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**FOLDER:**

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**DESCRIPTION:**

Connolly, Dennis

**DATE:**

07/14/91



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Witnesses;

*Left [unclear]  
from [unclear]*

*[Signature]*

Counsel,

Filed *14* day of *July* 188*9*

Pleads, *Not Guilty (10)*

Grand Larceny, *1st* Degree.  
(From the Person.)  
[Sections 528, 530 Pennl Code.]

THE PEOPLE

vs.

*Dennis Connolly*  
N.D.

*John R. Fellows*  
District Attorney.

A True Bill.

*Subscribed & Sworn*  
*July 20, 1891* Foreman  
*Pleasds C.S. 2d*  
*[Signature]*

*100-75 #75*

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Police Court 1- District.

Affidavit—Larceny.

City and County } ss:  
of New York,

of No. 158 Park Row Street, aged 60 years,  
occupation Machinist being duly sworn,  
deposes and says, that on the 7 day of July 1891 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:

Good and lawful money consisting of divers  
bills and silver coin all of the value  
of seven dollars <sup>and</sup> twenty five  
cents

\$7.75  
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the property of deponent

and that this deponent  
has a probable cause to suspect, and does suspect, that the said property was feloniously taken, stolen and  
carried away by James Connelly (pen name)

Deponent says that about the hour of 12-  
15 a. m. on said date he was sitting  
down at a table eating when said  
defendant came in and took the  
aforesaid money from the inside pocket  
of the vest then and there worn by him  
and ran away. Deponent says he  
met said defendant in said place  
at 5.10 a. m. thereafter and demanded  
the aforesaid money and he said defendant  
struck him a violent blow on the face  
with his fist. Deponent further says that the  
aforesaid act was committed in the Restaurant  
No 39 Mulberry Street James Moloney

Sworn to before me this

of July 1891

John J. Conroy Police Justice.

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Sec. 198-200.

District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

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

Question. What is your name?

Answer.

*Dennis Connolly*

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

*26 years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

*U S*

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

Answer.

*318 Stanton St 7 years*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.

*Furman*

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  
Dennis Connolly.*

Taken before me this

day of *July*

1891

*Paul P. ...*

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

Dated July 7 1891 De J. C. Murray Police Justice.

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

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ 18 \_\_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_ 18 \_\_\_\_\_ Police Justice.

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Police Court District.

THE PEOPLE &  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

*James Maloney*  
*158 Park Row*  
*James Connolly*

*Offence*  
*Arrested*  
*James Connolly*

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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 *July 7* 19*91*

*B. O. Reilly* Magistrate.

*Liston* Officer.

*6* Precinct.

Witnesses

*Complainant committed*  
*to the care of Detention in*  
*default of \$15.00 to testify*

No. *1500* to answer



*Committed* *gk*  
*Person*

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CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, ss.

POLICE COURT, 1 DISTRICT.

of the 6th Precinct Police Street, aged years, occupation being duly sworn deposes and says, that on the day of 188

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

the within named Complainant is a necessary and material witness against James Maloney charged with a felony

Deponent says that said Complainant has no permanent place of abode and asks that he give surety for his appearance to testify

James E. Lister

Sworn to before me, this

of

1889

day

Police Justice

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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

Dennis Connolly

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

Dennis Connolly of the CRIME OF GRAND LARCENY in the first degree, committed as follows:

The said Dennis Connolly

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the seventh day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine, in the night - time of the said day, at the City and County aforesaid, with force and arms.

\$7.25 one promissory note for the payment of money of the kind commonly called United States Treasury Notes, of the denomination and value of five dollars; one promissory note for the payment of money of the kind commonly called Bank Notes, of the denomination and value of five dollars; one United States Gold Certificate, of the denomination and value of five dollars; one United States Silver Certificate, of the denomination and value of five dollars.

two promissory notes for the payment of money of the kind commonly called United States Treasury Notes, of the denomination and value of two dollars each; two promissory notes for the payment of money of the kind commonly called Bank Notes, of the denomination and value of two dollars each; two United States Gold Certificates, of the denomination and value of two dollars each; two United States Silver Certificates, of the denomination and value of two dollars each.

five promissory notes for the payment of money, of the kind commonly called United States Treasury Notes, of the denomination and value of one dollar each; five promissory notes for the payment of money of the kind commonly called Bank Notes, of the denomination and value of one dollar each; five United States Gold Certificates, of the denomination and value of one dollar each; five United States Silver Certificates, of the denomination and value of one dollar each.

diverse coins of a number, kind and denomination to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown, of the value of seven dollars and seventy-five cents, of the goods, chattels and personal property of one James Maloney on the person of the said James Maloney then and there being found, from the person of the said James Maloney 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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Connors, Edward

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Murphy, Mortimer

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Bronsfeld, William

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POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL

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No. 734

Counsel,

E. E. Pined

Filed

14 day of July 1891

Plead,

Not Guilty (10)

[Sections 224 and 22 R. Penal Code].

THE PEOPLE

vs.  
30 Oak  
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Edward Comors

Edward Comors

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and  
Wesley Brownfield

H. D.

DeLooney Nicole

JOHN R. FELLOWS

July 22, 1891 District Attorney.

#2 & #3 tried and

#3 convicted Rob. 1 dg.

#2 acquitted

A True Bill

Richard J. Collins Foreman.

July 15, 1891-

Net. Pleads - Robbery 2<sup>d</sup> deg.

7/14/91  
10/4/91  
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10/4/91

Witnesses:

Court of General Session.  
City + County of New York.

The People  
vs.  
William Bransfield. } Robbery.

City + County of New York ss.

Ellen Lee, of number 24 James Street, New York City, being duly sworn, says, I am a married woman, and have resided with my husband at 24 James Street for the past sixteen years and am residing there now. That I am well acquainted with William Bransfield, and have been so acquainted for at least ten years.

That during six or seven of those years, he boarded with my husband and myself, that he left our house as a boarder, about one year ago, but was a frequent visitor at my house until his arrest upon the charge of which he now stands convicted. He was always considered an honest and a hard working man, was prompt in his payment of board, and is regarded in our neighborhood as a man of good character.

Ellen Lee

Sworn to before me

This 31. day of July 1897

~~John J. [unclear]~~  
J. J. Waldheims

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The  
No

William Bramfield.

Robbery.

Applicant of

Mr Ellen Lee.

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New York

July 30<sup>th</sup>  
1891

William Bransford has  
worked for me off and on for the past  
few years on board of my Steamer  
and has always been a sober and honest  
man when working for me. I never  
heard of his being arrested before for any  
offence.

Capt E. A. Cump

Stmr C. B. Beck

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TORN PAGE

VI.

STATE OF NEW YORK.  
Executive Chamber,  
ALBANY.

July 11. 1894

Sir:

Application for Executive clemency having been made on behalf of  
*William Bronsfield* who was convicted of *robbery 1st deg*  
in the county of *New York* and sentenced *July 31. 1891*  
to imprisonment in the *State Prison* for the term of  
*ten years & six months* I am directed by the Governor  
respectfully to request that, in pursuance of Section 695 of the  
Code of Criminal Procedure, you will forward to him a concise state-  
ment of the facts of the case, together with your opinion of the  
merits of the application.

It is particularly requested that each letter of inquiry from  
the Executive Chamber should be separately answered.

Very respectfully yours,

*J. S. Williams*  
Private Secretary.

*Hon. John R. Fellows*  
*District Attorney*  
*New York City*

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TORN PAGE

Sept. 21  
Sent for  
Saw off

Bronsfeld



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District Attorney's Office,

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

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Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> 1894.

CAPTAIN OR OFFICER IN COMMAND.

Dear Sir:

I desire to see Officer Williamson  
<sup>113 Ex 3 Army</sup> attached to your command in  
July 9<sup>th</sup> in relation to the case of  
William Bronsfield  
sentenced July 22<sup>nd</sup> 1894 to 10  
years and 6 months imprisonment by  
Recorder Smyth

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.

THE PEOPLE

vs.

MORTIMER MURPHY,  
and  
WILLIAM BRONSFIELD.

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS, PART I.

BEFORE RECORDER SMYTH.

July 22, 1891.

Jointly indicted with EDWARD CONNORS for robbery in  
the first degree.

PATRICK O'MALLEY, sworn and examined.

I am in the House of Detention now, I live in Newport, N.H., my business is traveling selling linens, I came here to buy some goods, I am a peddler; I arrived in New York on the 3rd of July, Friday evening before the 4th; I stopped on the 4th, 5th and 6th of July in a hotel on the Bowery, I think it is called the Alabama House but I aint certain. Where were you on or about nine o'clock in the evening of the 7th of July? I could not tell because I do not know the names of the streets, I was going along the walk and I met a man on the street, I do not know what street it was, I recognized him as a man I knew in New Hampshire; we proposed to go in and get a glass of beer; I had a drink in there. After you had a drink did you see anybody in the store? I did. I saw the two defendants in there, Murphy and Bronsfield, Edward Connors came in.

Bronsfield spoke to me; the man who was with me spoke, we had a glass of beer; somebody spoke about going into the little room to play a game of cards and I consented to go; the man who was with me sat at the end of the table; we were playing cards perhaps about twenty minutes or half an hour, Bronsfield and I were partners and we played against Connors and Murphy. After we got through a musician came

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in, I did not pay any attention to what kind of an instrument he had but I heard the music. HE was behind my back; they got up after playing one game and asked me to dance; I told them I did not know how to dance especially that kind of dance; I did not want to dance but I was compelled to get up. One of the men merely took me by the arm and I think the rest helped him. I had a silver open faced watch worth about ten dollars and about two dollars in money; the chain was in my buttonhole. I thought they were only fooling, dancing; they crowded me up in the corner, I tried to resist and keep them away; they crowded me up and each of them was making for the watch. Bronsfield choked me, he put his hand about my neck so I could not holler, I resisted as much as I could, I was afraid they would kill me, I let my arm go and broke loose, I could not tell which of them took it. I could not say that they said anything to me when they held me by the throat. There was nobody in the room but these men; they broke the chain and took the watch. After they got your watch away from you what was the next thing happened? I went away to the bar and these two were there, Bronsfield and the other man and the man who was with me stated it was a shame after my treating them to rob me of my watch and he hauled off and hit the man; the other man went out; I went out to see if I would see an officer, I came back again, I did not know what to do, they walked out and as I was going out of the door I met this officer and told him and he arrested these two men; I said, "they are after taking my watch." Then Bronsfield told the officer that the other man who was

across from there, Connors I think, was the man who took the watch. The officer went and arrested him, Connors, and took the watch out of his pocket on the sidewalk, I saw it in the officer's hand when he took it from Connors.

CROSS EXAMINED.

I had only from \$1.75 to \$2.50 on my person, I had lots of money with me to purchase goods but had not it on me. I sent for money since I have arrived here. I had been drinking this night but I was not drunk. I had perhaps five or six glasses of beer that day. This is my signature on the paper now shown me, the examination in the Police court. I don't know the man who said it was a shame for the men to take my watch. I never saw him before.

FREDERICK WILLIAMSON, sworn and examined.

I am an officer of the 7th precinct and arrested the three defendants on the complaint of O'Malley, I arrested two in Cherry Street in the liquor store 122, and I arrested another in Catherine Street about half past nine in the evening, I arrested Bronsfield and Murphy in Cherry Street; there must have been ten or fifteen other people in the store; the complainant was in the street and at his request I went inside, he was flushed and said he had been robbed, I noticed that a part of his watch chain was hanging from his vest. I searched both of the defendants and found nothing with them, Bronsfield said he knew who had the watch he said a man named Wallace or something like that, he said it was a nickname that Connors had, the man whom I arrested on the corner of Madison and Catherine Streets, I arrested

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Connors twenty minutes later on, I searched him and found an open faced silver watch, the complainant said it was his watch. Connors told two different tales concerning the watch. I asked him where did he get that watch and he said, "I have had that watch about a week", and in the station house he said he bought it that night for a dollar.

CROSS EXAMINED.

When I went into the store I found one of the defendants in the back room and the other was in the bar-room.

The complainant said to me, "I think some of the men are inside that robbed me." I says, "you go in and if you see any of these people that robbed you, point them out to me."

He went in the back room first and passed along; he picked out this man Bronsfield, he looked around the room and said, "I do not see any of the rest of them here." I says, "probably they are out in the bar-room." I sent my probation man around and made all hands go in the back room and after they had assembled in there the complainant went around and he picked out Murphy. The complainant might have been drinking but he was not intoxicated. I know Bronsfield by sight.

WILLIAM BARRY, sworn and examined for the Defence, testified:

I live at 30 Greenwich Street and am a foreman of freight handling, I know the defendant Murphy about a year and a half, he has worked for me, he was correct, honest and sober.

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MORTIMER MURPHY, sworn and examined.

I live at 32 Cherry Street and am a 'longshoreman and have worked around the docks in New York about seven years. I have never been arrested for drunkenness, fighting or anything else, this is the first time I have ever been in Court on any charge. I was not in the back room of this store playing cards, I was standing out in the bar-room. (I had been working that day on the steamboat Waterbury. I went into this place about four o'clock in the evening, I never saw the complainant until he got me arrested, I saw no watch or anything taken, I saw the watch in the Station House and that is all I know about it.

CROSS EXAMINED.

I was working on the steamboat Waterbury running to Bridgeport from Pier 35.

