats on the complainant's arm. Then the co-defendant, Theile, punched the complainant in the back and head, and Farrell went in front of the complainant and struck him in the face, and the complainant's nose commenced to bleed. Then the complainant began to holloa, "Police!" Then Theile punched him in the face, and he fell, and for 10 or 15 minutes he was unconscious. When he regained consciousness, he reported the facts at the station-house, and two officers were

sent out on the case. Hogan, one of the co-defendants, also struck the complainant on the head, causing it to bleed. Then Ringwood caught hold of the bag, out of his hand, while the complainant was on the ground, and he ran away---all four ran away. The complainant took it to the station-house. He tried to prevent Ringwood from taking the hat from him, the complainant. The value of the property was \$1.50; he also missed \$4.75 from his vest pocket. It was taken out of his vest pocket. He did not know which one of the four took the \$4.75. They were all there, at that time, but the complainant did not know anything---he was unconscious. In

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the witness testified he had a lot of clothes, in a pack on his back, and some hats. He had about \$7. worth of goods in that pack. He did not know how many coats he had. It was not true that the defendants began to tease the com-

plainant, but they came up and grabbed a hat. When they grabbed the hat, he, the complainant, said, "Boys, leave me alone." They did not laugh at him, but punched him, right away, as soon as he spoke to them, as already stated. Ringwood grabbed the hat and ran away about half a block, and, while Ringwood was away, the other defendants punched and knocked the complainant down on the ground senseless. When he came to his senses, in about 10 or 15 minutes, he went to the station-house, and it was there, at the station-house, that he first missed his money. When the complainant became conscious, he found his bag on the ground, near him, and his hats were all scattered around, he found five of them, and missed one.

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CHARLES A. SCHAEFER testified that he lives at 784

Amsterdam Avenue on May 23rd, last, he lived at 208 West 98th Street, between Amsterdam Avenue

and the Boulevard. He saw the complainant and the co-defendant, Herman Theile, and three or four other boys in that neighborhood. He could not identify Ringwood or the other boys. He, the witness, was standing behind the bar, and he heard someone cry, "Murder!" and he saw the co-defendant Herman Theile, who had the complainant down on the ground, striking his face on the paving stones. There were three or four boys there at the time, One of them being Herman Theile. The complainant was lying on his stomach, on the ground, and Herman Theile was striking his face on the paving stones. The witness did not see a pack or any hats there. The boys ran towards the river. About 25 feet from where the complainant was, he, the witness, saw a bundle. In

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the witness testified that this took place opposite his , the witness's saloon, in the middle of the street. He could not identify the defendant,

or say whether he was there at that time, and he never before saw him. The complainant got up off the sidewalk, and went away alone. The complainant returned with a policeman, in about three minutes. The station house is within two blocks of the scene of the disturbance.

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ROBERT B. WATT testified that he was attached to the 26th precinct. He arrested Theile and Ringwood and Farrell. He had a conversation with the previous witness, and then arrested Herman Theile first, and, afterwards, arrested Ringwood and Farrell. The complainant identified them in Court as the boys who assaulted him. He arrested Farrell and Ringwood two days after the occurrence. Before the Police Magistrate Theile accused Farrell, and Farrell accused Ringwood of the crime. The complainant said that Theile caught hold of him, and the other two co-defendants. Ringwood said that he did not do it. In

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the witness testified that he did not see the bundle or hats, because he was not put in charge of the case until the next morning. The three defendants were arranged in a line, in the police court, with nobody else in the line, in front of the complainant, who identified them. Theile was arrested upon information given by Mr. Schaefer, and Theile said that the other two defendants were with him, and they were, therefore, arrested. When Mr. Schaefer spoke to the witness about the three defendants, none of the three defendants were present to hear what was said.

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T H E   D E F E N S E  
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JEROME REILLY testified that he lived in 90th Street---  
No. 116, and was engaged in the stationery and  
paper business. He had known the defendant bet-



ween 7 and 9 years. He worked for the witness 4 or 5 years, on and off, and handled \$300. or \$400. at a time, and has been in charge of his stand. He also knew others, several hundred, who knew the defendant, in that neighborhood. He is regarded as a good boy, full of fun, and the witness would trust him with anything that he, the witness, had.

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(None.)

