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DESCRIPTION:
Webb, Richard

DATE:
08/10/91

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DESCRIPTION:
Reilly, Charles

DATE:
08/10/91

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Witnesses:

John Purcell

Joseph O'Rourke

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H Costello

Counsel,

Filed 10 day of Aug 1891

Pleads,

THE PEOPLE

vs.

Richard Webb

and

Charles Reilly

Grand Larceny, Second Degree

[Sections 528, 531, 532 — Penal Code.]

DE LANCEY NICOLL,

District Attorney.

A TRUE BILL.

Foreman.

Aug 13/91

Bail

Each $1000 R.P.

0011

Police Court— 1 District. **Affidavit—Larceny.**

City and County of New York, } ss.

John Purcell

of No. Manaqanesh Pin R. D. Street, aged 54 years,

occupation Carpenter being duly sworn

deposes and says, that on the 31 day of July 18 9 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:

Good and lawfull money of the United States of the amount and value of four hundred ~~twenty~~ ~~twenty~~ dollars

$400 00

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 Richard Webb & Charles Reilly (both men here for the reason following to wit: deponent having missed the said money from the inner pocket of his vest which he wore in a room in the Eureka House at 180 Pearl Rd, he is informed by Joseph O'Rourke (also here) that he O'Rourke saw the deponent and the defendants drinking together he saw the defendants subsequently go up to the room occupied by deponent and when they came

Sworn to before me, this 18 day of

Police Justice.

down he found in the possession of the defendants Pratt & Hennessy a dressed Tams hide, and in the possession of the defendants Reilly he found the sum of two hundred and forty dollars, which money defendants has since been and which he believes is part of the money which was stolen from him.

Sworn to before me
This 1st day of May 1891

John Prescott

J. P. of the Peace

Police Justice

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CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, } ss.

Joseph J Rourke.

aged 19 years, occupation Bar tender of No. 160 Lenox Road Street, being duly sworn, deposes and says, that he has heard read the foregoing affidavit of John Purcell and that the facts stated therein on information of deponent are true of deponent's own knowledge.

Sworn to before me, this 1 *day of* August 1899. } J O Rourke

Police Justice.

(3692)

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Sec. 198—200.

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, } ss.

1st District Police Court.

Richard Webb 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. Richard Webb

Question. How old are you?

Answer. 18 years

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. New Jersey

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

Answer. 160 Park Row, Jersey

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. Waiter

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

Answer. I am not guilty. I found the money in the Lunch room.

Richard Webb

Taken before me this ..... *day of* ..... 189 .

..... *Police Justice.*

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Sec. 198—200.

District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, } ss.

Charles Reilly 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. Charles Reilly

Question. How old are you?

Answer. 3 years.

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. New York

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

Answer. 21 Thomas St. 1 year

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. Bar tender

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 found the money on Russell's person.

Charles Reilly

Taken before me this [illegible] *day of* [illegible] 188[illegible]

[illegible] *Police Justice.*

0016

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

guilty thereof, I order that 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 ..... 1 ..... 18 21 ..... *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 h to be discharged.*

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

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Police Court--- ..... District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,

ON THE COMPLAINT OF

John Lincell

Narragansett St Pier

1 Richard Webb

2 Charles O'Reilly

3 .....

4 .....

Offence Larceny

BAILED,

No. 1, by .....

Residence ..... Street.

No. 2, by .....

Residence ..... Street.

No. 3, by .....

Residence ..... Street.

No. 4, by .....

Residence ..... Street

Dated ..... Aug 6 1891

O'Reilly ..... Magistrate.

Holmes ..... Officer.

6 ..... Precinct.

Witnesses Joseph O'Rourke

No. 1020 Park Row Street.

Officer

No. ..... Street.

No. ..... Street.

$ 1500 to answer G. S.

COMMITTED.

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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

Richard Webb
and
Charles Reilly

THE GRAND JURY OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, by this indictment, accuse Richard Webb and Charles Reilly

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

The said Richard Webb and Charles Reilly, both late of the City of New York in the County of New York aforesaid, on the thirty-first day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one at the City and County aforesaid, with force and arms, in the day — time of said 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 two hundred 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 two hundred dollars; divers United States Silver Certificates, of a number and denomination to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown, of the value of two hundred dollars; divers United States Gold Certificates, of a number and denomination to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown, of the value of two hundred dollars; divers coins of a number, kind and denomination to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown, of the value of two hundred dollars

$400.00

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one John Purcell on the person of the said John Purcell then and there being found, from the person of the said John Purcell 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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Second COUNT:—

AND THE GRAND JURY AFORESAID, by this indictment, further accuse the said Richard Webb and Charles Reilly of the CRIME OF CRIMINALLY RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY committed as follows:

The said Richard Webb and Charles Reilly, both 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, 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 two hundred 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 two hundred dollars; divers United States Silver Certificates, of a number and denomination to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown, of the value of two hundred dollars; divers United States Gold Certificates, of a number and denomination to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown, of the value of two hundred dollars; ~~divers coins of a number, kind and denomination~~ to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown, of the value of two hundred dollars

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one John Purcell by a certain person or persons to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown, ~~then~~ lately before feloniously stolen, taken and carried away from the said John Purcell unlawfully and unjustly, did feloniously receive and have; they the said Richard Webb and Charles Reilly 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:
4128

DESCRIPTION:
Weber, Thomas

DATE:
08/12/91

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Witnesses;

Eugene A Bush

Counsel,

Filed 12 day of Aug 1891

Pleads,

THE PEOPLE

vs.

