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Counsel,
Filed *R* April 1890
Pleads, *Guilty*

Grand Larceny, Second Degree.
(From the Person.)
[Sections 528, 587, Penal Code].
THE PEOPLE
vs. *John O'Brien*

JOHN R. FELLOWS,
District Attorney.

April 23/90 *MJD*

A True Bill.

W. J. Berry
Foreman.
Jury 2 April 23/90
Found and convicted with
recommendation to mercy
Ed. Ref.
May 2/90

W. J. Berry
Clerk of the Court
at Buffalo, N.Y.
Witness:
Thomas Pitt

Officer White

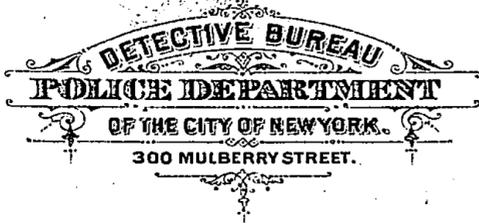
H. T. Taylor
4 Ganon St
Buffalo, N.Y.

Wm. O'Brien
110 Michigan St
Buffalo, N.Y.

Arthur Campbell
9 April

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New York,

Apr. 23rd, 1890.

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Martin Morin, Esq.,
Supt. of Police.
Buffalo, N.Y.

Dear Sir:-

John O'Brien, aged 20 years, was to-day convicted of Grand Larceny in the 2d degree, before Recorder Frederick Smythe in the Court of General Sessions of the Peace, this city. O'Brien says that his mother lives at #110 Michigan Avenue your city, and gives as reference as to his previous good character one W.W. Tyler, #4 Gannon Street, Buffalo. The Recorder has remanded O'Brien for sentence, and he is desirous of knowing whether the statement of the boy as to his mother's residence in your city, and as to Tyler's ability to testify to his good character, is true.

Will you kindly make investigation with reference to this statement, and let me know the result at your earliest possible convenience? Let me know also whether the boy is known to the police of your Department.

Very respectfully,

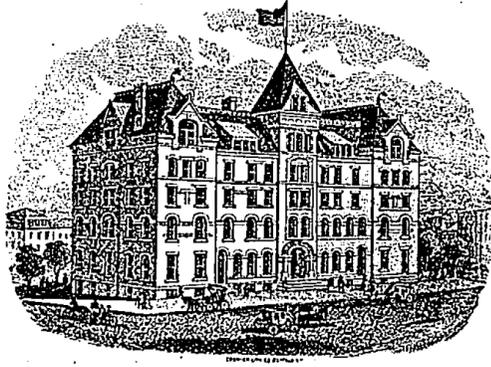
Thomas Byrnes,

Chief Inspector of Police.

(Copy of letter sent to Supt. Morin on 23rd inst.) F

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Department of Police City of Buffalo

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

MARTIN MORIN,
SUPERINTENDENT.

Buffalo, April 25 1891

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Mr. Byrne.

Chief Inspector of Police,
New York City -

Dear Sir,

In reply to yours 23^d the account-
John O'Brien given of him self is not correct and
we cannot locate him from it. - There is no Michigan
Ave here but there is a Michigan St. No 110 is
occupied by a large ice house and there are no
residences on either side of this no for several numbers
diligent-inquiries in the neighborhood fail to find
any one that knows him - H. H. Taylor does business
on Ganson St. instead of Gannon St. - he is in the
hardware business and during the season employs
large party of men among them ^{from houses on his block} we find several
John O'Brian but he does not identify your man -
I think from his giving the name of Hotel Struth
wrong and the number of residence that he is
only slightly acquainted here and made a guess
at it.

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Department of Police ^{OF} City of Buffalo.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

MARTIN MORIN,
SUPERINTENDENT.

Buffalo,

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enclosed I send photo of a local thief -
same name taken in 84 - he has not been
in city for some time - this is only one
that we have record against -

Yours Truly
Martin Morin
Supt. Police 013

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the likeness of
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COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.

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T h e P e o p l e .

vs.

John O'Brien.

Before

: Hon. Frederick Smyth

: and a Jury.
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Tried April 23rd, 1890.

Indictment filed April 16th, 1890.