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JAMES RINGWOOD, the defendant, testified that he did not ask the defendant for a hat, and did not take one. He testified, "I went up to 98th Street, and as I was going home I met these three boys, Herman Theile, Michael Hogan and George Farrell. They asked me would I go down to the river, and I told them no. And they said they was going in swimming, and I said I would go down and see them

go in. And as I was going past 10th Avenue there, we met that peddler, and Farrell says, 'We will buy a hat, if he will sell one.' and Mr. Roos said that he did not sell hats. And Mr. Farrell said that he would buy a hat. And he said he did not sell hats, and he went to push Farrell away, and Farrell put up his arm to guard the blow, and Roos grabbed him by the neck, and I walked down to the Boulevard, and Theile and I walked down to the Boulevard, and Michael Hogan called Theile back, and Theile went back, and he pulled Roos off George Farrell. And I then seen a wagon coming down the Boulevard." I did not take his hat and I did not see anybody steal anything from him, and I did not know of anybody wanting to steal anything from him." In

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the witness testified that he did not wait and go down to the river with the other boys, because he knew there was going to be trouble and he did

not want to get into trouble---trouble on account of "fooling" with the complainant, when he saw the complainant take hold of Farrell by the neck, and Hogan hit him. He did not see Theile butting the complainant's face against the paving stones. Theile was fully 60 feet away from Roos when he went back. He went back because he was called back by Hogan. He saw Hogan hit the complainant in the face. He struck him in the face so as to get him, the complainant, to let go of Farrell, because he, the complainant, had Farrell by the neck. He did not then have his bag on his back and his hats in his hands; he had dropped them. The witness testified, "Me and Farrell was in the front, and Farrell asked him would he sell him a hat, and he said, no; he did not sell hats. And so then Theile came up and Farrell stood there. And Theile asked him to sell a hat, and he said he did not sell any hats. And Theile said, "I have got money, and I will buy two, if you will sell them." and he said, no; and pushed him away, with his

arm, and Farrell said, "Stop," and he dropped his bag and grabbed Farrell by the neck, and I walked down to the Boulevard", and the defendant did not say a word, and did not put his hand on the complainant. He did not see the complainant beating Farrell. He saw the complainant with his hands around Farrell's neck, and he saw Hogan strike him. Hogan was with the others from the first. "Hogan and Theile and Farrell asked him would he sell a hat, and he says no. And Theile asked him would he sell a hat, and he said no; he did not sell hats, and, with that, I believe, Hogan pushed him, and he dropped his bundle or something and made out to hit or push Farrell away, and Farrell put his hand up to save him." The witness believed that Hogan or Farrell pushed the complainant before anything was done. Hogan was behind the complainant. Hogan did not have a conversation with the complainant. Hogan did not hit him until after he grabbed Farrell by the neck. The witness testified that he did not

say anything untill he was down to the Boulevard with Theile, and when they called him he said, "Don't go back, because you will get yourself in to trouble." and he left the two of them there--- "Theile and I walked down towards the Avenue, and then Hogan called Theile back, and as Theile was going back, I seen Hogan strike the man and I went down on the wagon, and I seen Farrell running down the Boulevard, and I went right home. The witness was arrested on Thursday night and the occurrence took place on Tuesday, and, from Tuesday until Thursday, he was around his home. He also went n to work at the news stand. He knew Hogan and Theile about three weeks before the arrest. He had lived in that neighborhood only about two months before that. He wore a hat at the time of the trouble, and so did Hogan and the other defendants; they all had hats. Farrell was the one that wanted the hat. At that time he had a brand new hat. The defendant testified that he was 15 years old.

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DORA RINGWOOD testified that the defendant was her son.

He also lived with her, and has worked since he was 13 years old. He was find \$3. on one occasion for throwing snow-balls. She testified that he was never convicted.

C r o s s   E x a m i n a t i o n

(None.)

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HARRIS ROOS, the complainant, being recalled, testified that he missed one coat and vest; all the rest he got back. All the coats were scattered around the street, out of the bundle, when he regained consciousness. He afterwards testified that the coats were fastened together; not wrapped up; fastened with the four corners together; "There was a kind of a spread, and the four corners were fastened around the clothes". They were done up in a bundle, and the bundle was on his shoulder, the hats he had in his hand. There were

two brown and four stiff hats. When Ringwood ran away he took a hat with him. He ran towards the river, on the Boulevard with it, past the blacksmith shop. He came back without the hat, and kicked him, the complainant. In

C r o s s   E x a m i n a t i o n

he testified that he did not know how many coats and vests were in the bundle, but, after the trouble, and after he looked over them, he found what were missing. The blacksmith shop was half a block from the place of the assault.

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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

*Herman Theile, George Farrell, James Ringwood and Michael Hogan*

The Grand Jury of the City and County of New York, by this indictment, accuse *Herman Theile, George Farrell, James Ringwood and Michael Hogan* of the CRIME OF ROBBERY in the *first* degree, committed as follows:

The said

*Herman Theile, George Farrell, James Ringwood and Michael Hogan*, all late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the *twenty third* day of *May* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-*three*, in the *day* time of the said day, at the City and County aforesaid, with force and arms, in and upon one *Harris Roos* in the peace of the said People then and there being, feloniously did make an assault; and

*the sum of four dollars and seventy five cents in money, lawful money of the United States of America, and of the value of four dollars and seventy five cents, and one half of the value of one dollar and fifty cents*

of the goods, chattels and personal property of the said *Harris Roos* from the person of the said *Harris Roos* against the will and by violence to the person of the said *Harris Roos* then and there violently and feloniously did rob, steal, take and carry away, the said *Herman Theile, George Farrell, James Ringwood, and Michael Hogan*, and each of them being then and there aided by an accomplice actually present, to wit: each by the other;

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.