I left the steamboat about ten o'clock in the morning and went up Catherine Street, I live at 32 Cherry Street, I went into the liquor store 322 kept by Mr. Moran, I did not leave there until I got arrested about this watch. Where were you before you went to 122 Cherry Street on that day, the 7th of July? I was standing out on the corner talking to a couple of 'longshoremen, we went in to Moran's and had a few drinks, I had a couple of glasses of beer along with some friends, I was standing at the bar when that man made a charge against me that I took his watch, I cannot exactly remember how many drinks I had, probably less than a dozen, I was only out about an hour and I and my friend returned again about half past seven o'clock. I was arrested with Bronsfield, I went in the back room and came out again, I went into the water-closet and came out, it is between the bar-room and the room. There are tables in the back room

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where the frequenters of the house play cards. Did you see anybody play cards? I didn't take any notice. How many people were in that back room? Something about twenty or twenty-five. What were they doing? They were in there amusing themselves singing. You saw no cards being played there at all? NO. How large a room is that back room? It is a pretty large room, it is about twelve feet long and I should say about six feet wide. How many tables are there in that room? There is only one. And there were about twenty-five people in that room twelve feet long and six feet wide? There was forms in there to sit down, I did not exactly count how many was in the house, they were in and out of the room. Where did you meet Bronsfield on that day? I met him right after leaving the boat, about ten o'clock. He was with you all that day, was he not? No, he was not. Where did he leave you that day? He left me when I went down to get my money, there was some money coming to me, I told him I would meet him at four o'clock and we would have a few beers, I left him at ten o'clock in the morning. You met him again at four o'clock in the afternoon? Yes sir. So that you were not with him all day? No. Did you see O'Malley, the complainant, in there at all? I did not until he got me arrested. That was the first time that you saw him? That was the first time I saw the man. He came inside and identified you, didn't he, and he said that you were one of the men who robbed him? Yes sir. Did you see Connors there? No, I did not see Connors there at the time. Did not you see Connors there that evening? I saw him in there in the evening but I did not see him that day, he was in there about six o'clock. Did you see him in there at

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all about nine o'clock? Yes sir, he was in there about nine, he was not there the time I was arrested. He had been there a little while before you were arrested? Yes. How long have you known Connors? I know him very near twelve months. What does Connors work at? He works laboring work generally, 'longshoreman. Did you hear Bronsfield say to the officer when you were arrested that Connors had the watch? No sir, I did not because we were not together. Did you hear Bronsfield say that a man by the name of Wallace had the watch? I did not. Were you with Bronsfield all the time after the officer came in and put you both under arrest? I was not, I walked behind him up to the Station House; there was another officer there but I don't know his name. I told him I had nothing to do with it and I walked after them to the Station House. Did you see a fight or a scuffle inside the room, in the liquor store? No sir, I did not. You heard no noise at all in there? No. Did you see a crowd around the complainant? No, I did not. Did you see a man go out of the place with his watch chain broken? I seen him when he came in with the officer with the watch chain broken. Did you see him go out? No, I did not. Did you see any man strike another man at the bar? No. Did you hear any man say, "that is not the way to use a man that comes into your place"? I did not. You were in there from what time did you state? I was in two or three times during the evening, I went in at four o'clock and came out. During the whole time you were in there you heard no scuffle, no angry words interchanged and saw nobody struck? No, I saw nobody struck there.

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WILLIAM BRONSFIELD, sworn and examined.

I live at 24 James Street in this city and lived in New York city sixteen years, I have been working as a long shore an on steam lighters, I have never been arrested before and never have been inside the walls of a Court House before. You have heard the statement of the complainant here against you, that you saw him in the place and asked him to play cards with you and you asked him up to dance with you and that you or one of the other defendants here got him by the throat and stole his watch, did you do anything of that kind? No sir. Did you play cards with him? No sir, I did not play a card that evening. I worked down at Pier 20 for Mr. Dalaney; I worked for seven years for Capt. Camp on the City of Springfield and worked for William Hoyt of Brooklyn. He is mistaken when he says that you are the man that helped to rob him? Yes, he is entirely mistaken.

CROSS EXAMINED.

I met Murphy about a quarter past ten on the morning of the 7th of July after getting his money, after knocking off work on the Waterbury; we went around the street and had a few drinks together, we went in three or four places in South Street between Oliver and Catherine Streets, I left him about four o'clock and went up to 24 James Street and had some supper where I live; I met Murphy again about a quarter or half past seven o'clock at Brooks' clothing store corner of Catherine and Cherry Streets; we went into Morans 122 Cherry Street to have a glass of beer, I remained there about an hour and a half, that would bring up a quarter to nine, and I came out again; I went to the corner and was

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speaking to a man named John McVarey<sup>Cafferty</sup> and I met this man that lost the watch going into the liquor store; I was talking with McVarey about an hour; there was another young man with him ~~me~~ by the name of Tom O'Keefe, I could not tell where O'Keefe is now; they went in and stood at the bar and had some drinks, I could not exactly say how many; I picked up paper and was looking at it, I went out and remained out three quarters of an hour or so; they went into the back room it seems, both of them, and as soon as they did I went out into the street. I was talking to a young man named John McCafferty whom I had been talking to early in the evening. He is not here, I thought the trial was coming off to-morrow. There were about twenty or twenty-five people in the back room when I looked into it. I did not observe whether they were playing cards or not, I just looked into the door looking for a particular friend of mine that worked that day with me, his name is Jim Davis. I was arrested in the sitting room of 122 Cherry Street, I went out of there and came back again, O'Malley was in the back room then, I had three glasses of beer at the bar first, I heard no scuffle or fight in the back room, I heard them dancing around the room, I heard nobody express any angry words in there, I heard nobody claim that he had been robbed in there until he came out to the bar, I did not see a man struck in there.

O'Malley did not charge me as being one of the men who robbed him, he came right out to the bar and asked me to have a drink and I had a drink with him, he told me he lost his watch in the back room and he was going out to get an officer to get the people arrested.

The Jury rendered a verdict of guilty of robbery in the first degree.



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CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, } ss.

POLICE COURT, 9 DISTRICT.

Fredrick C. Williamson

of No. 47 1/2th Avenue Street, aged 37 years, occupation Police Officer being duly sworn deposes and says that on the day of 188

at the City of New York in the County of New York Patrick Malley (now here) the Complainant in the annexed case is a non-resident, that is a material witness in a complaint of Robbery against Edward Conroy, Martin Murphy and William Cronfield and there is good reason to believe that said Malley will not appear at the next Court of General Sessions and therefore deponent asks that he be

Sworn to before me this 188 day of Police Justice.

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required to furnish bail for  
his appearance or in default  
be committed to the house of  
detention

Subscribed before me  
this 7th day of July 1891  
John Ryan  
Police Justice

Frederick C. Williams

Police Court-- District.

AFFIDAVIT.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

vs.

Dated..... 188

Magistrate.

Officer.

Witness,

Disposition,

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Police Court District.

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, ss

Patrick O'Malley of No. Newport, New Hampshire Street, Aged 50 Years Occupation Dry Goods being duly sworn, deposes and says, that on the 6 day of July 1887, at the 7 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:

One Open face Silver watch of the value of Ten dollars (\$10.00)

of the value of the property of \$10.00 DOLLARS,

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

Edward Connor, Martin Murphy and William Bransfield and two others not yet arrested for the reason that deponent met each of said defendants in the Legion Saloon at No. 122 Cherry Street at about 9 O'clock on the said date and engaged with the defendants herein named in a game of cards and remained in said saloon for some time drinking in company with said defendant. That subsequently

Sworn to before me, this 1887 Police Justice

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Defendant Pransfield and  
defendant to get up from his seat  
and dance with him whereupon  
each of said defendants grasped  
around defendant and seized  
their hands upon his person  
and immediately thereafter defendant  
missed his watch. Defendant  
is informed by Officer Frederick  
C. Williamson of the 7th Precinct  
that he arrested each of defendants  
and found concealed upon the person  
of defendant Corcoran (number)  
said watch which defendant has  
since seen and identifies as his property.

Wherefore defendant charges each of  
defendants with acting in concert  
with each other and asks that they be held  
to answer and be dealt with as the law  
directs.

Sum to be given  
this 7th day of August 1885

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ 1885  
guilty of the offense within mentioned. I order \_\_\_\_\_ to be discharged.  
Police Justice.

There being no sufficient cause to believe the within named  
Police Justice.

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ 1885  
I have admitted the above named  
to bail to answer by the undertaking hereto annexed.  
Police Justice.

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ 1885  
of the City of New York, until he give such bail.

Hundred Dollars and be committed to the Warden and Keeper of the City Prison  
guilty thereof, I order that he be held to answer the same and he be admitted to bail in the sum of

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

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

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
on the complaint of  
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Offence—ROBBERY.

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ 1885  
Magistrate.  
Officer.  
Clerk.  
Witness,  
No. \_\_\_\_\_ Street,  
No. \_\_\_\_\_ Street,  
No. \_\_\_\_\_ Street,  
§ \_\_\_\_\_ to answer General Sessions.

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CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

aged 37 years, occupation Police Officer of No. 7th Avenue Street, being duly sworn, deposes and

says, that he has heard read the foregoing affidavit of Patrick Malley and that the facts stated therein on information of deponent are true of deponent's own knowledge.

Sworn to before me, this 7 day of July 1890, } Frederick Williamson

John Ryan  
Police Justice.

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Sec. 198-200

3 District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

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

Question. What is your name.

Answer.

*Edward Connor*

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

*37 years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

*Ireland*

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

Answer.

*25 Oak St 4 months*

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*

*Edward Connor*  
*mark*

Taken before me this

day of *April* 188*7*

*John H. Ryan*

Police Justice.

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Sec. 198-200.

District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

*Maximus Murphy* being duly examined before the undersigned according to law, on the annexed charge; and being informed that it is his right to enable him if he see fit to answer the charge against him; that the statement is designed so 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.

*Maximus Murphy*

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

*29 years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

*Delaware*

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

Answer.

*No 32 Cherry St Summit*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.

*Leather shoemaker*

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

Answer.

*I am not guilty*

*Maximus Murphy*  
*sworn*

Taken before me this  
day of *July* 1887

*John P. Taylor*

Police Justice.

0584

Sec. 198-200.

District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

*William Pransfield* 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 Pransfield*

Question. How old are you?

Answer. *27 years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. *Ireland*

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

Answer. *24 James St 7 years*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. *Steamboatman*

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*

*William Pransfield*  
*man*

Taken before me this

day of

*John R. Ryan*  
1887

Police Justice.

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It appearing to me by the within depositions and statements that the crime herein mentioned has been committed, and that there is sufficient cause to believe the within named Edward Corsons, Martinus Murphy, William Pransfield 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 July 7 1891 John Ryan Police Justice.

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

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ 18 \_\_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_ 18 \_\_\_\_\_ Police Justice.

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Police Court 3 District 176

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

*Patrick O'Malley*

vs.

*Edward Curran*  
*William Pauspitz*

Officer *Robert*

BAILED,

No. 1, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street.

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

No. 3, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street.

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

Dated July 7 1891

*Ryan* Magistrate.

*Williamson* Officer.

*get* Precinct.

Witnesses *Said Officer*

No. *Complaint* Street.

*Committed to the*

No. *House of Detention* Street.

as *attorney*

No. *Officer* Precinct

\$ 100 to answer



*DM*

Court of General Sessions of the Peace

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,
against
Edward Romeros,
Mortimer Munday, and
William Bronsfeld

The Grand Jury of the City and County of New York, by this indictment, accuse
Edward Romeros, Mortimer Munday, and William Bronsfeld
of the CRIME OF ROBBERY in the 2nd degree, committed as follows:

The said Edward Romeros, Mortimer Munday and William Bronsfeld, all late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the 12th day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one, in the night time of the said day, at the City and County aforesaid, with force and arms, in and upon one Catharine Smalley, in the peace of the said People, then and there being, feloniously did make an assault, and one watch of the value of ten dollars,

of the goods, chattels and personal property of the said Catharine Smalley, from the person of the said Catharine Smalley, against the will, and by violence to the person of the said Catharine Smalley, then and there violently and feloniously did rob, steal, take and carry away, the said Edward Romeros, Mortimer Munday and William Bronsfeld, and each of them, aiding them and there aided by an accomplice actually present, to wit: each of the other, and did by divers 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.

Edward Romeros
Mortimer Munday
William Bronsfeld
Attorneys

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**DESCRIPTION:**

Cooper, Samuel

**DATE:**

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*No. 89*  
*alter v. New*  
*100 Madison*

Counsel,

Filed *15* day of *July* 18 *91*

Pleads, *Not Guilty*

THE PEOPLE

vs.  
BIGAMY  
(Section 298, Penal Code.)

*R*

*Samuel Cooper*  
*(Kupper)*

*John R. Ellows*  
*John R. Ellows*

District Attorney.

A TRUE BILL.

*Richard L. Cox*

Foreman.

*John R. Ellows*  
*John R. Ellows*

*S. P. one of Sept 1903*

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Court of General Sessions.

In & for the City & County of New York

The people  
vs  
John Kupper.

City & County of New York N.Y.

Martina Kupper being duly sworn deposes & says that she is the Complainant in the above entitled action. That she was married to this defendant and lived with him until three years ago when he came to New York from Galicia to make a living.

That she is the mother of his eight children. That after his departure from Europe she wrote him that she was divorced from him and that she wished nothing further to do with him. That when she learned of his marriage with another woman she complained of him, but is now ready & willing to cohabit & live with him. That she cannot support her children & that she has always found him to be a worthy & honest man. And she therefore prays this Court that he be restored to her to provide for her & her family, for she feels that he will never

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again subject himself to the jurisdiction  
of a criminal Court

Sworn to before me

this 10<sup>th</sup> day of August 1891

by <sup>her</sup> Martha X ~~Handwritten~~  
mark

Maurice B. Bismarck

Clerk of said  
court

Board of General Sessions

In <sup>the</sup> City & County of New York

The people

vs

Sam Keffer

City & County of New York.

