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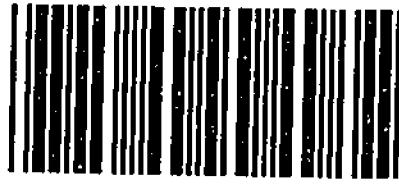
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W. J. Berry
Counsel,
Filed
Pleas, *Not guilty*

da. *April* 1890

Grand Larceny, Second Degree.
(From the Person.)
[Sections 528, 584, Penal Code].
THE PEOPLE
vs.
John O'Brien

JOHN R. FELLOWS,
District Attorney.

April 23/90

A True Bill.

W. J. Berry
Jury 2 April 23/90 Foreman.
Found and convicted with
accomplices to money
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THE PEOPLE
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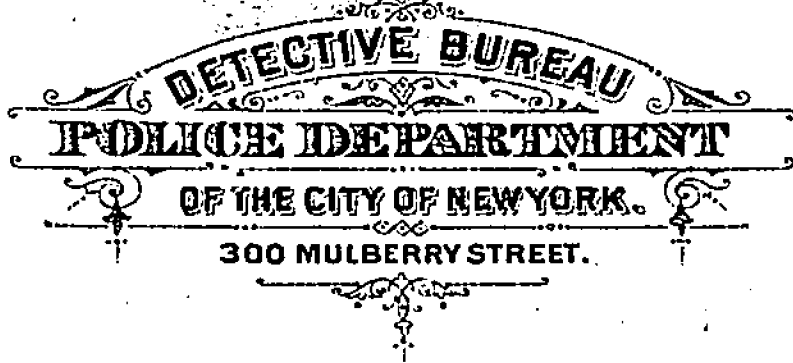
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New York.

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,

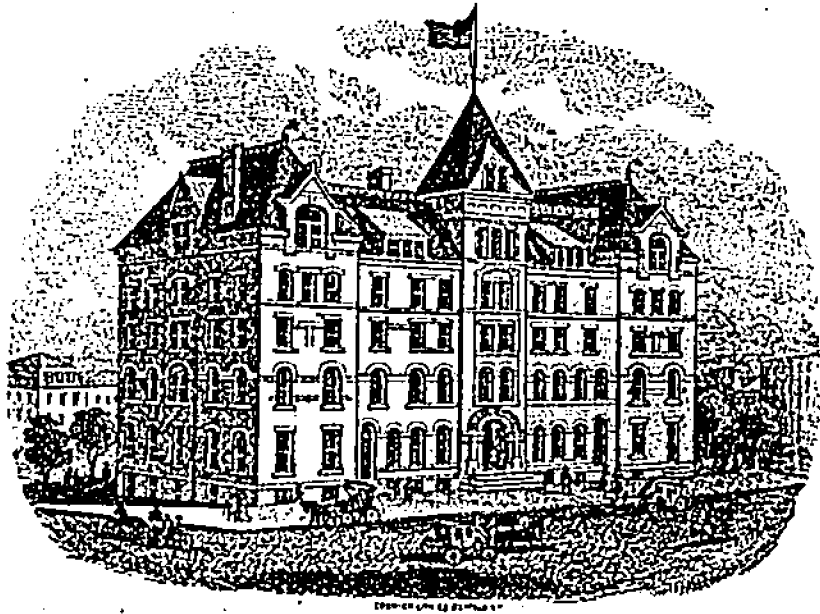
Thomas Byrnes,

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, Apr 25 1891

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Thos Byrne.

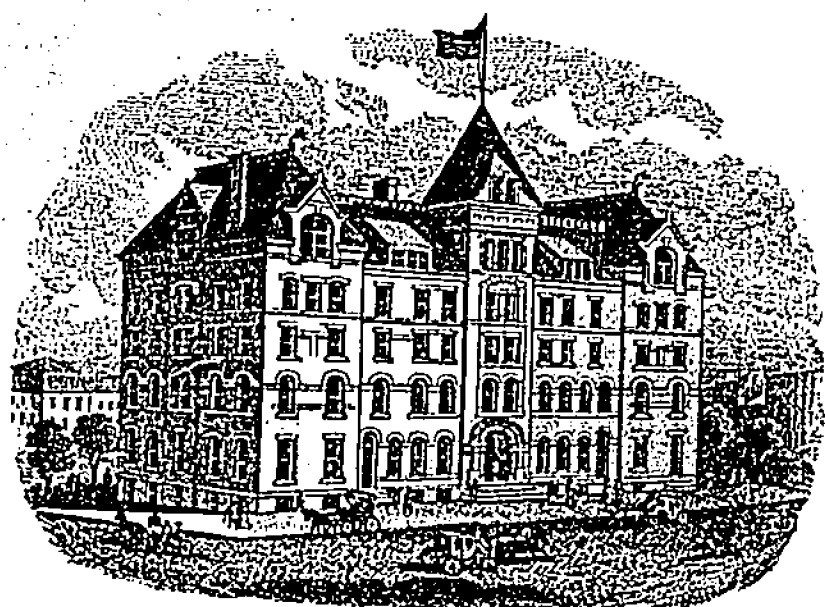
Chief Inspector of Police,
New York City -

Dear Sir,

In reply to yours 23^d the account-
John O'Brien gives 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. Tyler does business
on Ganson St. instead of Gannon St. - he is in the
hardware business and during the season employs
large gang of men among them ^{from houses on his block} we find several
John O'Brien but he does not identify your man -
I think from his giving the name of North Street
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 City of Buffalo.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

MARTIN MORIN,
SUPERINTENDENT.