*De Lancey Nicoll*  
District Attorney.



SECOND COUNT—

AND THE GRAND JURY AFORESAID, by this indictment, further accuse the said

of the CRIME OF RECEIVING STOLEN GOODS, committed as follows:

The said

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the  
day of in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and  
ninety- at the City and County aforesaid, with force and arms,

of the goods, chattels and personal property of

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

unlawfully and unjustly, did feloniously receive and have; the said

then and there well knowing the said goods, chattels and personal property to have been  
feloniously stolen, taken and carried away, against the form of the statute in such case made  
and provided, and against the peace of the People of the State of New York and their dignity.

DE LANCEY NICOLL,

*District Attorney.*

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**BOX:**

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**FOLDER:**

4792

**DESCRIPTION:**

Thompson, Elijah

**DATE:**

06/02/93



4792

Witnesses:

*Marion Scott*

*Alfred Dunnington*

Counsel,

Filed *2nd* day of *June* 189*3*

Pleaded *Not guilty*

THE PEOPLE

vs.

*Elizah Thompson*  
*June 14/93*  
*Tried & acquitted*

Grand Larceny, second Degree.  
[Sections 528, 531, Penal Code.]

DE LANCEY NICOLL,

District Attorney.

*Thurs day*

*at Court*

A TRUE BILL.

*Chas. H. Smith*

Foreman.

*June 9th*  
*June 14-1893*  
*W. H. Smith*

433 *McC*

Police Court

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District.

Affidavit—Larceny.

City and County }  
of New York, } ss:

Maria Scott

of No. 132 Houston

Street, aged 27 years,

occupation Cook

being duly sworn,

deposes and says, that on the 28 day of May 1893 at the City of New York, in the County of New York, was feloniously taken, stolen and carried away from the possession of deponent, in the night time, the following property, viz:

a gold watch and chain of  
the value of about seventy five  
dollars \$75-

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

Elyah Thompson,

(Now here) Deponent had the said watch  
in a room at No 206 Thompson Street  
on the night of May 28 when she went  
to bed with Defendant in said room,  
after locking the door. When Deponent awoke  
on the morning the door was unlocked, and the  
watch was gone and Defendant was  
gone.

Maria Scott

Sworn to before me, this 30 day

of May

1893

Police Justice.

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Sec. 198-200.

City and County of New York, ss:

District Police Court. 1882

*Elyah Thompson* 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 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.

*Elya Thompson*

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

*25 years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

*U S*

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

Answer.

*W 52<sup>nd</sup>**3 mos*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.

*Labour*

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 took the watch*

*Elyah* <sup>*he*</sup> *X Thompson*  
*made*

Taken before me

day of

1893

Police Justice.

0763

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

Elyah Thompson  
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, May 30 1893

John B. Wood Police Justice.

I have admitted the above-named

to bail to answer by the undertaking hereto annexed.

Dated, \_\_\_\_\_ 189

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

There being no sufficient cause to believe the within named

guilty of the offense within mentioned, I order h to be discharged.

Dated, \_\_\_\_\_ 189

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

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Police Court--- 2 District. 603

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

*Maria Scott*  
*137 Houston*  
*Elyah Thompson*

Offense *Assault*  
*for*

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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, *May 30* 189 *3*

*Worship* Magistrate.

*Down at 50 Rock* Officer.

*15* Precinct.

Witnesses .....

No. .... Street.

No. .... Street.

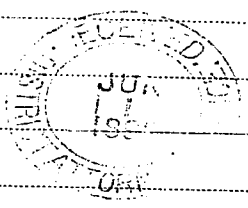
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No. .... Street.

\$ *1000* to answer *G. S.*

*Com* *GA*



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

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

against

*Elijah Thompson*

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

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

The said

*Elijah Thompson*

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the *28th*  
day of *May* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and  
ninety-*three*, at the City and County aforesaid, with force and arms,

*one watch of the value of  
fifty dollars and one chain of  
the value of twenty-five dollars*

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one

*Maria Scott*

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.

*De Lancey Nicoll*  
*District Attorney*



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**BOX:**

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**FOLDER:**

4792

**DESCRIPTION:**

Thompson, Mary

**DATE:**

06/01/93



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**BOX:**

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**FOLDER:**

4792

**DESCRIPTION:**

Gordon, Bessie

**DATE:**

06/01/93



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Witnesses:

*Chs. Raumann*

Counsel,

Filed *17* day of *June* 189*7*

Pleads,

*19* *25* *7* *1897* THE PEOPLE

vs.

*Mary Thompson*  
and  
*Bessie Gordon*

Robbery, *First* Degree.  
(Sections 224 and 228 Penal Code.)

*1122226*  
DE LANCEY NICOLL,  
District Attorney.

A TRUE BILL.

*Chas. J. Smith*

Foreman.