Jennie Goldman being duly sworn deposes and says: That she is the witness for the prosecution the above entitled action. That on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of May 1891 she married this defendant, believing, on proof of defendant's divorce from his first wife, that she had a perfect right to do so. That she is ready & willing to give up all claims on said Sam Keffer and relinquish him to his first wife and children.

Deponent further says that she knows this defendant to be a hard working, honest & industrious man and prays the Court for mercy for him. He has, never before done any act contrary to the laws of this State and deponent prays this honorable Court for clemency & leniency for him.

Sworn to before me

this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August 1891

Jennie Goldman  
her Mother

*[Signature]*  
Comptroller of the City

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*Mr. General Lewis*

*People*

*Kupper*

*Byam*

ALTER & WISE  
Attorneys for  
TRACT BUILDING  
20 Nassau Street N. Y.



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Police Court, 3<sup>rd</sup> District.

City and County } ss.  
of New York,

of No. 228 Stanton Street, aged Martha Kupper years,  
occupation Married woman being duly sworn, deposes and says,  
that on the 10 day of July 1891, at the City of New  
York, in the County of New York,

Daniel Kupper (now here) who did unlawfully intermarry and take unto himself a wife he at the time having a wife dependent living, he never having legally procured a divorce in violation of Section 298 of the Penal Code of the State of New York.

For the reasons following to wit: that dependent was married to defendant on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March 1891 at the town of Krupetz Russia Poland by Rabbi Abraham Bensus in a Synagogue as set forth in the annexed certificate of marriage.

Dependent further says that she is informed by Jennie Goldman 16 years of age of no 114 of Hard Street that on the 15<sup>th</sup> days of May 1891 she was married to the defendant in the city of Brooklyn and that her said Jennie's brother Benjamin Goldman of no 114 has the certificate of said marriage wherefore dependent charges said defendant with intermarrying and taking unto himself said Jennie Goldman he well knowing at the time that his wife dependent was alive wherefore dependent prays that said defendant may be dealt with as the law directs.

Sworn to before me this  
10<sup>th</sup> day of July 1891

John Ryan

Martha Kupper  
witness

Police Justice

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CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

aged 19 years, occupation Student of No. 194 Orchard Street, being duly sworn, deposes and

says, that he has heard read the foregoing affidavit of Martha Kupper and that the facts stated therein on information of deponent are true of deponent's own knowledge.

Sworn to before me, this 10 day of July, 1890, by Jessie Goldman

John Ryan Police Justice.

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District Police Court.

Sec. 198-200.

CITY AND COUNTY } ss.  
OF NEW YORK, }

Samuel Kupper 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. Samuel Kupper

Question. How old are you?

Answer. 36 years

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. Germany

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

Answer. 22 of Stanton St one month

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. Sailor

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 I was married to both women

Sam Cooper

Taken before me this

day of

John W. [Signature]  
1887

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 *July 10* 18 *91* *John J. Ryan* Police Justice.

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

Dated.....18.....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.....18.....Police Justice.

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Police Court--- 3908 District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Martha Kupper  
822 8<sup>th</sup> St. Stanton St.  
Samuel Kupper

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Offence

*Argans*

BAILED.

No. 1, by .....

Residence ..... Street.

No. 2, by .....

Residence ..... Street.

No. 3, by .....

Residence ..... Street.

No. 4, by .....

Residence ..... Street.

Dated July 10 1891

*W. H. ...* Magistrate.

*Dwight ...* Officer.

*...* Precinct.

Witnesses *Jennie Goldman*

No. *194 ...* Street.

No. .... Street.

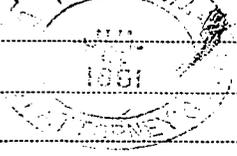
No. .... Street.

No. .... Street.

No. .... Street.

\$ 1000 to answer *...*

*...*



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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

Daniel Rooper

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

Daniel Rooper

of the CRIME OF BIGAMY, committed as follows.

The said Daniel Rooper,

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York, aforesaid, on the 15th day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one, at the town of Westport, in Russia Island, in the Russian Empire,

did marry one Martha Rooper and her,

the said Martha Rooper did then and there have for

his wife; and the said Daniel Rooper,

afterwards to wit: on the 28th day of May, in the year of

our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one, at the City of New York, in the State of New York, did feloniously marry and take as his wife, one Jennie

Edgeman, and to the said Jennie Edgeman,

was then and there married, the said Martha Rooper,

being then living and in full 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.

and afterwards to wit: on the 10th day of July, in the year last aforesaid, the said Daniel Rooper was arrested for the said Bigamy so committed by him as aforesaid, in the City of New York in this County.

JOHN R. FELLOWS,

District Attorney.

D. S. M. Trial  
District Attorney.

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**DESCRIPTION:**

Cosgrove, Joseph

**DATE:**

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Counsel,

Filed

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day of

July 18 91

Pleads,

THE PEOPLE

vs.

Joseph Coegrove

Grand Larceny, 3rd Degree.

[Sections 528, 530, Penal Code].

DE LAUNCEY HULL,

JOHN R. FELLOWS,

District Attorney.

A True Bill.

Richard L. Coll

Prothonotary.

July 9, 1891

Pleas & L. 2 day

2. 8. 1891

Witness:

Joseph Ch. Cook  
James J. Pappas  
Witness: [Signature]

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Police Court

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District.

Affidavit—Larceny.

City and County }  
of New York, } ss:

Jacques Barrocelli

of No. 51 Spring Street, aged 43 years,

occupation Fruit vendor being duly sworn,

deposes and says, that on the 4 day of July 1891 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:

one cloth coat of the value of Four dollars,  
and one cloth vest containing good and lawful  
money of the amount and value of one hundred  
and fifty dollars, and one gold watch  
with plated chain attached of the value  
of Fifteen dollars all of said property  
being of the value of one hundred and  
sixty nine dollars \$169-

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 Joseph Costantino (now here)

Deponent says that about the hour of 12-20  
a.m. he went in the water closet  
and left the door leading into his  
apartment open.

That deponent heard a noise and  
hurried back and saw deponent in  
his apartment. That deponent endeavored  
to catch hold of said deponent but  
was unable to do so. That deponent  
pursued him and he said deponent was  
caught by Patrick J. Callahan of the  
Tenth Precinct Police. Deponent says that  
when he left said room he left the

Sworn to before me this  
13th day of July 1891

Police Justice

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aforesaid property on a chair alongside  
of his bed and on returning said  
property was on the floor about one  
foot away from the chair.

Wherefore defendant charges  
said defendant with feloniously  
taking & stealing and carrying  
away said property as aforesaid  
Tsidoro Borelli

Sworn to before me  
this 4 day of July 1891

Do J. C. Kelly  
Police Justice

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Sec. 195-300.

District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

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

Question. What is your name?

Answer.

*Joseph Cosgrove*

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

*17 years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

*W.S.*

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

Answer.

*440 W 53rd St Three mos*

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*

*Jos. Cosgrove*

Taken before me this

day of

*4*

1891

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

*Joseph Coogran*

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 4 1891 *Jo Joseph Coogran* Police Justice.

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

Dated 18 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 18 Police Justice.

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Police Court 456 District 883

THE PEOPLE &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Guidore Bonelli  
57. Spring St.  
Joseph Casgrue

Offence Carrying  
7. Feb

BAILED.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dated 4 1891

Daniel O'Reilly Magistrate.

P. J. Callahan Officer.

1A Precinct.

Witnesses Officer

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

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

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

\$ 1000 to answer G. S.

Committed

W. H. 1891  
morning



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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

*Joseph Cosgrove*

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

*Joseph Cosgrove*

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

The said

*Joseph Cosgrove*

*Fourteenth Ward of the* late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the *4th* day of *July* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and *ninety-one*, at the *ward* 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 *seventy-five*

*\$150.00*

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 *seventy-five*

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

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

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

*dollars, one coat of the value of four dollars, one vest of the value of two dollars, one watch of the value of fourteen dollars and one chain of the value of one dollar*

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one *Isidore Borelli*, in *the dwelling-house of the said Isidore Borelli, there situated*, 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.

DE LANCEY NICOLL.  
~~JOHN R. FELLOWS~~ District Attorney.

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Craven, John

**DATE:**

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Wm. Lamb & Astor  
Lamb & Osborne  
37 Bankman St

Counsel,  
Filed 1st day of July 1891  
Plends, Not Guilty

THE PEOPLE  
vs.  
John Craven  
[Section 187 of Penal Code.]  
MANSLAUGHTER.

DeSancey McCall  
JOHN R. FELLOWS  
District Attorney.

A True Bill.

Shan. J. [Signature]  
Foreman.  
F. J. Nov. 23. 1891.  
Deeds Manslaughter 2d. 1891  
W. J. [Signature] 30

If witness:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

After having fully examined the  
evidence in the within case  
and being ready to try the same  
the defendant now asks leave  
to withdraw his plea of not  
guilty and enter a plea of  
guilty of manslaughter in  
the second degree. It seems  
of all the facts and circumstances  
I believe the ends of justice  
will be fully satisfied by  
such plea and I recommend  
with the consent of the jury  
the acceptance of the same

Nov. 23 - 1891  
Hampshire Jpm  
W. Aust. West. Atty

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POINTS FOR MR. WELCH.

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Death accidental.

Iron thrown merely to frighten boy.

Defendant in Tombsover 7 months.

Sufficiently punished.

Family relying upon him for support.

He shows a good character.

Never convicted of any other crime.

The boy killed was only 11 years old  
and defendant could not have had malice.

Lamb Osborne & Petty,

Defendant's Attorneys.

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

-----x  
 THE PEOPLE :  
 vs. :  
 JOHN CRAVEN. :  
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City and County of New York, ss:

Martin D. Fink being duly sworn says that he is a member of the firm of Dimock Fink & Co., wholesale ~~dealers~~ dealers in plumber's supplies at 212 East 125th Street City of New York.

That the defendant and other members of the firm had in their employ as driver John Craven from about the 1st day of June 1888 to the 13th day of March 1891.

That the defendant while in such employ was a hard worker; never lost any time; took good care and was considerate to his horses; honest, sober reliable and withal a man of good and kind disposition.

That the defendant is a married man with a family wholly dependent on him for their support.

Sworn to before me this )  
 26<sup>th</sup> day of September 1891.) *Martin D Fink*  
*Anna Anderson*  
*Notary Public*  
*1891*

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

-----X	:
THE PEOPLE,	:
vs.	:
JOHN CRAVEN	:
-----X	:

City and County of New York, ss:

<sup>Eldridge</sup>  
Elliott D. Norton being duly sworn says that he is shipping clerk in the employ of Dimock Fink & Co., wholesale dealers in plumber's supplies at 212 East 125th Street, New York City and has been in such employ since about the 1st day of June 1888.

That he is well acquainted with John Craven, and that during the time of defendant's employ as driver for Dimock Fink & Co., said Craven was honest, sober, reliable, attentive to his work and a man of good character.

Sworn to before me this )  
26 day of September 1891. )

*Eldridge D. Norton*  
*John A. Anderson*  
*Justice Public*  
*(86) NY City*

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

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 THE PEOPLE,                     :  
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City and County of New York, ss:

John W. Dunican stevedore and contractor doing business at 523 East 134th Street being duly sworn says that he has known John Craven for twenty years.

That said Craven was in his employ from the summer of 1877 to the summer of 1882.

That deponent being unable to furnish said Craven with work every day recommended him to Archibald A. Skillman who so employed him.

That as long as deponent has known the defendant and particularly during the time he was in his employ has known him to be kind, quiet, peaceable, reliable and industrious and a man of good character.

Sworn to before me this       )  
26<sup>th</sup> day of September 1891.    )

*Geo. C. Goller (105)*  
*Notary Public*  
*N.Y. Co*

*John W. Dunican*





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

-----x  
THE PEOPLE, :  
vs. :  
JOHN CRAVEN. :  
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City and County of New York, ss:

John Craven being duly sworn says that he ~~ix~~ was born in the City of New York on the 18th day of October 1866. That he has lived here all his life. That at the age of 11 years he went into the employ of John Dunican stevedore and contractor doing business at 523 East 134th Street New York City as a driver, that he worked for said Dunican for five years. That on the recommendation of Mr. Dunican he secured employment with Archibald A. Skillman coal dealer of 124th Street and 2nd Avenue for whom he worked for one year. Mr. Skillman in turn reccomended him to the employ of Charles T. Leonard coal dealer at 136th Street and Madison Avenue with whom he continued to work as driver for a period of five years. Mr. Leonard then secured employment for him at advanced wages with the firm of Dimock Fink & Co., wholesale dealers in plumbers supplies at 212 East 125th Street in whose employ he continued from the 1st of June 1888 until the 13th day of March 1891 the day of his arrest.

That he was married on September 11th 1886 to Annie Condore ~~by whom he has had~~ three children the youngest being

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but 2 months old. That his wife and children are dependent wholly on him for support.

That he has never before been arrested for any crime.

That the circumstances of the assault were as follows:

That the deponent was sent with a load of plumbers supplies to deliver and while in the course of such delivery his attention was directed at 88th Street and Lexington Avenue to the presence of a boy on the rear end of his wagon, that he requested the boy to get off and on the boy's refusal to do so, and not having a whip stopped his team and forcibly removed him, mounting his wagon he again drove on. That the boy again clambered on the wagon and was again forced off. That he put the boy off his wagon several times before reaching 90th Street.

That deponent was anxious to prevent all boys from riding on the said wagon for the reason that in consequence of other boys riding on his wagon he had lost loose articles of plumbing materials such as lead piping, solder, and stop cocks, and on the day of the accident he had valuable plumbing materials on his wagon and deponent was afraid of losing the same, all lost property being chargeable to deponent.