Thomas Weber

Grand Larceny, Second Degree.
(From the Person.)
[Sections 528, 531, Penal Code].

DE LANCEY NICOLL,
~~JOHN R. FELLOWS,~~

District Attorney.

A True Bill.

William Mordaff

Aug 13/91 *Foreman*

Pleaded G. 2 deg

Elmer Rel.

0023

Police Court ..... District.

Affidavit—Larceny.

City and County of New York, } ss:

Georgina A. Bush

of No. 55 West 19 Street, aged 35 years,

occupation Keep House being duly sworn,

deposes and says, that on the 7 day of August 189 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 leather pocketbook containing good and lawful money of the United States of the amount and value of fifteen 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 James Walker, and here

from the facts that at about the hour

of 11.30 o'clock A.M. on said date deponent

was in West 19th Street between 5th & 6th Avenue

and the said property was in deponent's

hand, when this defendant came along

and snatched the pocketbook from deponent's

hand. Therefore deponent charges the

defendant with feloniously taking, stealing

and carrying away the said property and

prays that he be held and dealt with

according to law.

Georgina A. Bush

Sworn to before me this 9 day of August 1899

Police Justice.

0024

Sec. 198—200.

7 District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, } ss.

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

Question. What is your name?

Answer. Thomas Webber

Question. How old are you?

Answer. 18 years

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. Easton Pa U.S.

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

Answer. Easton Pa

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. Wood Carver

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

Thos. Weber

Taken before me this 7 *day of* August 1881

Police Justice.

0025

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 S. Hundum

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 August 7 *18* 9 *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 h to be discharged.

Dated *18* *Police Justice.*

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Police Court--- 2 **District.**

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

George Henry H Burk
55 West 19th St

1 Thomas Webber

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Offence Larceny from the Person

BAILED.

No. 1, by

Residence ..... *Street.*

No. 2, by

Residence ..... *Street.*

No. 3, by

Residence ..... *Street.*

No. 4, by

Residence ..... *Street*

Dated August 7th 1891

Kelly Magistrate.

Kemp Officer.

19th Precinct.

Witnesses

No. ..... Street.

No. ..... Street.

No. ..... Street.

$ 1000 to answer G.S.J.

G.S.J. person

0027

Court of General Sessions of the Peace

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
against
Thomas Weber

The Grand Jury of the City and County of New York, by this indictment accuse Thomas Weber of the CRIME OF GRAND LARCENY in the second degree, committed as follows:

The said Thomas Weber

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the seventh day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ~~eighty~~ ninety-one, in the day time of the said day, at the City and County aforesaid, with force and arms, one silver coin of the kind

.15¢ called dimes of the value of ten cents three nickel coins of the kind called five cent pieces of the value of five cents each, ten coins of the kind called cents of the value of one cent each, and one pocketbook of the value of twenty-five cents

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one Georgiana H. Buck on the person of the said Georgiana H. Buck then and there being found, from the person of the said Georgiana H. Buck 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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FOLDER:
4128

DESCRIPTION:
West, Annie

DATE:
08/05/91

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Witnesses;

Fran Weitz

The dept by a woman and the facts such I recommend the acceptance of the Plea of Petty larceny Aug 10/91 Wm Rudolph
W. A. West atty

53/ HC 984

Counsel,

Filed 5 day of Aug 1891

Pleads, Argnll, 6

THE PEOPLE

vs.

Annie West

Grand Larceny, First Degree.
(From the Person.)
[Sections 528, 531 Penal Code].

Jo. Wm

~~JOHN R. FELLOWS,~~

District Attorney.

A True Bill.

Wm Rudolph
Aug 7/91

Foreman

Plea 6 mo.

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Police Court 2 District. Affidavit—Larceny.

City and County of New York, } ss:

Franz Kutz

of No. 554 W 51 st Street, aged 27 years, occupation Laborer being duly sworn, deposes and says, that on the 26th day of July 189 1 at the City of New York, in the County of New York, was feloniously taken, stolen and carried away from the person and possession of deponent, in the Night time, the following property, viz:

One Pocket book containing the sum of Two dollars and twenty cents the whole valued at Two dollars and fifty cents $ 2.50

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 Annie Max Martin

from the fact that deponent was accosted by defendant on Nov 36th prior that defendant took deponent to the Hallway of home 222 West 36th Street that deponent had said property in his pants pocket. That defendant took said property from the person of deponent.