*June 6/97*

*Each* *5* *18* years of  
*Prison* *for women*  
*Andam N.G.*

Police Court District.

CITY AND COUNTY } ss  
OF NEW YORK,

*Charles Baumann*  
of No. *187 Cross Street*, Aged *20* Years  
Occupation *Porter* being duly sworn, deposes and says, that on the  
*27* day of *May* 18*83*, at the *16* 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:

*Gold and lawful money*  
*of the United States to*

of the value of *Fifteen dollars* DOLLARS,  
the property of *Nicolas Bros 229 Broadway and in deposits.*  
*Care and custody*  
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

*Mary Thompson and Brosie Gordon (unknown)*  
*(and two others unknown and not named and*  
*acting in concert) from the fact that*  
*while deponent was walking through*  
*21<sup>st</sup> Street between 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Streets*  
*deponent was stopped by the said Mary Thompson*  
*and Brosie Gordon and the two unknown persons*  
*who seized hold of deponent and*  
*the said deponent Mary Thompson did*  
*place her hand in the pocket of the*  
*deponent then and there took from the pocket*  
*of deponent and did take that and*  
*any money and money. Deponent feared*

day of *May* 18*83*

*Sworn to before me this*

Police Justice.

The arrest of the said defendant May  
Thompson and Basil Gordon by Officer  
James M. McMahon of the 19<sup>th</sup> Precinct and  
fully identifies them as two of the persons  
who did steal and carry away said money  
with force and violence and against the  
private wishes

Seen to before me this }  
28 day of May 1893 } Charles Baumann  
John P. Lockie  
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  
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 188  
Police Justice

I have admitted the above named  
to bail to answer by the undertaking hereto annexed.  
Dated 188  
Police Justice

There being no sufficient cause to believe the within named  
guilty of the offence within mentioned, I order he to be discharged.  
Dated 188  
Police Justice

Police Court, District,

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
on the complaint of

Offence—ROBBERY.

1.  
2.  
3.  
4.

Dated 188

Magistrate.

Officer.

Clerk.

Witnesses,

No. Street,

No. Street,

No. Street,

\$ to answer General Sessions.

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Sec. 198-200.

CITY AND COUNTY } ss.  
OF NEW YORK, }

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District Police Court.

*Bessie Gordon* 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.

*Bessie Gordon*

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

*25 years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

*N.Y.*

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

Answer.

*112 West 26<sup>th</sup> Street. 2 months*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.

*cook*

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*

*Bessie Gordon*

Taken before me this

day of

*May*

*1893*

*John B. Macdonald*

Police Justice.

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Sec. 198-200.

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District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY } ss.  
OF NEW YORK, }

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

Question. What is your name?

Answer. *Mary Thompson*

Question. How old are you?

Answer. *19 years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. *Wis.*

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

Answer. *119 West 24<sup>th</sup> Street 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 not guilty*  
*Maria Thutoe*

Taken before me this

day of

*May*

*1903*

*John W. McArthur*

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

Dated, May 28 1893 John P. McDonough Police Justice.

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

Dated, \_\_\_\_\_ 189 \_\_\_\_\_ Police Justice.

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

Dated, \_\_\_\_\_ 189 \_\_\_\_\_ Police Justice.



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Police Court--- 2

396 District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Charles B. Bingham  
187 Ave. C.  
Wm. Thompson  
2 Queen's Road

Offense

BAILED,

No. 1, by.....

Residence..... Street.

No. 2, by.....

Residence..... Street.

No. 3, by.....

Residence..... Street.

No. 4, by.....

Residence..... Street.

Dated, May 28 1893

Booklin Magistrate.

Turner Officer.

19 Precinct.

Witnesses Call Officer

No. 1911 1/2 St. Street.

No. 1911 1/2 St. Street.

No. Street.

\$ 1000 to answer.

J. Com

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THE PEOPLE,

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS, PART 1.

vs.

BEFORE JUDGE COWING.

MARY THOMPSON,  
and  
BESSIE GORDON.

New York, Tuesday, June 6th, 1893.

Indictment for ROBBERY, in the FIRST DEGREE.

A Jury was empannelled and sworn.

CHARLES BAUMAN, sworn and examined, testified:

How old are you? Twenty years old. Where do you live? 187 Avenue C, in this city. What is your business? I work as a porter for Jacob Brothers, 229 Broadway. How long have you been employed by Jacobs Brothers? Since the 18th or 20th of March. On the 27th of May of this year, you were also in their employ; weren't you? Yes, and still. On the 27th of May, did you see either one or both of these defendants? Yes; I know the one that took the money. Which one did you see? There was four of them. Which one of these two did you see? The small one, I could tell her by grabbing her by the wrist, and that was the one that took the money. Miss Thompson; you saw her? That is the little one's hand I had hold of, when she was in my trousers pocket. Whereabouts on 21st street were you at that time? Between 6th and 7th avenue, in the center of the block; between 11 and 12 o'clock at night. Tell just what occurred? I had to go with three suits, and had to collect \$15.00. I got that \$15.00, and put it in this pocket; they took the money; they tackled me there. I was seized suddenly, in the center of the block, from behind; when I got a chance I hallooed for an officer. I held the one's wrist, which I felt in this pocket; then they all scattered, and I seen the