That on the boy's getting on for the sixth time and being told to get off and neglecting and refusing to do so deponent picked up an iron stay rod lying at his feet with the intention of hitting the tail board of the wagon and thereby scaring the boy.

That the rod instead of hitting the tail-board accidentally went a few inches above it and struck the boy in

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back. That deponent threw the iron to the left of the boy, but unluckily as deponent was in the act of throwing it the boy sprang off the wagon and to the left turning his back, the boy being on the ground when the iron struck him. That the boy rode on the wagon by placing his knees on the rear thereof grasping the tail-board with his hands his face being toward the horse.

That the tail-board of the wagon on which the boy was supporting himself was about thirty inches high and distant from the driver's seat by about ten feet and from the rear of the wagon by ~~six~~ inches. That the driver's seat was at an elevation of about four feet from the bottom of the truck.

That deponent although conscious that he is morally innocent has nevertheless been advised by his counsel that he is technically guilty of the crime of manslaughter.

That in view of the peculiar and accidental circumstances of the case he was and is willing to throw himself upon the mercy of the Court and save the County the expenses of a trial.

That deponent has been in prison since the 13th day of March, 1891.

Sworn to before me this 27th:  
- day of November, 1891.:

*John Craven*

*James W. Brinck*  
*Commissioner of Deeds*  
*W. J. Leo*

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

-----x  
THE PEOPLE,  
vs.  
JOHN CRAVEN.  
-----x

City and County of New York, ss:

I, James W. Osborne, attorney and counsellor at law of the State of New York, a member of the firm of Lamb, Osborne & Petty attorneys for the defendants do hereby certify as follows:

That I have made a careful investigation of the facts of the case herein. That I was present at the Coroner's inquest held for the purpose of ascertaining the cause of the death of Arthur Maesel and heard all the evidence presented upon the inquest.

That I have made a careful investigation of the facts sworn to in the annexed affidavit of the defendant.

That I Verily believe that the death of Arthur Maesel was unintentional on the part of the defendant and that the defendant threw the piece of iron causing the death of Arthur Maesel, with the intention of striking the tail-board of the wagon driven by the defendant and thereby of frightening the deceased into getting off and remaining off said wagon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto subscribed my hand this 10<sup>th</sup> day of October 1891.

*James W. Osborne*

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

THE PEOPLE,

vs.

JOHN CRAVEN.

AFFIDAVITS.

LAMB & OSBORNE,  
Attorneys for Defendant,  
5 Beekman Street,  
New York City.

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Prompt attendance is needed  
as the case will be moved the  
first case for trial  
**PART III.**

THE COURT ROOM IS IN THE FIRST STORY.  
If this Subpoena is disobeyed, an attachment will immediately issue.  
Bring this Subpoena with you, and give it to the officer at the Court Room door, that your attendance may be known.  
[SEE OTHER SIDE FOR OTHER DIRECTIONS.]

SUBPOENA FOR A WITNESS TO ATTEND THE GENERAL SESSIONS OF THE PEACE.

In the Name of the People of the State of New York.

To Mr Conway Deputy Coroner  
of No. 153 East Broadway Street N.Y.C.

YOU ARE COMMANDED to appear before the Court of General Sessions of the Peace in and for the City and County of New York, at the Sessions Building, adjoining the New Court House in the City Hall Park, in the City of New York, on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of Nov 1891, at half past ten o'clock in the forenoon of the same day, as a witness in a criminal action prosecuted by the People of the State of New York against

John L...  
Dated at the City of New York, the first Monday of

Nov in the year of our Lord 1891.

DE LANCEY NICOLI, District Attorney.

Autopsy on Body of Boy Arthur Malsch made by J. on March 26<sup>th</sup> 1891

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Hon Judge Fitzgerald  
Your Honor

Hoping that my addressing  
Your Honor is not an intrusion I take the  
liberty of approaching you in reference to  
John Brown - I am the Brother of poor  
Arthur (Mason) whom that man or brute  
killed, and understand that the latter  
(J. B.) is represented to Your Honor as  
being not much less than a noble  
character and not a brute; Your Honor,  
confer on me the favor read the following  
short statement of the facts:

My poor Brother, on his way to school,  
climbs on a truck and tries to steal a  
ride. So many boys do that and it  
happens so often every day to every driver

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That they surely will not throw iron bars at the boys - provided the drivers are men and not brutes.

All the people who witnessed the deed agree that it was a most cruel one, especially so since Arthur was a certain distance (15 feet) from the wagon when that Brown hurled the iron, with such brutal, brutal force as to penetrate his body four inches deep, mashing his hipbone and breaking his spinal column. This is surely not accidental as I am told, Brown, claims it to be.

Why did Brown, when he saw what he had done, not - even for humanity's sake - stay and help the boy; he rather left him with life-blood ebbing away creeping towards the sidewalk, after himself picking up the iron, driving rapidly away - with a "heinous" smile on his face, as one

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of the witnesses, (Mr Solomon Mayer  
testified at the coroners Inquest.

Your Honor, will excuse me for  
writing this letter which my father would  
have taken the liberty to write if he and  
<sup>my mother</sup> were not in such deep grief as to be  
prevented from addressing you personally.

Being convinced that Your Honor  
will understand the motives which  
prompted me, the Brother of poor Catharine  
to approach you with these lines

I remain

Your obedient servant  
Emanuel Maesel

177 West 102<sup>nd</sup> St.  
N.Y.C.

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Coroner's Office,

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

*John Craven* 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—*John Craven*

Question—How old are you?

Answer—*25 years*

Question—Where were you born?

Answer—*New York City*

Question—Where do you live?

Answer—*169 E. 114<sup>th</sup> St*

Question—What is your occupation?

Answer—*Driver*

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

*Not guilty*  
*John Craven*

Taken before me, this *13<sup>th</sup>* day of *April*

*1887*

*H. B. Weaver*

CORONER.

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MEMORANDA.

AGE			PLACE OF NATIVITY	WHERE FOUND	DATE When Reported
11 Years	Months	Days	N.Y. City	66 St Marks Pl	March 26

100. 1125-1891  
HOMICIDE.

AN INQUISTION.

On the VIEW of the BODY of

Arthur Maxwell,

whenever it is found that he came to

his Death by the hands of

John Brown

Request taken on the 13<sup>th</sup> day

of April - 1891

Wm. Lawrence CORONER.

Committed  
 Buried  
 Discharged  
 Date of death



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No. 1125-1891

HOMICIDE.

AN INQUISITION.

On the VIEW of the BODY of

Arthur Maelzel

whereby it is found that he came to

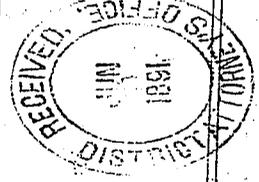
his Death by the hands of

John Cronen

Inquest taken on the 13<sup>th</sup> day

of April - 1891

before  
J. J. Messersmith  
Coroner.



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Date of death

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AGE		
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WY. City		
WHERE FOUND		
66 St Mark St		
DATE		
When Reported		
March 1891		

MEMORANDA.

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TESTIMONY.

Wm A Conway.

M. D., being duly sworn, says;

I have made an examination of the body of Arthur Maese, now lying dead at Co Co S. Mearles Place and from such examination and history of the case, as per testimony, I am of opinion the cause of death is Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis following a fracture of 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> lumbar vertebrae

Wm A Conway

M. D.

An Autopsy made on the body of Arthur Maese at Co Co S. Mearles Place at 8:30 P.M. March 26<sup>th</sup> /91 showed the following results. Body emaciated, and 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> lumbar vertebrae entirely gone on posterior portion. The spinal cord was abnormal in appearance, being inflamed from posterior. Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis was present on frontal and brain. All organs of body were normal except that they presented an anemic appearance. The cause of death was in the opinion, Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis following a fracture of the lumbar vertebrae caused by some external violence.

Wm A Conway, M.D.

Sworn to before me

this

26<sup>th</sup> day of March 1891

CORONER.

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MEMORANDA.

AGE		PLACE OF NATIVITY	WHERE FOUND	Date When Reported
17	Years 2 Months 2 Days	N.Y. City	66 St Marks Place	March 26 1894

M. J. B. M.

No. ....

Dist. ....

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AN INQUISTION

On the VIEW of the BODY of

Arthur Maxwell

whereby it is found that he came to his death by

Robert Spaul

William Pitt's holding

possession of 4208 5th

avenue brotherhood guided

by being struck by cross

bar about 12:45 P.M.,

March 13<sup>th</sup> 1894, at

1111 1/2 St. Lexington Ave

by the downward of way on

Original taken on the day of 189 before

MICHAEL J. B. HESSELMER, Coroner.

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M. J. B. M.

No.

Year.

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AN INQUISITION

On the VIEW of the BODY of

*Arthur Haesel*

whereby it is found that he came to  
his death by *Cerebro Spinal*  
*Memoritis* following  
receipt of *4 1/2* *grains*  
*Amber vertebrae Quina*  
*by being struck by a train*  
*on about 12 40 A.M.*  
*March 13<sup>th</sup> 1891,* at  
*6 1/2 W. 11<sup>th</sup> St. Lexington Ave.*  
*by the down of way over*

Inquest taken on the \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_ 189 before

MICHAEL J. B. MESSEMER, Coroner.

MEMORANDA.

Date When Reported	WHERE FOUND	PLACE OF NATIVITY	Years & Months & Days	11
		<i>N.Y. City</i>		
<i>66 St Marks Place March 2 1891</i>				

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## MEMORANDA.

AGE		PLACE OF NATIVITY	WHERE FOUND
11 Years	11 Months 23 Days	New York City	St. Mark's Hospital

Residence, 106 E 74 St  
 106 E 74 St  
 106 E 74 St

The police has been ordered to bring the truckman  
 to the bedside of the injured boy for identification.

The boy has a fracture of the 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> lumbar vertebrae (spinal column)

The doctors of St. Mark's Hospital believe the boy will die in a short time and cannot recover.

The mother of the boy is at his bedside.

Constantly.

The boy was on his way to school on 97<sup>th</sup> St. when he was struck by the truckman in question who is under arrest.

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1st Quar. 10<sup>th</sup> 1891

AN ANTE-MORTEM INQUISITION

On the VIEW of the BODY of

Arthur Maesil

whereby it is found that he was  
injured by

The driver of a  
Truck

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Taken on the 25<sup>th</sup> day  
of March 1891  
before

W. J. McNamee Coroner.

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Committed

Bailed

Discharged

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→: STATE OF NEW YORK, :←

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, ss.

AN ANTE-MORTEM INQUISITION,

Taken at *St. Marks Hospital*  
No. *174* Street, in the *17<sup>th</sup>* Ward of the City of  
New York, in the County of New York, this *23<sup>rd</sup>* day of *March*

in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and *91* before  
*Michael J. B. Messerly* Coroner,  
of the City and County aforesaid, on view of the body of *Arthur Maesel*

*St. Marks Hospital* at  
~~Upon the Oaths and Affirmations of~~  
~~good and lawful men of the State of New York, duly chosen and~~  
sworn ~~and affirmed and charged to inquire, on behalf of said people, how and in what manner~~  
the said ~~was injured,~~ do upon  
their Oaths and Affirmations say: That the said *Arthur Maesel*

is suffering from injuries received  
by being struck on the back with  
an iron bar by the driver of a truck  
on March 13<sup>th</sup> 1891 in Lexington Avenue bet 90<sup>th</sup> & 91<sup>st</sup>

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

JUROS.

*Michael J. B. Messerly*  
CORONER, E. S.

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City and County of New York, ss.

Statement of Arthur Maesel <sup>now lying</sup>  
dangerously wounded at St. Mark's Hosp in the 17<sup>th</sup> Ward  
of said City and County, on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March 1891

Question—What is your name?

Answer—Arthur Maesel

Question—Where do you live?

Answer—156 E. 87<sup>th</sup> St

Question—Do you now believe that you are about to die?

Answer—I do not know

Question—Have you any hope of recovery from the effects of the injury you have received?

Answer—I do not know

Question—Are you willing to make a true statement, how, and in what manner, you came by the injury from which you are now suffering?

Answer—On Lexington Ave. between  
90<sup>th</sup> & 91<sup>st</sup> Sts. on Friday March 15<sup>th</sup>  
1891 as I was going to work about  
12:40 P.M. I jumped on a wagon  
which had old iron in it. The driver  
of the wagon struck me with an iron bar,  
right in the back after I jumped off the track.

Arthur  
Maesel  
mark

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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. 124, Second Avenue Street, in the 17th Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York, this 13th day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and 91 before

M. J. Messener Coroner, of the City and County aforesaid, on view of the Body of Arthur Maesel lying dead at

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

Thou injuries received by being struck with small of the back by an iron bar thrown by the driver John Keraven, in the employ of the Firm of Dirminick Gint & Company of 25th Street and of Maiden Lane, on Lexington Avenue between 90 + 91st Streets, and we hold the driver to await the action of the Grand Jury.

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.

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|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Fred Harlette                  | 269 Pearl St             |
| Geo. W. W. 887-9 ave           | Chas Schmidt 969. 3. Ave |
| Wm Neil 880-9 av               | Henry Kenyon 777 2d Ave  |
| Jas E. Ruddy 871-9 ave         | Fred Wurken 69 Deg St    |
| Adolph Stank 269 1/2 East 42nd | Henry Martin 809 3rd Ave |
| Wm Ego Fischer 260. 3rd Ave    | Henry Weiss 819-3d Ave   |

M. J. Messener CORONER, E. S.

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B 123 Coroners Office, New York County.  
3 C.

In the Matter of the inquest into  
the Death

- of -

ARTHUR MAESEL, deceased.