Indicted for Grand Larceny in the second degree.

APPEARANCES:

Assistant District Attorney Davis, for the People.

Jacob Burlinger, Esq., for the Defense.

M O R R I S K I P P, the complainant, testified that he lived at 114 Chrystie Street, and was a painter by trade. On March 25th, 1890, he, the complainant, had in his possession a silver watch, worth \$3.50, and a plated chain. It was worn in his left vest pocket, attached to the chain, which was attached to a button hole of his vest. The defendant snatched at his watch, broke the chain and got the watch, and passed the watch behind his back to another person. He, the complainant, seized the defendant and tried to take the watch away from him before he passed it to the

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other person. The defendant knocked him down and ran away. The larceny occurred near the Thalia Theatre, in the Bowery, at about half past six o'clock in the evening. He, the complainant, was on his way home from his work. He, the complainant, got on his feet, after he was knocked down, and pursued the defendant and a police officer arrested the defendant at the corner of Bayard and Mott Streets. The man to whom the defendant passed the watch ran away also and escaped.

Under cross-examination the complainant testified that there was a crowd of persons standing in front of the theatre at the time of the larceny. When he, the complainant, caught hold of the defendant, several men separated them and allowed the defendant to escape. He had never seen the defendant before he stole his watch.

OFFICER ALONZO FOSKET testified that he belonged to the 6th Precinct. He arrested the defendant. The defendant ran down the Bowery, and turned into Bayard Street. He, the witness, pursued him, and rapped for assistance, and another officer stopped the defendant at the corner of Bayard and Mott Streets. The complainant was pursuing the defendant, crying out, "Watch, Thief." The complainant charged the defendant with stealing his watch, and passing

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it to another man. The defendant denied the charge, but in the station house he offered to make good for the watch, and not have any bother about it.

For the defense, JOHN O'BRIEN, the defendant, testified that he worked in the lumber business, measuring and assorting lumber. He was a stranger in New York. He had worked for W. W. Tyler, in Buffalo, and had been in New York about three weeks when he was arrested. He did not steal the complainant's watch or assault him, and he did not make the remark in the station house attributed to him by the officer. He was standing in the crowd in front of the theatre, and he stood around with the crowd, expecting to see some of the actors come out. Just as he was going away the complainant suddenly exclaimed, "You thief, you thief, give me back my watch", and grabbed him. He, the defendant, turned around and saw the complainant's chain hanging down. Then he, the defendant, got frightened because he saw a crowd gathering, and the complainant was screaming like a maniac. He became very much excited, and knocked the complainant down, because he would not let him go, and ran away.

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Police Court 7 District. Affidavit—Larceny.

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

Morris Kitt

of No. 28 MARKET Street, aged 45 years,
occupation Painter being duly sworn

deposes and says, that on the 25 day of March 1890 at the City of New

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

person of deponent, in the day time, the following property, viz:

One silver watch of the value of
of about Three dollars and fifty
cents

the property of deponent

and that this deponent has a probable cause to suspect, and does suspect, that the said property was feloniously taken, stolen, and carried away by John O'Brien (now here) for the reasons that deponent was standing on the Bowery in front of Thalia Theatre and had said watch in a pocket of the vest then worn on his person which watch was attached to a chain and fastened to the vest. The defendant suddenly seized said chain and drew the watch from pocket and broke the catch of the chain and ran away with the watch passed the watch to an unknown man and then ran away. Deponent pursued the defendant who was arrested by Officer Forritt

M. Kitt

Sworn to before me, this 26 day of March 1890
John W. ... Police Justice.

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Sec. 198-200.

District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY }
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

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

Question. What is your name?

Answer. *John O'Brien*

Question. How old are you?

Answer. *20 years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. *Bufflo N Y*

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

Answer. *92 Bowery*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. *Lumber Measurer*

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

Answer. *I am not Guilty*
John O'Brien

W. W. Dylus in Buffalo

Taken before me this

27th
day of *March* 18*90*

John J. ...
Police Justice

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BAILED,
 No. 1, by _____
 Residence _____ Street _____
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 Residence _____ Street _____
 No. 4, by _____
 Residence _____ Street _____

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 Police Court...
 District...