little one -- I halloed and they all got away; she says, "Here is your money." Who said that? The big one, it was one of the big ones; "Here is your money;" they held me up against the railing until the officer came; that is the same position I was in when the officer came. How many people did you see when you saw Mary Thompson's hand in your pocket? Only four, four women, and the officer. Were there any white women among them? No, all colored. Did you see Bessie Gordon there? Yes, she was with them; four of them tackled me, she was one of the four. How long was it before the officer came? You might as well say he came right away; if he hadn't come immediately, they would have had my over-coat and all. You got \$2.00 back, how much money was taken? Fifteen dollars and a two dollar bill; a single bill was handed to me; "Here is your money." What became of the other two women? They were not caught; they ran towards Seventh avenue, and these two to Sixth avenue. What did Bessie Gordon do? She was with them. Did she do anything? No, she was with them. Did she have hold of you? Yes, the whole four of them had hold of me, I couldn't move. They grabbed me from behind, the first thing I knew I could not move. Did any one get hold of you from the front? No; when I got loose they all separated. Where were they when they were arrested? They had me up against the railing when the officer came. They had their hands on you? Yes. They got about \$13.00, altogether? Yes; they got \$13.00 of the Boss's money, and some quarters which belonged to me.

CROSS EXAMINATION:

This money belonged to the man that you worked for? Yes, Jacobs Brothers; I collected it. You placed this money in

the lower part of your fob pocket? The same money I had down here; that was the last money I got, and, therefore, it must have been on top. What time did you leave Jacobs Brothers place? Ten minutes to eleven. What time did you say this thing occurred? Between eleven and twelve. What were you doing from 10 minutes to 11? Delivering my one package; I had to take it over in 17 Greenwich avenue, near Jefferson Market court. You were returning from Greenwich avenue back to Jacobs Brothers store? No, I took the car, I was going to 21st street; I was between Seventh and Eighth avenue; I delivered my suit. Where is the place you were working at? 229 Broadway, near Barclay street. You delivered the Greenwich avenue package first? Yes, and got my money and put it in my pocket; I took the Sixth avenue car up, and got out at 21st street. Where did you meet these women? I was tackled suddenly, in 21st street, between Sixth and Seventh avenues. Which one of the women took hold of you first? I could not tell which one tackled me first; they grabbed me; I say Mamie Thompson's hand was the hand I grabbed; I can't tell which one grabbed me first. The one who took my money, I had by the wrist, and the money was in it; and when she opened it it went from one hand to another. You say some one took the money out of her hand? Yes, the other woman; she ain't here; she returned me the money, and she called me a bad name, took. When the officer came up, didn't he take this woman first? I don't remember it; when the officer came up, they had me against the railing, I was too excited, I don't remember. All I know is, when the officer came, they had me by the railing. Had you been drinking any that night? No, I had been drinking nothing at all;

1 had a glass of beer with my supper? You did not drink more than one glass of beer? No, not at all.

JAMES M. MONAHAN, sworn and examined, testified:

You are a police officer, connected with the Municipal Police force of this city? Yes, and attached to the 19th precinct. That includes the place in which this alleged crime is said to have been committed? Yes. On the night of the 27th of May, of this year, did your post include this place in 21st street, between Sixth and Seventh avenues? No, it is right off my post, which was on Seventh avenue from 20th to 26th streets. It was you who placed these defendants under arrest; was it not? Yes. Tell what it was that first attracted your attention to the fight? I started to go down on my post, and when I got pretty near 21st street I heard a cry for police. I then started again, thinking it was on the other side of the avenue, in the 16th precinct. I again heard the cry for police; I looked up and saw a crowd; I started to run; the crowd was up on 21st street, very near the center of the block. Did you see the complainant there at that time? Yes. Did he prefer any charge against anybody? Yes. In consequence of what he said to you, did you place anybody under arrest? Yes; they all broke away when I got up; of course they had seen me coming. There was a lot of ladies and gentlemen sitting on the stoop above. How many were right around about him? There was only four, and the complainant. The two prisoners were two of the four women who surrounded this complainant; that you are positive of? Yes. Whereabouts were they at the time you arrested them? They were going up Sixth avenue.