)  
) Before  
) HON. H.J.B. MESSEMER,  
) and a Jury.  
)  
)  
)

New York, April 13th, 1891,  
9.30, A. M.

FREDERICK STEARNS, being called as a witness by the  
Coroner, was duly sworn, and testified as follows:-

By the Coroner:-

- Q Where do you live? A. No. <sup>1075</sup> ~~1082~~ Park Avenue.
- Q Do you go to school? A. I go to school.
- Q Where do you go to school? A. Ninety-sixth Street  
and Lexington Avenue, and the deceased was a scholar there  
too.
- Q How long have you known him? A. I have known him  
quite a while.
- Q How long? A. I don't know; I have known him to  
speak to him for two or three months.
- Q Were you present when this occurred? A. Yes, sir.

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- Q On what day was this? A. 13th of March.
- Q Of this year? A. Yes, sir.
- Q What hour? A. About twenty minutes of one o'clock.
- Q Where was this? A. Lexington Avenue, between 90th and 91st Street.
- Q Will you tell the Jury how it took place and speak loud enough so the Jury can hear you? A. I was walking up Lexington Avenue; I seen him on the back of the wagon; the driver told him to get off and he didn't get off and he fired the bar of iron about that long (about two feet) he, Maesel, jumped off the wagon and run; he fired the bar after him and hit him in the back.
- Q Who did? A. The driver did.
- Q Is the driver here? A. I couldn't see his face very well; when he hit him with the bar the driver jumped out of the wagon and picked up the bar and then somebody took him up and brought him in the locksmith store; I stayed there a while and then I went to school; then I didn't hear anything more about it until I got the subpoena.
- Q How thick was this bar? A. About like that (illustrating.)
- Q Can you describe the nature of it any more closely?
- A. Something like a pipe - an iron pipe.

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Q Is that the man who threw the iron (pointing to prisoner)?

A. I couldn't say; I didn't see his face very well.

By Prisoners Counsel:-

Q Did you notice the kind of a truck it was? A. Yes, sir; it was a builders wagon and had low sides and had a back in it.

Q Did you notice what was the color of the running gear of the wagon, - the wheels? A. I think the wheels were red.

Q Did you notice what the body was? A. I think that was red too.

Q Don't you think that was green? A. No, sir.

Q You think the wheels were red and the body was red too?  
A. Yes, sir.

Q Did you notice any name on the side of the truck?  
A. No, sir.

Q How close were you? A. I was on the sidewalk and the wagon was on the middle of the street.

Q Were you right opposite from it on the sidewalk?  
A. Yes, sir; I was opposite.

Q He didn't strike the boy until after the boy was on the ground? A. Yes, sir.

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Q You are sure of that? A. Yes, sir.

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The Coroner now reads the ante mortem statement of the deceased, to the Jury, as follows:

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EMILE STEFFENS, being called as a witness by the  
Coroner, was duly sworn, and testified as follows:-

By the Coroner:-

Q What is your full name? A. Emile Steffens.

Q Where do you live? A. I live corner of 90th Street  
and Lexington Avenue.

Q What is your business? A. I am a grocery clerk by  
occupation.

Q Did you know the deceased? A. No, I did not.

Q Did you see this occurrence? A. No, I did not;  
I was in the store and I heard some terrible *screach* - some  
terrible *screach*, somebody was crying, I went out the store,  
I didn't know what it was; I seen the boy lying on the  
sidewalk and I thought he was run over; after I learned

he was hurt differently; I seen the wagon about 91st Street drive off in full speed; I ran after the wagon to catch the number and to try to make somebody stop him which I couldn't do; afterwards I learned it was a plumbers wagon -

Objected to by prisoners counsel.

Q How did you learn that? A. From boys that seen the wagon, from school boys that seen the wagon -

Objected to by prisoner's counsel.

Objection overruled: Exception.

Q You know what boys they are? A. School boys; they were running around there; I didn't know their names. I picked it up in the street -

Objected to.

**CROSS EXAMINATION:**

By Prisoners Counsel:-

Q You didn't see the wagon, did you? A. Yes, sir; I seen it.

Q How far was it away? A. When I started to run it was ninety-first street and Lexington Avenue.

Q A little boy said it had red running gear - did you notice it? A. Yes.

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Q Did it have red running gear? A. It was an open top wagon; no top on it.

Q You are sure he is right when he said red running gear?  
A. I really couldn't tell you that.

Q What is your best opinion on that? A. I couldn't say.

Q Did you notice whether it had a green body or not?  
A. I don't know.

Q You simply saw the back of the man that was driving?  
A. Yes, sir.

Q Was it a one horse wagon or two horses? A. One horse wagon.

Q You are sure of that? A. Yes, sir.

By the Coroner:-

Q Did you notice the driver of the wagon? A. I seen the back of him, that is all.

Q (To the driver) Will you stand up; is that the man? (Indicating to prisoner) A. I really couldn't tell whether it is or not.

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FRANCIS J. SHELLEY, being called as a witness by the Coroner, was duly sworn, and testified as follows:-

By the Coroner:-

Q What is your full name? A. Francis J. Shelley.

Q Where do you live? A. No. 202 East 89th Street.

Q Do you go to school? A. I go to school. I know the deceased about a year.

Q He attended the same school? A. Yes, sir.

Q Where? A. 96 Lexington Avenue - it was on a Friday, in March when this happened; I don't know the date.

Q About what time did it occur? A. After dinner, about twenty minutes of one or quarter to one o'clock.

Q Tell the Jury what you know about this matter?

A. I was coming to school, and Maesel was up on the east side of the street; there was a wagon coming along a low wagon and the seat up high and the name was on the side, and he jumped on the wagon for a ride and the driver told him to get off and he didn't get off in time and the driver jumped from the seat into the wagon and the boy was on the ground running and he picked up this pipe and threw it at him, and the boy fell on ~~his~~ on the ground - he jumped off the wagon, picked it up and jumped on the wagon again

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and drove away as fast as he could.

Q Did you see whether he was arrested or not?

A. He was arrested I know, but not arrested that day.

Q Did you see him well enough to identify him? A. Yes.

Q Is he here? A. Yes.

Q Which one is it? A. That man there (pointing to prisoner.)

By a Juror:-

Q Did he fire it at the boy when he was on the ground or on the wagon? A. When the boy was on the ground; the boy was on the ground running away on the ground.

Q Are you sure about that? A. Yes, sir.

By a Juror:-

Q Where were you at the time this occurred - how far were you from the wagon? A. The wagon was in the middle of the street and I was on the sidewalk, right opposite.

Q Were you near enough to hear the driver telling him to get off? A. Yes, sir.

Q Were you near enough to hear that? A. Yes, sir.

CROSS EXAMINED:-

Q Where did you see the accident occur? A. Between 90th and 91st Streets.

- Q Where was the wagon when the little boy got off?  
A. In the middle of the street.  
Q Near 90th Street? A. Near 90th Street.  
Q How far did he ride before the man told him to get off?  
A. I couldn't tell now.  
Q Half a block? A. Not a half a block.  
Q Quarter of a block? A. About that.  
Q Where were you when he got on - were you walking with him when he got on? A. No, sir.  
Q Whom were you walking with? A. Fred Stearns.  
Q The other little boy? A. Yes, sir.  
Q Who was the deceased walking with? A. I don't know, sir.  
Q What I want to know is where were you standing with reference to the wagon when the driver told him to get off?  
A. Right opposite the wagon.  
Q The first time you saw him he was riding on the wagon?  
A. Yes, sir; I seen him before that but I don't know when he got on then; he said get off there twice.  
Q You are sure the iron was thrown after he was on the ground? A. Yes.  
Q Will you tell what kind of a pipe of iron it was?

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A. Like a wagon tire.

Q Your friend was mistaken when he said it was like a piece of pipe? A. I don't know.

Q Was it like a tire or pipe? A. I seen it, it was just like a wagon tire.

Q But are you sure? A. Pretty sure, yes, sir.

Q You think it was like a tire? A. Yes.

Q And not like a pipe? A. No, sir.

Q You think he is mistaken when he said pipe? A. I don't know what he said.

Q I understood you to say you recognized this man's hat and coat? A. Yes, sir.

Q And that is the only way you can tell it is the same man? A. I seen his face too.

Q Do you know whether he had a mustache or did not?

A. He had just a little mustache growing - a growing one.

Q He had a growing mustache? A. Yes, sir.

Q Did you notice whether his hair was long or short?

A. Short.

Q What kind of a hat did he have on? A. A kind of a square hat.

Q You know a man's life is at stake here; I want you to be very careful what you say - I want you to look at that

man's face there now and say whether you can on your oath say it is the man's face you saw throw that piece of pipe or tire? A. Yes, sir.

Q And you recognize him by his face? A. Yes, sir.

Q If he was in the middle of the block and you on the sidewalk? A. No, sir; right in front of the butcher store.

Q But I mean in the centre of the street? A. Yes, sir; the wagon on the centre of the street.

Q And you on the sidewalk? A. Yes, sir.

By the Coroner:-

Q About how long was this piece of iron? A. About that long (indicating)

Q How many feet would that be? A. About two or two and a half.

By Prisoner's Counsel:-

Q Were you at the station house when this man was arrested and brought up there? A. Yes, sir.

Q Did they ask you there that day whether you could identify him or not? A. Yes, sir.

Q Did you say you could not? A. I didn't say that.

Q What did you say? A. I said it just looks like the man.

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Q Did you say you would be willing to swear it was?

A. No, sir.

Q What did you say? A. I said I could identify him by his hat and coat.

Q Didn't you say you could not identify his face? A. No, sir; I did not.

Q You said it looked like the same man? A. Yes, sir.

Q Your little friend said he was on the sidewalk too - he stood on the sidewalk too? A. I was on the east side and he was on one side of me.

Q He said he couldn't see his face? A. I seen it.

Q Have you any reason why you know he was on that side?

A. Maybe it was looking some other way, but I seen him turn around and I seen his face.

Q You noticed the wheels of the wagon? A. Yes, sir.

Q The color of the horse? A. A brown horse, it was a kind of a bay horse.

Q Sure? A. It was a kind of a bay horse.

Q Which was it brown or bay? A. Well -

Q Do you know the difference between the two?

A. A kind of a bay horse.

Q Did he have any spots on him? A. I don't know.

Q Did you notice whether he had white feet or not?

A. I don't know, but I know it was a kind of a bay horse.

Q Do you know whether these are the same clothes he had on that day? A. I cannot tell whether they are the same clothes, but the same hat.

Q Didn't you say you recognized him because he had the same hat and coat? A. I know it is the same hat.

Q Do you know whether it is the same coat or not?

A. It is the same hat.

Q Will you tell the Jury as near as you can what you noticed about the man other than you have described?

By a Juror:-

Q Did the driver go up or down town? A. Uptown.

Q When did you see him first? A. He was right opposite and stopped his horse.

Q Was he driving fast? A. I cannot say.

Q You said before he told him to get off twice? A. He stopped the horse and called him once and he didn't get off in time, and he stopped the wagon and asked him to get off, he called him once and when he stopped the wagon and he called him again and didn't get off, and when the boy seen him get off the seat, he kind of jumped off the wagon and run away.

SOLOMON LEYER, being called as a witness by the Coroner, was duly sworn, and testified as follows:-

By the Coroner:-

Q Where do you live? A. No. 215 89th Street.

Q What is your occupation? A. I have a place of business between 90th and 91st Streets, No. 1368 Lexington Avenue; I saw the boy when he was in the middle of the street, and helped himself over to the curb.

Q Do you remember what day this was? A. I cannot say exactly.

Q About what hour? A. I think between twelve and one o'clock.

Q Dinner time? A. I think it was; yes.

Q Where was this? A. It happened right in front of my butcher shop.

Q Tell the Jury what you know about it? A. I saw the boy from the middle of the street, crawling on his hands and feet over towards the curb to the sidewalk, and he hollered piteously, I went out to see and I said, who hurt you, and he pointed his finger at this driver here, that is here.

Q You positively identify the man? A. Yes, sir; I saw the boy was seriously hurt and there was at that time

already a surgeon around him and I said is the boy seriously hurt, and he said yes, badly; I hollered to some other people around there one of the other witnesses here in Court and he went for him first to identify him, also, I told this young man Doyle his name is to run for an officer and have this man arrested; I was alone in my store and couldn't run after him. And he stood talking in front of my store, he sat in his wagon with the horse, he sat on the wagon and when I hollered for someone to run for an officer to get him arrested he turned around with a laughing smile and he whipped up his horse unmerciful and drove as fast as he could.

CROSS EXAMINED:-

Q You were first attracted to this accident by the cry of the little boy? A. Yes, sir.

Q When you got there there was a surgeon there? A. Yes, sir.

Q Do you know where he came from? A. No, sir; I don't but he heard the cries of the child, and he came to his assistance.

Q And all during that time from the time the little boy crawled from the middle of the street and until you and the surgeon came, the driver stood in the middle of the street and waited? A. Yes, sir.

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Q You have testified that the driver immediately as soon as he threw the pipe or tire you say they were around there?

A. Perhaps they saw more of it than I did.

Q You mean to say from the time it took you to get to the curb stone and from the time it took the little boy to crawl to the curb stone that that driver stood in the middle of the street - stayed in the middle of the street on his wagon? A. I did say that, yes.

Q Can you describe the clothes he had on that day?

A. No, sir.

Q Did you notice his hat? A. I didn't - I know he had a hat on.

Q You know he had a hat on? A. I think he did; I wouldn't say that I saw him wear a hat.

Q Will you tell the Jury anything by which you are able to identify that man? A. I saw him almost in front of me; I was on the east side of the Avenue; there is where my store is, now, how far could the man be away from me when he was in the middle of the street, sitting in the wagon - he couldn't be far away - he couldn't be too far away for me to identify him.