Buffalo, _____ 188

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 name that we have record against -

Yours Truly
Martin Morin
Supt. Police v's

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The photo is with
the likeness of
Jeff
FK

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ORIGINAL

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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.
-----x

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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ORIGINAL

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Police Court

1st District

Affidavit—Larceny.

City and County } ss.:
of New York,

Morris Kitt

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

deposes and says, that on the 25th 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
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
To Kitt

M Kitt

Sworn to before me, this 26 day
of March 1890

John W. Morris Police Justice.

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

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Sec. 198-200.

CITY AND COUNTY }
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

District Police Court.

John O'Brien being duly examined before the 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. *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. Taylor - Buffalo

Taken before me this

day of *March*

1890

Police Justice.

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

0060

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

20131 476
Police Court District.

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

Dated *March 26th* 1890

Gorman Magistrate.

Stobert Officer.

Wm. Stobert Precinct.

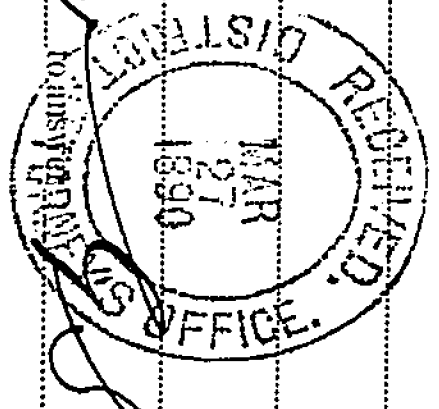
Witness *Wm. Stobert*

No. *6* *Green* Street.

No. _____ Street.

No. _____ Street.

No. *100* *St. James* Street.



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

dependant
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 *March 26th* 1890 *John Gorman* 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

0061

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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DESCRIPTION:

Olsen, Henry B.

DATE:

04/24/90



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ORIGINAL

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Counsel,
Filed *Let April 1890*
Pleads,

Witnesses:
William Jackson
Off Michael Higgins

THE PEOPLE
vs.
P
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
April 24/90 Foreman,
Plenda P. L. J. J. J.
S.P. 2 1/2 yrs.

William Jackson
Off Michael Higgins
Witnesses

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

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Police Court—1st District.

Affidavit—Larceny.

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

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 and
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 14th Precinct that he, the defendant,
did take, steal 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

John M. Mott
Police Justice.

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Michael Higgins
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 1880

Michael Higgins

H. W. Hughes
Police Justice.

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

0066

Sec. 198-200.

12 District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY }
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

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

Question. What is your name?

Answer.

Henry B. Olsen

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

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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

day of

August

1891

Police Justice.

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

0067

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

No 214
Police Court 1st District
581

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

William Jackson
House of Correction

George A. Olsen

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Offence Larceny

Dated April 12 1890

Michael Magistrate

Michael Magistrate

Witnesses

Paul Officer

No. _____
Street _____

Complained and committed
to the House of Correction
in default of one
hundred dollars bail.

No. 1082
APR 16 1890
CLERK'S OFFICE

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 Regering

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.

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

0068

CITY AND COUNTY } ss.
OF NEW YORK,

POLICE COURT, 1st DISTRICT.

Michael Higgins
of No. 44th 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. M. Hudson

Police Justice.

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

0069

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
on the person of the said

then and there being found, from the person of the said

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.

William Jacobson
William Jacobson
William Jacobson
John R. Fellows,
District Attorney.

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DESCRIPTION:

O'Neill, James

DATE:

04/30/90



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POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

0071

10301

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

Witnesses:

Franka James

THE PEOPLE

vs.

James O'Neill

Grand Larceny, Second Degree.
(From the Person.)
[Sections 628, 681, Penal Code].

JOHN R. FELLOWS,
District Attorney.

A True Bill.

Wm. L. Berry
May 14/90 Foreman.

Read May 14/90
Ed. R. J. Fellows
May 14/90
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ORIGINAL

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Witnesses:

Franka James

Counsel,
Filed *30* day of *April* 18*90*
Pleads, *Not Guilty (may)*

THE PEOPLE

vs.

James O'Neill

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

JOHN R. FELLOWS,

District Attorney.

A True Bill.

Wm. J. O'Serry
May 14/90 Foreman.

Off. May 14/90
Ed. J. O'Serry
May 14/90
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POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

0073

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 peo-
ple on Avenue B between Second
and Third Street viewing the pull-
ing of a Car Horse out of a hole
into which said animal had fall-
en - 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 o-
vertook defendant and as both de

Sworn to before me, this

15 day

Police Officer.

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

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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. Tainter
Police Justice

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

0075

Sec. 193-200.

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District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY } ss.
OF NEW YORK,

James O'Neil 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.

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 1880

Charles W. Steiner

Police Justice.

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

0076

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

No. 101 3 591
Police Court District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Julia James
339 E. 117

James O'Keefe

Offence Larceny
from Person

Dated April 15 1890

Clayton Magistrate.

Roller Officer.

13 Precinct.

Witnesses

Ball officer

No. _____

Street _____

No. _____

Street _____

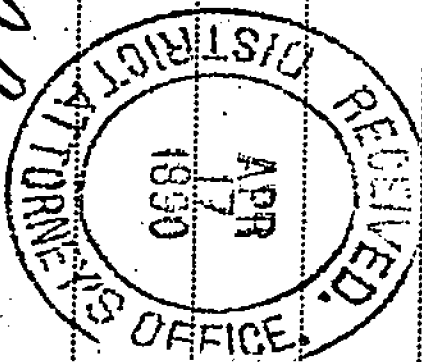
No. _____

Street _____

\$ 1000

to answer

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Comptroller

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 H. Smith 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~~ *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