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
 ON THE COMPLAINT OF
Morris Hill
John W. Brown
 1 *John W. Brown*
 2 *114 Chryslers*
 3 *2nd Floor front*
 4 _____
 Offence *Larceny in Person*

Dated *March 26th 1890*

Garman Magistrate.
Trickett Officer.

Witness *Wm. J. Foster*
 No. *6th Avenue* Street _____

No. _____ Street _____
 No. _____ Street _____
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John

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 _____

dependant
 guilty thereof, I order that he be held to answer the same and he be admitted to bail in the sum of *1000* 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 *March 26th 1890* *John Garman* 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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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 O'Brien

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

John O'Brien
of the CRIME OF GRAND LARCENY in the *second* degree, committed as follows:

The said

John O'Brien
late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the *twenty fifth*
day of *March* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and
eighty-ninety, in the *day* time of the said day, at the City and County
aforesaid, with force and arms,

*one watch of the
value of three dollars and
fifty cents*

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

*John R. Fellows,
District Attorney*

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Olsen, Henry B.

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Counsel,

Filed

Wm. Jackson
1890

Pleas,

THE PEOPLE

vs.

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Henry B. Owen

H.D.

Grand Larceny, Second Degree.
(From the Person.)
[Sections 528, 581, Penal Code.]

JOHN R. FELLOWS,
District Attorney.

A True Bill.

W. J. Berry
Foreman.

Wm. Jackson
Pleas

S.P. 2 1/2 yrs.

Witnesses:

William Jackson
Off Michael Higgins

Wm. Jackson
Off Michael Higgins
1890

POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL

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Police Court- 1st District.

Affidavit-Larceny.

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

William Jacobson

of No. 52 Market Street, aged 38 years,
occupation Sailor being duly sworn

deposes and says, that on the 9th day of April 1887, at the City of New York, in the County of New York, was feloniously taken, stolen and carried away from the possession of a person of deponent, in the day time, the following property, viz:

one silver watch, and one brass chain
all of the value of
Five dollars

the property of deponent

and that this deponent has a probable cause to suspect, and does suspect, that the said property was feloniously taken, stolen, and carried away by Henry B. Olsen, now here, from the fact that while deponent and defendant were drinking together in a saloon on Cherry Street, the defendant suddenly took the above mentioned property, to wit: - a silver watch to which was appended a brass chain, from the vest pocket of a vest on the person of deponent, and ran off with it. The defendant admitted to Officer Michael Higgins of the 4th Precinct that he, the defendant, did take and carry away from the person of deponent the property as herein mentioned. William Jacobson

Sworn to before me, this 12th day of April 1887, J. M. Moulton Police Justice.

POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL

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CITY AND COUNTY }
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

aged 34 years, occupation Officer of No. 4th Precinct Street, being duly sworn deposes and

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

Sworn to before me, this 12th day of April 1890 } Michael Higgins

W. M. [Signature]
Police Justice.

[Lined area for additional text or notes]

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Sec. 198-200.

1st District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY }
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

Henry B. Olsen 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. Henry B. Olsen

Question. How old are you?

Answer. 27

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. Norway

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

Answer. Van Dyce House - 12 days

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 not guilty.

Henry B. Olsen

Taken before me this 12 day of August 1891
M. J. [Signature]
Police Justice.

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No 214
Police Court... 581 District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

William Jackson
House of Detention
George A. Olsen

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Office Lacey

Dated April 12th 1890

Michael Higgins
Magistrate
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Witnesses
Paul Officer

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Residence
No. 2, by
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No. 3, by
Residence
No. 4, by
Residence

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DISTRICT

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 Leggerman

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 April 12 1890 R. J. Mahon 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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CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, ss.

POLICE COURT, 1st DISTRICT.

Michael Higgins
of No. 4th Precinct Street, aged 34 years,
occupation officer being duly sworn deposes and says
that on the 12th day of April 1890
at the City of New York, in the County of New York

William Jacobson
(now here) is a necessary and material witness for the people against Henry B. Olsen. The deponent, as he, as the said William Jacobson is a seafaring man, and has no permanent address, that he be committed to the House of Detention in default of bail.