Q Tell the Jury one single thing that you remember of that man that that man had on that day; you say you don't re-

remember that he had a hat, you don't remember what kind of clothes he had; I want you now to state what you do remember? A. I think he had dark clothes on but I wouldn't swear to it that he wore a hat.

Q Did he have a beard or not? A. He didn't have a beard.

Q A moustache? A. I don't think he did.

Q Do you know whether he did? A. I think he did not, I think he was clean shaven.

Q Do you recollect anything in the world that makes you think that this is the man? A. Yes, sir; I know him distinctly from the looks of him.

Q Just from a general resemblance? A. From what I saw of him.

Q You are not able to state any particular thing that called your attention to him especially that morning?

A. Only one thing, he drove away with a very mean heinous laugh, a sly laugh, when I hollered to have him arrested.

Q Have you noticed the same kind of a laugh on this man here to-day? A. I have not seen him laugh.

Q Did you notice the color of the horse? A. Yes, sir; I did.

Q What was it? A. A bay horse.

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- Q Have you seen that horse since the man was arrested?  
A. I did not.
- Q Has anybody described that color to you since then?  
A. No, sir.
- Q Describe it to the Jury? A. A bay horse - a big horse, a horse about seventeen hands high.
- Q Did he have any white spots on him? A. I didn't notice any white spots.
- Q Any white feet? A. I didn't notice.
- Q Did you notice whether he had any spots? A. No, sir.
- Q Do you know a bay horse? A. Yes, sir.
- Q Do you think it had red running gear? A. I think it had a green body to the best of my recollection.
- Q According to the best recollection you are willing to swear that it had a green body? A. I didn't say that - I am positive, now.
- Q You are able now to swear that - you are able now to swear beyond the shadow of a doubt that this is the man, but you cannot say whether it was red or not, - the running gear? A. No, sir; I don't know whether it was blue or green, but I think it was something green on it.

- Q Did you or did you not just testify that it had red running gear? A. I said I didn't think so.
- Q You think the other witnesses that swore it had red running gear were mistaken? A. I could not say that because I am not positive of it.
- Q Did you take the number of the wagon? A. I did, but I forgot it.
- Q Did you take it while you were in the middle of the street? A. I was on the curb and the wagon in the middle of the street about twenty feet away.
- Q How wide is the street? A. I live up there - I don't think it was over twenty feet away from him, I was the first man that took the number.
- Q And you don't know what it was? A. No, sir; I took it, but I cannot remember; I put it on one of my business cards.
- Q You gave it to the officer? A. Yes, sir.
- Q Is that officer in Court now? A. No, sir.
- Q Where is he? A. I don't know.
- Q What is his name? A. I don't know.
- Q What station is he connected with? A. The station I live in, I suppose.

Q Will you swear he is connected with that station?

A. Yes, sir; I will swear to that, 88th Street Station or 89th Street station.

Q You don't know the number of the wagon or the officer?

A. I know the officer but I don't know his name.

Q And you took it from the sidewalk? A. Yes, sir; from the curb.

Q And that man with a fiendish laugh stood there and waited for you to take the number? A. Yes, sir; he stood there, yes, sir; anybody could take his number.

By the Coroner:-

Q Was there a name of a firm on the truck? A. I believe so, but I cannot remember what name it was.

By a Juror:-

Q You know this is the driver here - you didn't see the iron thrown? A. I asked the boy and he pointed his finger on this man otherwise I wouldn't know him.

By Another Juror:-

Q You claimed a little while ago you saw it? A. The boy that was struck told me that he was the man that struck him with the iron.

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By Prisoner's Counsel:-

Q Were you at the station house? A. No, sir, I was not.

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MICHAEL P. BOYLE, being called as a witness by the Coroner, was duly sworn, and testified as follows:-

By the Coroner:-

Q Where do you live? A. No. 1852 Second Avenue.

Q What is your occupation? A. My occupation is plumber.

Q Did you see this occurrence? A. Yes, sir.

Q On what day was this? A. I think it was on Friday, either the 15th or 13th of March.

Q About what hour was it? A. About quarter to one o'clock.

Q Where was this? A. It was on Lexington between 90th and 91st Street; nearer to 90th Street.

Q Tell the Jury what you know in regard to this occurrence? A. I was walking up 90th Street, I got to the corner of Lexington Avenue and I heard the boy yelling and I

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heard an iron bar bound on the paving stones; I seen this man here jump out of that wagon and pick up the bar of iron and jump on the wagon again and he drove off as fast as he could; when I seen him do that I ran after him so as to get the name and number of the wagon and get a look at him so I could identify him; I got the name and number; it is Dimnick Finst & Company, 125th Street and Maiden Lane.

Q Did you get the number of the truck? A. There was no number on the truck outside of that that I could see.

Q What piece of iron was this? A. It was a piece of a wagon tire, about two feet and a half long and it was pointed - it was brought down to a point about three quarters of an inch in diameter at one end; I went up to get this piece of iron since and I couldn't find it; but that day when I went up with the officer to identify the man I picked it up from under the wagon and showed it to the officer and the foreman wouldn't let us take it.

Q Is the officer here? A. Yes, sir; after he jumped on the wagon, after picking up the bar of iron he turned around and sneered at the boy and said something I couldn't exactly catch what he said.

By a Juror:-

Q I think Mr. Meyer took the number of the wagon?

A. I went after the wagon before Mr. Meyer seen him at all, I run after him first.

Q It happened in front of Meyers? A. Yes, sir.

Q And as soon as it was done he ran off? A. Yes, sir.

Q Mr. Meyer said he stood there long? A. He didn't stand long when he seen me running he turned around with a fiendish laugh too, if I went near the wagon I would get the same too; I was running alongside of the wagon for a block and I went back again to see how the boy was injured and the groceryman down there he went with me to 100th Street and Third Avenue, he turned down 92nd Street and drove up Third Avenue as fast as he could.

CROSS EXAMINATION:-

Q Will you tell the Jury on which side of the street you were standing when you noticed the first time this wagon?

A. The east side of the street.

Q The east side of Lexington Avenue? A. Yes, sir.

Q On what street? A. On 90th Street near the corner I was walking.

Q Where were you coming from? A. From my dinner.

- Q Where were you going? A. To my work.
- Q Where were you working? A. In ~~90th~~ 90th Street, near Lexington Avenue, just west of that.
- Q Where was the wagon? A. The wagon was standing still in front of Meyer's butcher shop.
- Q Did you see the man throw this? A. No, sir.
- Q You did not see him throw it at all? A. No, sir.
- Q You said the first thing that attracted your attention was the fall of a piece of iron? A. Yes, sir, and the screams of the boy, and after it fell ----
- Q How far was the wagon from 90th Street when you noticed it? A. It was nearer to 90th than to 91st Street.
- Q It was about the third of a block? A. Yes, sir; just about.
- Q Those blocks are about how many feet? A. About two hundred feet.
- Q You ~~wish~~ should say that wagon was 75 feet away from you? A. No, sir; it was not 75 feet away.
- Q Sixty-five? A. Not over fifty feet away - about two houses from the corner.
- Q At least fifty feet away? A. Yes, sir.
- Q Did you notice the wagon? A. Yes, sir; I seen him jump out.

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Q Seen him jump out the wagon? A. Yes, sir.

Q And drive off as rapidly as he could? A. Yes, sir.

Q That is your testimony? A. Yes, sir.

Q Did you see from the corner there that that iron was pointed? A. No, sir, but -

Q You could not? A. No, sir.

Q You could not see from that distance that that iron was pointed? A. No, sir.

Q Could you see from that distance whether it was a pipe or what? A. Yes, sir; I would swear it was a wagon tire.

Q And you could recognize it fifty feet away that it was a wagon tire? A. Yes, sir.

Q Could you recognize the driver of the wagon that did it? A. Certainly I could.

Q Did you? A. No, sir, I did not.

Q Did you take the number? A. Yes, sir.

Q In writing? A. No, sir, not in writing.

Q What was the number? A. I told you before.

Q Do you know the number now? A. No, sir.

Q You thought it was not necessary for you to take it in writing? A. No, sir; all that I cared about was to get the name.

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- Q You didn't take it in writing? A. No, sir.
- Q But you did take the name? A. Yes, sir.
- Q Did you see the name on the corner? A. Yes, sir.
- Q Which way was the wagon, nearest the east or west side?
- A. About the middle of the street.
- Q What was the name written on? A. Dinmick, Fink & Company, written on brass.
- Q When you went to inquire for Fink & Company you went there after the accident? A. Yes, sir.
- Q Didn't you ask them whether they had a wagon with a green body and red running gear? A. No, sir.
- Q The officer did? A. Yes, sir.
- Q Did you tell the officer it had a green body and red running gear? A. Yes, sir.
- Q And you asked them consequently? A. Yes, sir; they said they had one but it was over the bridge.
- Q And you afterwards had this man arrested here?
- A. Yes, sir.
- Q Was he in that kind of a wagon? A. No, sir.
- Q He was not? A. No, sir.
- Q Was he in that kind of a wagon? A. No, sir.
- Q Can you say that Fink & Company said they had such a wagon? A. Yes, sir.
- Q You described ~~ix~~ there was a piece of brass on with

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that written on? A. Yes, sir.

Q Tell the Jury how it is you can identify this man?

A. Because I looked at his face and by his clothes.

Q Didn't you swear at the station house you recognized him by his hat? A. No, sir; I recognized his face too.

Q Did you swear at the station house that the way you recognized him was by his hat? A. No, sir; I said I recognized him by his face.

Q Didn't you swear in the station house you could not recognize him by his face? A. I did not.

Q You say you recognize his clothes? A. Yes, sir.

Q Stand up prisoner? A. That is not the coat he had on.

Q What kind of a coat had he on? A. Single-breasted coat.

Q Did you notice the kind of a shirt he had on? A. I think the same kind of a shirt on, I am not sure, I think so.

Q What do you think about that shirt? A. I cannot exactly say; I know it is not the coat.

Q How about his beard? A. A week's growth of beard - he had about a week's growth - a week's beard on his face, no moustache.

Q You recognized that after he was arrested or before?

A. Before he was arrested.

Q That week's growth of beard, did he have that when he was arrested? A. No, sir; we had him arrested and -- but I want you to understand that I was within fifteen feet of him when I recognized his face; didn't I tell you I ran a block after the wagon - ran alongside of it for a block.

Q Do you think it is likely that that man would keep that piece of iron in the wagon? A. It was covered up with straw, under the seat.

Q You will swear positively it was in the wagon covered up with straw on the wagon? A. Yes, sir.

By the Coroner:-

Q You saw on the brass plate the name of where the firm did business? A. Yes, sir.

By Prisoner's Counsel:-

Q Did you recognize that afterwards or before he was arrested? A. Before.

Q You are sure of that? A. Yes, sir; I made it out and gave it to the officer at 26th Street before he was arrested; I gave it to the officer and he wrote it down.

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BENTON W. WELLS, being called as a witness by the Coroner, was duly sworn, and testified as follows:-

By the Coroner:-

Q What is your full name, officer? A. Benton W. Wells.

Q To what precinct are you attached? A. To the 27th Precinct.

Q On what day was your attention attracted to this case?

A. On the 13th of March, on the corner of 96th Street by Mr. Boyle, the former witness; I went down where the boy was hurt.

Q Where was that? A. He was in the butcher shop when I got there between 90th and 91st Streets, I waited until the doctor fixed him up a little and put him in the carriage and took him home and made the report of it; and the Sergeant told me to go up after the driver to see if I could find him; I went up to 125th Street just where he said, I went up there and asked if they had a wagon that was liable to be down that way and they said they had, they said no first and then they said he didn't know but a man by the name of Craven might be down that day; he said he hadn't got in yet.

By Prisoner's Counsel:-

Q What did you say about a green body? A. I asked

him if he had a wagon with red running gear and green body and he said he had but it was up over the bridge, the wagon was; this young man described the wagon to me, I knew when he was down at 124th Street, I know it, I arrested him at 124th and 125th Streets, on Third Avenue, between 124th and 125th Streets.

Q You didn't - you went up to secure this piece of iron?

A. Yes, sir.

Q With what result? A. I couldn't find it, Mr. Boyle brought the iron in when I arrested the man, brought it into the store, he said here is the iron, he hit the boy with, the firm said that they couldn't spare it, it was a piece of wagon tire, it was pointed down at one end, probably three quarters of an inch, maybe ~~xxxxx~~ rounded about that far.

Q How long was it? A. About two feet and a half, and that part an inch and a half wide; he brought it in and laid it on the counter.

By a Juror:-

Q Was it used for a tool? A. I don't know what it was used for.

Q They said they wanted to use it, they couldn't spare it? A. He said I couldn't have it; he wanted to use it; I don't know what they used it for.

By the Coroner:-

Q It was apparently an old piece of wagon tire?

A. Yes, sir.

By a Juror:-

Q Was it pointed like a chisel? A. No, sir; it was round, about three quarters of an inch.

Q That is the man that was pointed out by Mr. Boyle to you? A. Yes, sir; that is the man I arrested.

Q Did he have a mustache at the time or not? A. He had about a weeks growth of beard then.

Q He had no mustache then? A. Nothing but feathers all over - he was not shaved, he had on dark clothes.

Q Describe it more minutely? A. He described the man to me so I knew him as quick as the wagon came up, he described the horse, a big dark bay - he said the harness was trimmed quite heavy with rings and he had a long wagon, red running works and a green body, it was quite a long wagon he said; he said the driver had a square top hat on and dark clothes, and I think he said he had a sack or something for an apron.

Q Is that the man he described at the time? A. His hat is similar in shape to that.