I said to the complainant, "Which is the one who took this money from you?" He said, "Four of them." Then I turned around and got the other two; at the same time, those two had started off; he was so excited I could not get a story out of him. I told him to be careful, and not to talk so quick, but point them out to me. I said, "Are these the parties that robbed you, and stuck their hands in your pocket?" I was talking to the other two when these two walked off; I was the only officer there. He said, "They are the ones who held me, but the one who put her hand in my pocket there she goes up Sixth avenue." I said to some gentleman, "Will you be kind enough to take these two." I followed the other two; they were on a brisk walk up towards Sixth avenue; I caught up to them, and placed them under arrest. The complainant came alongside and said, "That is the one who placed her hand in my pocket;" Mary Thompson, she said, "I ain't got your money." I said, "You are under arrest, and you will have to explain that to the court." I brought them up towards Sixth avenue, and on the way I met Officer McNally. Mary Thompson was a little unruly; I supposed she had the money, and she was all the time trying to attract the attention of some other colored man; she called one colored man over, I thought she was going to hand him the money; she got a little abusive. We got her up to the station house as quietly as we could. She told the matron, in the cell, that the other people had the money; I didn't hear her say so. She was searched when she was taken to the station house, and they didn't get the money on her. With regard to Bessie Gordon; at the time she was put under arrest, what did she say? She said she was going about her business, and she

had nothing to do with it. Does Officer McNally know anything about this case? No.

The People rest.

THE CASE FOR THE DEFENCE.

BESSIE GORDON, sworn and examined, testified:

I live at 112 East 26th street, and remember the night of this occurrence. Did you take this \$15.00, or have anything to do with its taking? No, I had nothing to do with it whatever; I was going through the street at the time, and I was tackled by two women who stopped to talk, and at the same time I heard a cry for money. So I still stood there, I didn't pay any attention to it, as I was not interested in it; I had nothing to do with it; I hadn't been near the man, and hadn't seen him, and knew nothing of him; so he kept shouting on, "Now, if you don't give me my money back I will have you all arrested." At that time I went on and walked up the street, and no one said anything to me. He came out and halloed, and he says, "Police! Police!" It was quite a while before the officer came; there was a great crowd on the street; I walked down Sixth avenue; so when the officer came, he had the other two women; they gave him some talk, and he left them together. He sent a crowd of boys to run and overtake us and head us off; I didn't undertake to get away in any instance whatever. I knew nothing about the man, had never seen him before, and had never been near him. Were you near him when this \$15.00 was taken from him? No, I was not. Did you see any one take \$15.00 from him? No. How near did you get to him at any time? I was not nearer to him than five feet.

## CROSS EXAMINATION:

My business is cooking, but I am not cooking just now; the place where I worked, my madam has been dead three weeks. From the 6th to the 27th of May I was not doing any thing particularly. I am married, but I do not live with my husband; I live with a man, I can't recollect his name just now, I live in Johnny James's house. Very seldom I do anything else except cooking. What were you doing, between 11 and 12 o'clock on that night, in 21st street, between Sixth and Seventh avenues? I had been down to 132 West 19th street, and the parties were not home, and I came back, on my way home. How long before that had you left your home in 26th street, to go down to 19th street? I left home about an hour or more before; I went down alone and came back alone. I have known Mary Thompson about a month before the arrest; she lives in 30th street, near Seventh avenue. I met her and the other two women in 21st street; when I first became acquainted with her I met her in 21st street and Seventh avenue, it is a tenement house; I was up there to see a lady friend of mine, Miss Bell Walker; I don't know Mary Thompson's business. The names of the other two women I met on the night the stuff was taken are Mary Ford and Silver Linen; I don't know where they live; they were not particular friends of mine, I merely knew the people. You say Mary Thompson, Silver Linen, and Mary Ford, all three of them, were around this young fellow? No, I beg your pardon; they were not; I didn't see Mary Thompson at all until after the man had cried for his money. How far were the other two from him? They were standing, it might have been five or six yards, and he was hallooing for his money. Did you



go and tell anybody about it, or did you call any one's attention to it? No, I did not; I then went away, alone. Weren't you walking with Mary Thompson at the time you were arrested? No, I was walking a little way from her. How often have you been arrested and convicted before? I have never been convicted; I have never been arrested for taking anything from anybody in my life. Weren't you convicted of something else, haven't you been sent away on another charge? Yes, I was sent away for keeping a furnished house; I was taken from my sick bed on the 20th of January. I went to the island, and I stayed there, with the small-pox, seven weeks; I was sent away for ten days; I was cooking in this house.

MARY THOMPSON, sworn, and examined, testified:

I live in 30th street. Did you take this man's fifteen dollars? No, I didn't take it, I am innocent of it. He says that you put your hand into his little pocket and took fifteen dollars, and he grabbed you by the hand and somebody took the money out of your hand? No, I didn't; that is wrong; I don't know anything about the man. When I was going up through 25th street I heard a cry of police, and I didn't know anything about the man. He had two other women and he let them go. When he saw us coming along, he grabbed hold of his side and said I took \$15.00, but I didn't know anything about it.