Michael Higgins

Sworn to before me, this 12th day

of April 1890

A. Mulvaney

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

Henry B. Olsen

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

Henry B. Olsen

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

The said

Henry B. Olsen

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

one watch of the value
of four dollars and one chain of the
value of one dollar

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

John R. Fellows,
District Attorney.

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O'Neill, James

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Counsel,
Filed 30 day of April 1890
Pleads, Not Guilty (may)

THE PEOPLE
vs.
James O'Neill
I
Grand Larceny, Second Degree.
(From the Person.)
[Sections 628, 681, Penal Code].

JOHN R. FELLOWS,
District Attorney.

A True Bill.

Wm. L. Berry
Foreman.
May 14/90

John Mayberry
Judge
May 14 1890
J.R.F.

Witnesses:
Guska James

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No 301

Witnesses:

Frank James

Counsel,

Filed *30* day of *April* 1890

Pleads, *Not Guilty (may)*

Grand Larceny, *Second Degree.*
(From the Person.)
[Sections 528, 581, Penal Code.]

THE PEOPLE

vs.

R
James O'Neill

JOHN R. FELLOWS,
District Attorney.

A True Bill.

W. J. O'Berry
May 14/90 Foreman.

John May
May 14 1890
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Police Court— 3 District.

Affidavit—Larceny.

City and County }
of New York, } ss.

Gurko Ganos

of No. 339 East 117 Street, aged 24 years,

occupation Mason being duly sworn

deposes and says, that on the 15 day of April 1890 at the City of New

York, in the County of New York, was feloniously taken, stolen and carried away from the possession
and person of deponent, in the day time, the following property, viz:

One Silver Watch of the value
of Thirteen dollars

\$13.

the property of Gurko Ganos

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 O'Keill (now here)

for the following reasons to wit:
On the said date deponent and defendant were in a crowd of people on Avenue B between second and Third Street viewing the pulling of a Car Horse out of a hole into which said animal had fallen - Deponent felt defendant pull the said watch from its guard and from the pocket of the Vest worn by this deponent at the said time as a portion of his bodily clothing and run away - Deponent giving chase overtook defendant and as both de

Sworn to before me, this
15 day of April 1890
at New York
Police Justice

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deponent and defendant lie struggling
upon the ground where they had
fallen. Officer Beller of the Thirtieth
precinct who had also joined in the
chase came up and arrested the
defendant and picked the said watch
from the ground alongside of de-
fendant as he was in the act of
getting up.

Wherefore deponent
prays the said defendant may be
held to answer as the law provides
for the said larceny.

Turko Tano's

Sworn to before me
this 15th day of
April 1890

Charles W. Linton
Police Justice

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Sec. 193-200.

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District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY }
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

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

Question. What is your name?

Answer. *James O'Neil*

Question. How old are you?

Answer. *19 years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. *U. S.*

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

Answer. *432 West 32nd Street 6 months*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. *Driver*

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

Answer. *I am not guilty*

James O'Neil

Taken before me this *15* day of *April* 188*0*
Charles Steinmetz
Police Justice.

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BAILED,
 No. 1, by _____
 Residence _____ Street _____
 No. 2, by _____
 Residence _____ Street _____
 No. 3, by _____
 Residence _____ Street _____
 No. 4, by _____
 Residence _____ Street _____

No. 101
 Police Court... 3 591
 District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
 ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Julia James
 339 E. 117

James Dickell

2 _____
 3 _____
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Offence Larceny
 from Person

Dated April 15 1890

Trator Magistrate.

Ballor Officer.

13 Precinct.

Witnesses Ball officer

No. _____ Street _____

No. _____ Street _____

No. _____ Street _____

\$ 1000 to answer

98 Street

Compton



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 April 15 1890 Charles Hainto 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.

POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL

0077

Court of General Sessions of the Peace

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

against

James O'Neill

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

James O'Neill of the CRIME OF GRAND LARCENY in the second degree, committed as follows:

The said James O'Neill

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

one watch of the value of thirteen dollars

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one Gurko Ganos on the person of the said Gurko Ganos then and there being found, from the person of the said Gurko Ganos 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