Q You think from the description that you have given here to-day to this jury would enable you to identify the person? A. The description he gave of the horse and wagon I identified it; I told him before it came up I told him that right away.

Q You told him that before he pointed the man out?

A. Yes, sir.

Q And he described that wagon to you as a big and long bodied wagon? A. He thought it was green.

Q And red running gear? A. Yes, sir.

Q Dark bay or brown horse? A. Dark bay or brown horse.

Q A large horse? A. Yes, sir.

Q It had a lot of rings on the harness? A. Yes, sir.

Q Is that all? A. He described it to me.

Q What more did he say about the man? A. I told you; he had on dark clothes, square top hat, and he said he thought he had on a bag or sack for an apron.

Q Did he tell you any other marks? A. No, sir.

Q And yet you are able from that description before he pointed him out - you were able to say that this is the man?

A. I said there is the wagon you described to me; he said that is the fellow; that was before I could see the name or anything.

Q In other words you identified him? A. I picked out the wagon as the wagon he described, coming up the street, sure.

Q Now, do you know where Boyle got that piece of iron?

A. Out of the wagon.

Q Out of the wagon? A. I seen him pick it up off the wagon; I was just inside of the door when he stood right in front of the door.

Q Are you sure it was out of the wagon you took this man out of? A. Yes, sir.

Q Did you ever see the little boy that was killed?

A. Yes, sir.

Q Did you take this man down there? A. Yes, sir.

Q Did he say he could identify him? A. He told me that before I took him there at all.

Q I ask you when you took the man there? A. He said he couldn't identify him.

Q When you took this driver to the little boy where was he lying? A. In bed; they held him up, raised him up.

Q And let him have a good look at the man? A. Yes.

Q He said I cannot identify him? A. Yes, sir.

By Relatives Counsel:-

Q The man turned around and seemed to recognize Mr. Boyle

what did he do after he recognized Mr. Boyle? A. He turned around and drove back towards Lexington Avenue to 124th Street.

Q And the place he works is between 125th Street?

A. Yes, sir.

Q When he saw Mr. Boyle you are sure he turned around?

A. I couldn't say what made him turn around.

Q And after turning he turned around again? A. He did, after we started for 125th Street.

Q At the time the prisoner was brought up before the injured boy the boy was asked if he could identify him when he said he didn't have a chance to see the man's face, but he thought it is the kind of hat that the driver wore?

A. Yes, sir.

By Prisoner's Counsel:-

Q Will you state to the Jury just where you met the prisoner? A. He was between 124th and 125th Streets, on Third Avenue, where I arrested him.

Q Coming down or up? A. He just turned the corner and drove up Third Avenue and he stopped about I should say three doors from the corner of 124th Street.

Q Were you going up or down? A. I was coming down.

he stopped there to talk to a man and just started his horses up when I got there.

Q He was just simply starting off? A. He was starting up, I suppose where he worked.

Q Then it is a mistake then to say he attempted to run away? A. I saw him turn the horse around and started to drive to 14th Street, and he started around and came back again.

Q He turned around and came back again? A. Yes, sir.

Q And you arrested him there? A. Yes, sir.

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The Coroner reads Dr. Conway's testimony as to the cause of death to the Jury as follows:

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VERDICT: We, the Jury, find the deceased ARTHUR MARSEL,  
came to his death from injuries received by being  
struck in the small of the back by an iron bar  
thrown by the driver John Craven, in the employ of  
the firm of Dimmick, Pink & Company, 125th Street,  
and Maiden Lane, on March 13th, 1891, in Lexington  
Avenue, between 90th and 91st Streets, and we hold  
the driver to await the action of the Grand Jury.

District Attorney's Office,  
City & County of  
New York.

List of Witnesses in the case of  
The People vs John Craven.

- ✓ Frank Stearns 1075 Park Avenue important  
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✓ Francis J. Shelly 102 E 89<sup>th</sup> St important  
✓ Solomon Meyer 115 E 89<sup>th</sup> St " "  
✓ Michael P. Boyle 1852 Second Ave " "  
✓ Officer Benton to Mills 27<sup>th</sup> Precinct " "  
o Mr Conway Dep. Coroner " "  
o " Carl Beck 187 Second Ave " "  
o " Frank E. Shaw 91<sup>st</sup> & Lex Ave " "  
o " Brinkmann 94<sup>th</sup> " " " "  
Emil Masel, Brother of accused  
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o William Appel 104 East 90<sup>th</sup> St.

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GILBERT D. LAMB.

JAMES W. OSBORNE.

People,

vs.

Craven.

Law Offices of  
LAMB & OSBORNE,  
5 Beekman Street,  
TEMPLE COURT,

NEW YORK, June 26th, 1891.

Dear Sir:-

In or about the month of March 1891, an employee of our clients, Messrs. Dimock Pink & Co., of No. 212 East 125th Street, one John Craven, was arrested at the instance of the Coroner of the City and County of New York and imprisoned on a charge of having thrown a piece of iron from his truck and caused injuries to one Arthur Maesel since deceased.

The matter was submitted in April to the Coroner and a jury and on wholly ex parte evidence said jury found that the death of said Maesel was caused by the injuries referred to.

We have looked into the matter with great care and are convinced from the testimony of the accused and many reputable citizens of this City that John Craven is not guilty and that it is a case of mistaken identity.

Craven has lain in jail for nearly four months, no indictment has been found, nothing, in fact has been done by the public authorities, and we now request his discharge forthwith or that he be immediately brought to trial.

The time allowed for the District Attorney's action has

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long since elapsed, and we would like to have the accused tried  
next week.

We desire to know to day what disposition you will make  
of the matter.

Yours truly,

*James W. Osborne*

To,

Hon. De Lancey Nicoll,  
District Attorney.

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Court of General Sessions of the Peace

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

against

John Raven

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

John Raven

of the CRIME OF Manslaughter in the first Degree, committed as follows:

The said John Raven,

on the nineteenth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one, at the City of New York, in the County of New York, aforesaid, in and upon one Arthur Maerd, then and there being, wilfully and feloniously did make an assault, and him the said Arthur Maerd, with a certain iron bar, which he the said John Raven then and there had and held in his hand, in and upon the back of him the said Arthur Maerd, then and there wilfully and feloniously did strike, beat, fracture and wound, giving unto him the said Arthur Maerd, then and there, with the iron bar aforesaid, in and upon the back of him the said Arthur Maerd, — one mortal wound and fracture, of which said

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mortal wound and ~~signature~~ the said *Arthur Maersd*,  
at the City and County aforesaid, from the day first aforesaid, in the year aforesaid, until the  
*Twenty-fifth* day of *March*, in the same year aforesaid,  
did languish, and languishing did live, and on which said *Twenty-fifth* day of  
*March*, in the year aforesaid, ~~he~~ the said *Arthur Maersd*,  
at the City and County aforesaid, of the said mortal wound ~~and signature~~ did die.

**And so the Grand Jury aforesaid** do say: That the said  
*John Brown, Jr.*,  
the said *Arthur Maersd*, in the manner and form, and by  
the means aforesaid, wilfully and feloniously did kill and slay, 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.

*J. Bancroft*  
~~JOHN R. FELLOWS,~~

*District Attorney.*

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**BOX:**

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**FOLDER:**

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**DESCRIPTION:**

Crowley, Daniel

**DATE:**

07/09/91



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NO. 45  
At Law

Counsel,  
Filed 9 day of July 18 91  
Pleads, Not Guilty

THE PEOPLE

vs.

Daniel Crowley

per on pr. o. of J. J. [unclear]  
see memo's herewith  
Sept 16/91  
DELANEY NICOLL  
JOHN R. MILLON'S

Grand Jurors, Court & District  
Sections 58, 58 1/2, & 59 Penal Code.

District Attorney.

Sept 15/91  
[Signature]  
[Signature]

A True Bill.

Arbuckle J. Low  
Foreman.  
Sept 11/91

[Signature]  
[Signature]  
[Signature]

After an examination of this case I am of the opinion that the evidence of this people as to the identity of the defendant with the person here charged among this majority of the juror is such as to justify the submission of this case to the jury. The criminal of this indictment is therefore respectfully recommended.

[Signature]  
Assistant District Attorney

Witnesses:

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Police Court 1st District.

Affidavit—Larceny.

City and County } ss:  
of New York,

Melken Janous

of No. 25 Washington Street, aged 40 years,  
occupation Peddler being duly sworn,

deposes and says, that on the 29 day of June 1891 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 Trunk, containing good and lawful  
money of the United States. of the amount  
of One hundred and fifty dollars. and a

quantity of Clothes and wearing apparel of the value  
of Thirty dollars, all amounting to the  
sum of One hundred and Eighty dollars (\$180)  
the property of Deponent and Joseph Janous.

And in deponents 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 Daniel Crowley (now here) from the

following facts to wit: That the said  
Trunk containing said Money and Clothes  
was in a Back Room of a the Floor at  
No 25 Washington, and that about the  
hour of 3 o'clock P. M. of the aforesaid  
date deponent saw the aforesaid Trunk  
in the said room. and that about the  
hour of 4 o'clock P. M. of the aforesaid  
date deponent went into said room and  
found the aforesaid Trunk missing - and  
deponent further says that on Friday the  
26 day of June 1891 - she opened the said  
Trunk and saw the aforesaid sum of  
money and Clothes in said Trunk and that

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Melken Janous

and that that deponent at that time securely locked and fastened the said trunk - <sup>deponent is informed by the owner</sup> that about the hour of 2.30 P.M. of the aforesaid date he saw the defendant in company with three other unknown men carrying a trunk up the stairs of premises No 27 Washington Street -

and deponent is further informed by Officer John McQuinn that he found and exhibited a trunk in a room on the fourth floor of premises No 27 Washington, which trunk had been broken open, and the contents of said trunk scattered over the floor of said room, deponent further says that she has seen the trunk which said officer found in said 27 Washington and recognizes the same as her property, and as the trunk which contained the aforesaid property at the time it was stolen -

Deponent therefore charges the defendant with acting in concert with others in having committed a Larceny and asks that he may be held and dealt with as the Law may direct

Subscribed to before me } Melher <sup>her</sup> Janous  
this 30 day of June 1841 } <sub>Tham</sub>

E. J. [Signature] Police Justice

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Sec. 198-200.

District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, vs.

*Daniel Crowley*

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.

*Daniel Crowley*

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

*26 years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

*New York*

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

Answer.

*27 Washington Street - 15<sup>th</sup> Mrs.*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.

*Seaman*

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

Answer.

*I am not guilty and demand an examination*  
*Daniel Crowley*

Taken before me this

day of *June* 188*7*

Police Justice.

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CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, ss.

*John H. ...*

of No.

aged 36 years, occupation

27 Mackinac

Street, being duly sworn deposes and

says, that he has heard read the foregoing affidavit of *John H. ...*

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

knowledge.

Sworn to before me, this 30<sup>th</sup> day of June 1885

*[Signature]*

Police Justice.

*[Signature]*

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CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

*John H Lyons*  
Police Officer

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

*14th Precinct Police*

Street, being duly sworn deposes and

says, that he has heard read the foregoing affidavit of *Melvin Janous*

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

Sworn to before me, this

day of *June* 188*7*

*John H Lyons*

*[Signature]*  
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 Alfred Hawk

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 June 30th 1891 [Signature] Police Justice.

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

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ 18 \_\_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_ 18 \_\_\_\_\_ Police Justice.

W. Curby  
159  
New York

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Ex June 30<sup>th</sup> 2 P.M.

\$1000.00 bail  
*[Signature]*

Police Court--- District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

*Melhem Jannous*  
*Daniel [unclear]*

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Officer *Jacemy*

Dated *June 30* 1891  
*Hoy* Magistrate.

*[Signature]* Officer.  
Precinct.

Witnesses *Reola Steorar*  
No. *27 Wash<sup>n</sup>* Street.

No. Street.  
No. Street.  
No. Street.

\$ *500* to answer.

*Committed*  
*G. L. [unclear]*



For Defendant  
*Margaret Downey*

Bailed  
No. 1, by *Charles Smith* Street.  
*25 Washington St.*

Residence *Mrs Bonahan* Street.

No. 2, by *27 Washington St.*

Residence *John Foley* Street.

No. 3, by *33 Washington St.*

Residence

For Defendant  
*David Abbey*  
*37 Washington St.*

*Mary Steyer*  
*27 Washington St.*

*Carrie Steyer*  
*27 Washington St.*

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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

*Daniel Crowley*

THE GRAND JURY OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, by  
this indictment, accuse *Daniel Crowley*  
of the CRIME OF GRAND LARCENY IN THE *second* DEGREE,  
committed as follows:

The said *Daniel Crowley*

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the *29th*  
day of *June* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and  
*ninety-one*, 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 *seventy-five*

*\$150.00*  
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

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

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

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

*divers articles of clothing and wearing  
apparel of a number and description to  
the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown,  
of the value of thirty dollars,*

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one *Melhu Tanous*  
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.~~

Second COUNT:—

AND THE GRAND JURY AFORESAID, by this indictment, further  
accuse the said *Daniel Crowley*  
of the CRIME OF CRIMINALLY RECEIVING STOLEN PROP-  
ERTY committed as follows:

The said *Daniel Crowley*

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,

*the same goods, chattels and  
personal property described in  
the first count of this indictment*

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one *Melhem Tarrous*

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

unlawfully and unjustly, did feloniously receive and have: *he* the said

*Daniel Crowley*  
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.  
JOHN R. FELLOWS, District Attorney.

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**FOLDER:**

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**DESCRIPTION:**

Cuff, Patrick

**DATE:**

07/29/91



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No. 200

Counsel, *H.A.H.*  
Filed *29* day of *July* 18 *91*  
Pleads, *Not Guilty (30)*

THE PEOPLE  
vs.  
*PATRICK CURTIS*  
Robbery, *1st* degree.  
[Sections 224 and 228, Penal Code].