CROSS EXAMINATION:

I have been living with my mother; I left her about a month ago; I have been living with my aunt, in 258 West 30th street. I haven't been working; I work out, but I have been

sick. As matter of fact, haven't you been a woman on the town? No. The night I was arrested I went down with the previous witness, from my aunt's house. We walked through 21st street, from Seventh avenue towards Sixth, and we heard this crying of the man about his money. There was quite a crowd of people; Bessie walked up the street and Mary Ford and Silver Linen was there, but I was not with them. . I do not know where Mary Ford lives, but Silver Linen lives up in Harlem. I knew Bessie about a month before this; I became acquainted with her in 26th street, near Seventh avenue, in Bell Walker's house; she is a married woman. I never was arrested or convicted in my life. I didn't help to take the money. The police matron searched me, but she didn't have anything to say to me, only she brought me something to eat. I didn't notify the police, or call anybody's attention to this stealing. I was standing when the policeman arrested me; he grabbed hold of me.

The Jury rendered a verdict of GUILTY of ROBBERY in the FIRST DEGREE.

The defendants were sent to the State Prison for Women, at Auburn, for eight years.

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Testimony in the case  
of  
Mary Thompson and  
Bessie Gunders

Filed June 1993  
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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

*Mary Thompson*  
and  
*Bessie Gordon*

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

*Mary Thompson and Bessie Gordon*  
of the CRIME OF ROBBERY in the *first* degree, committed as follows:

The said *Mary Thompson and Bessie Gordon, both*

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the *twenty seventh* day of *May* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-*three*, in the ~~time of the said day~~ at the City and County aforesaid, with force and arms, in and upon one *Charles Baumann* in the peace of the said People then and there being, feloniously did make an assault; and

*the sum of fifteen dollars in money, lawful money of the United States of America, and of the value of fifteen dollars*

of the goods, chattels and personal property of the said *Charles Baumann* from the person of the said *Charles Baumann* against the will and by violence to the person of the said *Charles Baumann* then and there violently and feloniously did rob, steal, take and carry away, *the said Mary Thompson and Bessie Gordon* and each of them, being then and there aided by an accomplice actually present, to wit: each by the other, and also by two certain other persons to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown

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.

*De Laurey Neill,*  
District Attorney.

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**BOX:**

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**FOLDER:**

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**DESCRIPTION:**

Thompson, Walter M.

**DATE:**

06/01/93



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Witnesses:

*James Whittrando*

Counsel,

Filed

Pleads,

day of *June* 189*3*

THE PEOPLE

vs.

*Walter M. Thompson*

*Grand Larceny, Second Degree.*  
[Sections 528, 531, Penal Code.]

DE LANCEY NICOLL,  
District Attorney.

A TRUE BILL.

*John H. Smith*  
Foreman.  
*James H. [unclear]*  
*Heads of [unclear]*  
*Amun [unclear]*

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Police Court 2 District.

Affidavit—Larceny.

City and County }  
of New York, } ss:

James Whiteside  
of No. 96 Spring Street, aged 50 years,  
occupation Merchant being duly sworn,  
deposes and says, that on the 19 day of May 1893 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:

A quantity of silk yarn of the amount  
and value of thirty dollars

(\$30<sup>no</sup> 100)

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 Walter M. Thompson  
(now here) from the following facts to wit: that  
said defendant was in the employ of deponent  
as a shipping clerk, and by virtue of said  
employment had access to and the handling  
of the aforesaid property, and that the defendant  
after being advised of his rights, admitted and  
confessed in open Court to deponent in presence  
of Officer William Browne of the 8<sup>th</sup> Precinct  
Police, that he had taken, stolen and carried  
away the aforesaid property, and that he had  
sold and disposed of the same. Deponent  
therefore asks that the defendant may be  
held to answer

James Whiteside

Sworn to before me this

of

1893

John M. W. Justice,  
Police Justice.

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CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

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aged \_\_\_\_\_ years, occupation \_\_\_\_\_ of No. \_\_\_\_\_

*1st Precinct Police*

*William Browne*  
*Police Officer*

Street, being duly sworn, deposes and

says, that he has heard read the foregoing affidavit of *James Whiteside*

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

Sworn to before me, this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_ 189 \_\_\_\_\_

*26*  
*May*

*William Browne*

*John H. Woodhull*

Police Justice.



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Sec. 198—200.

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District Police Court.

1882

City and County of New York, ss:

*Walter M. Thompson* 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 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. *Walter M. Thompson.*

Question. How old are you?

Answer. *21 years.*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. *New York*

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

Answer. *415 East 82 Street; 3 Weeks*

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 guilty.**Walter M. Thompson.*

Taken before me this

day of

189

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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 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, May 26 1893 John B. [Signature] Police Justice.

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

Dated, \_\_\_\_\_ 189 \_\_\_\_\_ Police Justice.

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

Dated, \_\_\_\_\_ 189 \_\_\_\_\_ Police Justice.

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Police Court--- 2 District. 585

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OFJames Whiteside  
96 1/2 Stuyvesant  
Walter M. Thompson

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Dated, May 26 1897

Barnum + Clarke Magistrate.

Witnesses Stanislas Cochran Officer.

No. 157 Remington Street.

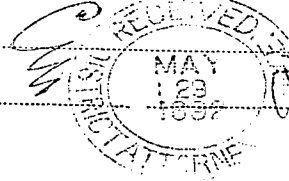
David Kuraner Precinct.