*H. J. McLaughlin*  
*John R. Phillips*  
JOHN R. PHILLIPS,  
District Attorney.

A TRUE BILL.

*Amelia J. Cook*  
*Aug 7/91* Foreman.  
*Leana J. Kelly*  
*J. P. H. W.*

Witnesses;

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

Police Court--First District.

*Gustav Kiv Stanson*

of No. *5 Albany* Street, being duly sworn, deposes

and says, that on the *2<sup>nd</sup>* day of *July* 19*11*

at the *4<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:

*One pocket book containing One dollar and sixty five cents good and lawful money of the United States.*

of the value of *One dollar and sixty-five cents* 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

*Patrick Cuff (now here) and one other person unknown to deponent not yet arrested, who was acting in concert with said Cuff; For the reason that on the above date deponent was on the corner of Water and Roosevelt Streets and had the above-described property in the right hand pocket of his trousers. The defendant Cuff and the unknown person approached deponent, the unknown person held deponent about the body while Cuff inserted his hands into deponent's pockets and did feloniously take, steal and carry away from deponent the aforesaid property. Deponent further swears that he accused the defendant Cuff with the robbery*

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

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Police Justice

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of his property in the presence of James  
Curry of the 4<sup>th</sup> Police Precinct, and that he  
the deponent found his property upon the  
person of said Cuff.

Wherefore deponent charges said Cuff  
and the other person unknown with robbery  
and prays that the said Cuff may be  
held to answer.

x G. Kristjansson

Sworn to before me this  
26<sup>th</sup> day of July 1891



Justice

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Sec. 198-200.

District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK ss.

*Patrick Cuff*

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.

*Patrick Cuff*

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

*28 years.*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

*Ireland*

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

Answer.

*20 Cherry Street. 1 Month*

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 am not guilty.*

+ *D. Herold*

Taken before me this

day of

1891

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

Dated *July 21* 18*91* *[Signature]* Police Justice.

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

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ 18 \_\_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_ 18 \_\_\_\_\_ Police Justice.

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Police Court--- District.

THE PEOPLE, &c  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Gustav Kristiansen  
5-Altans St  
Patrick Cuff

Offence  
Robbery

Dated July 26 1891  
Dinner Magistrate.

Curry Officer.  
4 Precinct.

Witnesses James Curry  
4th Precinct Street.

No. Complaint Committed to the Street.

House of Detention \$ 1.00 Bail

No. Street.

Attorney  
J. S.

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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CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, ss.

POLICE COURT, 1 DISTRICT.

of No. 4<sup>th</sup> Police Precinct Street, aged 42 years, occupation Police Officer being duly sworn deposes and says, that on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 188

at the City of New York, in the County of New York, Gustav Kristianson (now here) is a material witness against Patrick Cuff charged with robbery, as the complainant has reason to believe that the said Kristianson will not appear to testify when wanted, he prays that the said Kristianson be committed to the House of Detention as a witness in default of One Hundred Dollars bail.

James Curry

Sworn to before me, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of July 1891  
Police Justice.

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New York

To whom it may concern August 7 1891

we have known  
Patrick Cuff for the last three  
years a portion of that time he  
has worked for us we found him  
Sober honest and industrious hard  
less and good natured there should  
be positive evidence to compel us to  
believe he would be guilty of the  
act charged with

Very Respectfully  
Sheehy & Kearns  
Contractors for the city

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New York Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> 1891,

To Whom it may Concern!

On behalf of Mrs. Coff,  
to recommend her husband, I will  
state that I have known him  
for the last 4 years and have found  
him industrious and honest.  
I have employed him  
upon different occasions and can  
verify the above statement.

Respectfully yrs.  
J. A. Johnson.  
Foreman per my Ed.

Court of General Sessions of the Peace

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,  
against  
Catalda Ruiz

The Grand Jury of the City and County of New York, by this indictment, accuse  
- Catalda Ruiz -  
of the CRIME OF ROBBERY in the 2nd degree, committed as follows:

The said Catalda Ruiz

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the 26th day of July - in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one, in the time of the said day, at the City and County aforesaid, with force and arms, in and upon one Thomas Kirkpatrick in the peace of the said People, then and there being, feloniously did make an assault, and

one pocket book of the value of fifty cents, and the sum of one dollar and sixty five cents in money, lawful money of the United States of America, and of the value of one dollar and sixty five cents.

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

Catalda Ruiz, Henry [unclear] and three aided by an accomplice actually present, whose name is to the Grand Jury aforesaid as yet 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.

Thomas [unclear],  
District Attorney.

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**BOX:**

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**FOLDER:**

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**DESCRIPTION:**

Curtis, Charles

**DATE:**

07/30/91



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Counsel,  
Filed 30 day of July 1891  
Pleads,

Grand Larceny, Second Degree.  
(From the Person)  
(Sections 528, 529 Penal Code)  
THE PEOPLE  
vs.  
Charles Curtis

JOHN B. FELLOWS,  
District Attorney.

A True Bill.

Andreas L. Cox  
July 30 1891  
Pleads Guilty  
E. L. 2 d. 2nd  
8/4/91

Witnesses:  
Jessie Mead  
J. J. Michael

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Police Court— 4 - District.

Affidavit—Larceny.

City and County }  
of New York, } ss.

Bessie Mead

of No. 13 East 32<sup>nd</sup> Street, aged 22 years,

occupation None being duly sworn

deposes and says, that on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of July 1897 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 pocketbook of the value of two dollars and five 69/100 dollars lawful money of the United States

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 Charles Curtis (now here)

for the reasons that deponent was walking through Madison Avenue and had said pocket book and money in her hand and it was suddenly snatched from her hand by the defendant who ran away.

Bessie Mead

Sworn to before me, this 26 day of July 1897,  
John H. ... Police Justice.

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Sec. 198-200.

District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

*Charles Curtis*

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

Question. What is your name?

Answer. *Charles Curtis*

Question. How old are you?

Answer. *30 years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. *New York*

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

Answer. *334 East 54<sup>th</sup> Street; 8 months*

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.  
I was drunk and have  
no recollection of the  
affair.*

*Charles <sup>his</sup> Curtis  
mark*

Taken before me this

*26*

day of *July* 189*7*

*H. Frank*

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

Dated *July 26* 18 *91* *W. W. Malon* Police Justice.

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

Dated..... 18 ..... 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..... 18 ..... Police Justice.

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Police Court <sup>211</sup> & <sup>972</sup> District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

*Bessie Mead*  
*13 - Co 32 St*  
*Charles Curtis*

*[Signature]*  
Officer

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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 *July 26* 18*91*  
*W. W. Johnson* Magistrate.

*Shelly* Officer.  
*23* Precinct.

Witnesses *affirm*  
No. .... Street.

No. .... Street.

No. .... Street.

\$ *2500* to answer *G. S.*



*Com* *G. S.*

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Police Department of the City of New York.

Precinct No.....

Charles Cantor ~~Charles Gallagher~~  
 alias Spena Gallagher <sup>alias</sup> Scatagood  
 December 23<sup>rd</sup> 1887 Plea  
 guilty to Burglary 2<sup>nd</sup> degree  
 was sentenced to 5-years State  
 Prison discharged from there  
 July 23<sup>rd</sup> 1891.

Edward Hally alias Scatagood  
 arrested January 24<sup>th</sup> 1882 Plea  
 guilty Feb 10<sup>th</sup> 1882 Sentence  
 suspended by Recorder Smythe

Detective Shelley

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Charles Gallagher alias  
Spence Gallagher alias  
Scattergood alias Curtis

Spence

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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

*Charles Curtis*

The Grand Jury of the City and County of New York, by this  
Indictment accuse *Charles Curtis*

of the crime of *Grand Larceny in the second degree,*  
as a SECOND OFFENSE, committed as follows:

Heretofore, to wit: at a court of General Sessions of the Peace, holden in and  
for the City and County of New York, at the City Hall, in the said City of New York,  
on the *twenty-second* day of *December*, in  
the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and *eighty-seven*,  
before the Honorable *Frederick Smyth*, Recorder  
of the City of New York,  
and Justice of the said Court, the said *Charles Curtis*  
by the name and description of *Charles Gallagher*  
was in due form of law convicted of *a felony*  
to wit: *burglary in the second degree*  
upon a certain indictment then and there in the said Court depending against *him*  
the said *Charles Curtis* by the  
name and description of *Charles Gallagher*  
as aforesaid,

for that *the said Charles Curtis, by the name*  
*and description of Charles Gallagher, as aforesaid,*  
then \_\_\_\_\_ late of the *Nineteenth Ward*

of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the  
Twenty-second day of December in the  
year aforesaid, at the Ward City and  
County aforesaid, with force and arms, about the hour of  
eight o'clock in the night-time of the  
same day, the dwelling-house of one,  
Abraham S. Herman there situate,  
feloniously and burglariously did  
break into and enter, there being then  
and there some human being, to wit:  
one Simon L. Herman, within the said  
dwelling house, with intent to commit  
some crime therein, to wit: the goods, chattels  
and personal property of the said Abraham  
S. Herman in the said dwelling house  
then and there being, then and there feloniously  
and burglariously to steal, take and  
carry away; and also for that he, the  
said Charles Curtis, by the name and de-  
scription of Charles Gallagher as aforesaid,  
then late of the Ward, City and County  
aforesaid, afterwards, to wit: on the day and  
in the year aforesaid, at the Ward, City  
and County aforesaid, in the night-time of  
the said day, with force and arms, one  
dress of the value of fifty dollars,  
three skirts of the value of twenty  
dollars each, two coats of the value of  
twenty dollars each, two pairs of  
trousers of the value of ten dollars

each pair, and one vest of the value of five dollars, of the goods, chattels and personal property of one, Abraham S. Herman, in the dwelling-house of the said Abraham S. Herman there situate, then and there being found, from the dwelling-house aforesaid, then and there feloniously did steal, take and carry away, and also for that he, the said Charles Curtis, by the name and description of Charles Gallagher as aforesaid, then late of the Ward, City and County aforesaid, afterwards, to wit: on the day and in the year aforesaid, at the Ward, City and County aforesaid, with force and arms, one dress of the value of fifty dollars, three shirts of the value of twenty dollars each, two coats of the value of twenty dollars each, two pairs of trousers of the value of ten dollars each pair, and one vest of the value of five dollars, of the goods, chattels and personal property of one Abraham S. Herman, by a certain person or persons to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown, then lately before feloniously stolen, taken and carried away from the said Abraham S. Herman unlawfully and unjustly did feloniously receive and have: the said Charles Gallagher then and there well knowing the said goods, chattels and personal property to have been feloniously stolen, taken and carried away,

each pair, and one vest of the value of five dollars, of the goods, chattels and personal property of one, Abraham S. Herman, in the dwelling-house of the said Abraham S. Herman then situate, then and there being found, from the dwelling-house aforesaid, then and there feloniously did steal, take and carry away, and also for that he, the said Charles Curtis, by the name and description of Charles Gallagher as aforesaid, then late of the Ward, City and County aforesaid, afterwards, to wit: on the day and in the year aforesaid, at the Ward, City and County aforesaid, with force and arms, one dress of the value of fifty dollars, three shirts of the value of twenty dollars each, two coats of the value of twenty dollars each, two pairs of trousers of the value of ten dollars each pair, and one vest of the value of five dollars, of the goods, chattels and personal property of one Abraham S. Herman, by a certain person or persons to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown, then lately before feloniously stolen, taken and carried away from the said Abraham S. Herman unlawfully and unjustly did feloniously receive and have: the said Charles Gallagher then and there well knowing the said goods, chattels and personal property to have been feloniously stolen, taken and carried away,

And Thereupon, upon the conviction aforesaid, it was considered by the said Court of General Sessions of the Peace, and ordered and adjudged that the said Charles Curtis by the name and description of Charles Gallagher as aforesaid, for the burglary and felony whereof he was so convicted as aforesaid, be imprisoned in the State Prison at hard labor for the term of five years

as by the record thereof doth more fully and at large appear.

And the said Charles Gallagher late of the \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, having been so as aforesaid convicted of the burglary and felony in manner aforesaid, afterwards, to wit: on the twenty fifth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety one at the \_\_\_\_\_ City and County aforesaid, with force and arms, in the day-time of the said day

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one promissory note for the payment of money, of the kind commonly called United States Treasury Notes, of the denomination and value of five dollars; one promissory note for the payment of money of the kind commonly called Bank Notes, of the denomination and value of five dollars; one United States Gold Certificate, of the denomination and value of five dollars; one United States Silver Certificate, of the denomination and value of five dollars;

two promissory note for the payment of money, of the kind commonly called United States Treasury Notes, of the denomination and value of two dollars each; two promissory note for the payment of money of the kind commonly called Bank Notes, of the denomination and value of two dollars each; two United States Gold Certificates, of the denomination and value of two dollars each; two United States Silver Certificates, of the denomination and value of two dollars each;

three promissory note for the payment of money, of the kind commonly called United States Treasury Notes, of the denomination and value of one dollar each; three promissory note for the payment of money of the kind commonly called Bank Notes, of the denomination and value of one dollar each; three United States Gold Certificates, of the denomination and value of one dollar each; three United States Silver Certificates, of the denomination and value of one dollar each;

divers coins, of a number, kind and denomination to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown, of the value of five dollars and sixty-nine cents, and one pocketbook of the value of two dollars, of the goods, chattels and personal property of one Bessie Mead, <sup>from the person of the said Bessie Mead,</sup> then and there being found, from the person of the said Bessie Mead 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.

Wm Lancelotti  
District Attorney.