No. 2059-2 Avenue Street.

Call Officer.

No. 1000 to answer

\$ 1000



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

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

*against*

*Walter M. Thompson*

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

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

The said

*Walter M. Thompson*

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the *19th*  
day of *May* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and  
ninety-*three*, at the City and County aforesaid, with force and arms,

*a quantity of silk yarn, (a more  
particular description whereof is to  
the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown,  
of the value of thirty dollars*

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one

*James Whiteside*

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.

*De Lancey Nicoll*  
*District Attorney*

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**BOX:**

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**FOLDER:**

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**DESCRIPTION:**

Tracy, Ethel

**DATE:**

06/07/93



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**BOX:**

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**FOLDER:**

4792

**DESCRIPTION:**

Matthews, Stella

**DATE:**

06/07/93



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Witness:

*J. C. Clark*

Counsel,  
Filed *7* day of *June* 189*3*  
Pleaded *Magnolia*

Grand Larceny, (From the Person),  
[Sections 228, 229, Penal Code.]

THE PEOPLE

vs.

*Ethel Tracy*  
and *X*

*Stella Matthews*  
*June 15/93*

*Sub. DE LANCEY NICOLL,*  
*Spred geyeped*  
*Mr. J. C. Clark*

A TRUE BILL.

*Kerry O'Leary*  
Foreman

*John J. [Signature]*

*I am now of the age of 18 years and am the daughter of Ethel Tracy, I want to defend and Stella Matthews can be convicted, I ask that as to the Stella Matthews in indictment be dismissed June 15-1893 J. C. Clark  
Dep. District Attorney*

Police Court— 3 —District. 1912

Affidavit—Larceny.  
City and County }  
of New York, } ss.  
of No. 235 East 114 Street, aged 31 years.  
occupation Plasterer being duly sworn,  
deposes and says, that on the 28 day of May 1893 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 night time, the following property, viz:

Twenty-three Dollars, food and lawful  
money of the United States  
\$23.00  
23/100

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  
from the person in possession of Charles Tracy and Stella Matthews  
and carried away by both now here acting in concert, from the fact  
that on the aforesaid date deponent had the  
aforesaid sum of money in the right-hand pocket  
of his vest when he was accosted by the  
above-named defendants: that the defendant  
Tracy put her hand in deponent's pocket and  
abstracted the said money and both defendants  
then ran away: Wherefore deponent charges  
the defendants with having while acting in  
concert feloniously stolen said property and  
prays that they may be dealt with as the  
law directs.

John J. Clair  
John J. Clair

Sworn to before me this  
of May 1893  
Police Justice:



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City and County of New York, ss:

*Ethel Tracy* 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 a 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.

*Ethel Tracy*

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

*27 years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

*U.S.*

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

Answer.

*54-11 Avenue -*

*3 years*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.

*Housewife*

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 -*

*Ethel Tracy*

Taken before me this

day of *May* 1893

*August 1893*

Police Justice.

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Sec. 198-200.

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District Police Court.

City and County of New York, ss:

Stella Matthews 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 a 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. Stella Matthews

Question. How old are you?

Answer. 21 years

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. N.Y.

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

Answer. 206 E 11 St. 5 years

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. Saladady

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.

Stella Matthews

Taken before me this

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New

York

Police

Justice.

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

Dated, May 26 1893 John R. [Signature] Police Justice.

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

Dated, \_\_\_\_\_ 189 \_\_\_\_\_ Police Justice.

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

Dated, \_\_\_\_\_ 189 \_\_\_\_\_ Police Justice.

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Police Court---

588 District.

THE PEOPLE

ON THE COMPLAINT OF

*William B. Miller*  
*235 St. 114th*  
*Ethel Tracy*  
*Stella Matthews*

*officer from the person*

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Dated, *May 28* 189*3*

*Koch* Magistrate.

*Mallon* Officer.

*14* Precinct.

Witnesses

No. Street.

No. Street.

No. Street.

\$ *1000* to answer *G. S.*

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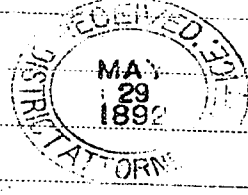
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No. 4, by

Residence Street.



# Court of General Sessions of the Peace

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

against

*Ethel Tracy and  
Stella Matthews*

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

*Ethel Tracy and Stella Matthews*  
of the CRIME OF GRAND LARCENY in the *first* degree, committed as follows:

The said *Ethel Tracy and Stella Matthews*, both

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the *28th*  
day of *May* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and  
ninety-*three*, in the night-time of the said day, at the City and County aforesaid,  
with force and arms,

*the sum of twenty-three dollars  
in money, lawful money of the  
United States of America, and of the  
value of twenty-three dollars.*

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one *John J. Blair* -  
on the person of the said *John J. Blair*  
then and there being found, from the person of the said *John J. Blair*  
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.

*De Lancey McCall  
District Attorney*