Deponent is informed by Paul Gabel that he saw the defendant with a pocket book in her possession and that he heard deponent charge defendant with the larceny aforesaid and that he saw the defendant return

Sworn to before me, this day of 189 Police Justice

said property to deponent
Deponent thereupon charges the defendant
with having taken carried away and
stolen from the person of deponent
said property and prays that the
be held to answer

~~John E Hell~~

Sworn to before me
this 27th day of July 1891

Fermy Smith

John E Hell

Calice Justice

0032

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, } ss.

Paul Goebel

aged 36 years, occupation Painter of No. 572 10th ave Street, being duly sworn deposes and says, that he has heard read the foregoing affidavit of Franz Mutz and that the facts stated therein on information of deponent are true of deponents' own knowledge.

Sworn to before me, this 27th *day of* July 1889 } Paul Goebel

John S Kelly

Police Justice.

0033

Sec. 198—200.

2 District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, } ss.

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

Question. What is your name?

Answer. Annie Mun

Question. How old are you?

Answer. 20 years

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. Virginia U.S.

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

Answer. 401 W 32nd street

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. Domestic

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

Answer. I am not guilty

Annie West

Taken before me this 27 day of July, 1886

Police Justice.

0034

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 S Fundum

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 July 27 *18*9 John S Kelly *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--- 2 District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Franz Wurtz (1554) vs. Annie Weiss (59)

1 Annie Weiss

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Offense Larceny from the person

Dated July 27th 1891

Kelly Magistrate.

Lee Officer.

20 Precinct.

Witnesses Paul Gorbel

No. 512 10th Avenue Street.

No. Street.

No. Street.

$ 1,000 to answer GS

Bail

$1,000 Bail by Aug 28. 2 PM

BAILED,

No. 1, by

Residence Street.

No. 2, by

Residence Street.

No. 3, by

Residence Street.

No. by

Residence Street.

0036

Court of General Sessions of the Peace

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
against
Annie West

The Grand Jury of the City and County of New York, by this indictment accuse Annie West of the CRIME OF GRAND LARCENY in the first degree, committed as follows:

The said Annie West

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the 16th day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ~~eighty~~ ninety-one, in the night-time of the said day, at the City and County aforesaid, with force and arms,

Fr. 20 one promissory note for the payment of money of the kind commonly called United States Treasury Notes, of the denomination and value of two dollars; one promissory note for the payment of money of the kind commonly called Bank Notes, of the denomination and value of two dollars; one United States Gold Certificate, of the denomination and value of two dollars; one United States Silver Certificate, of the denomination and value of two dollars;

two 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; two promissory notes for the payment of money of the kind commonly called Bank Notes, of the denomination and value of one dollar each; two United States Gold Certificates, of the denomination and value of one dollar each; two 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 two dollars and twenty cents and one pocketbook of the value of thirty cents

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

De Lancey Nicoll,
District Attorney.

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BOX:
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FOLDER:
4128

DESCRIPTION:
Williams, Louis

DATE:
08/14/91

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Witnesses:

Sarah Hass

Counsel,

Filed 16 day of Aug 1891

Pleads,

THE PEOPLE

vs.

Louis Williams

Grand Larceny Second Degree.

[Sections 528, 531 — Penal Code.]

DE LANCEY NICOLL,

District Attorney.

A True Bill.

Willis Wadsworth

Foreman.

Aug 14

Alexander Sidney

House of Refuge

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Police Court— 7 —— District.

Affidavit—Larceny.

City and County of New York, } ss.

Sarah Hass

of No. 210 West 103d Street, aged 41 years, occupation housekeeper being duly sworn, deposes and says, that on the 10 day of August 189 / 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 Gold Watch and Chain of the Value of one hundred and twenty five dollars

the property of Julia Hass and in deponents care and charge.

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 Louis Williams (Crooked) from the Jack-Shut on said date deponent missed said property from said premises said Williams admitted and confessed in deponents presence that he did take, steal and carry away said property from deponents premises

Mrs Sarah Hass

Sworn to before me, this 1 day of August 189 /

Police Justice

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Sec. 198—200.

9th District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, } ss.

Lewis Williams 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. Lewis Williams

Question. How old are you?

Answer. 15 years —

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. Brooklyn — N Y —

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

Answer. 415 Myrtle Avenue 2 years

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. None —

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 —

Lewis Williams

Taken before me this 17th *day of* August 1889

O'Donnell

Police Justice.

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

guilty thereof, I order that 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 July 11 *18* 91 *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 h to be discharged.

Dated *18* *Police Justice.*

0042

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Police Court--- 25 District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Samuel Hass
210 East 103rd St
Louis Williams

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Offence Larceny

Dated August 11 1891

Magistrate.

J J Sherman Officer.

26 Precinct.

Witnesses J J Sherman

No. 26 Precinct Street.

With property

No. Street.

No. Street.

$ 1000 bail or Commit

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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1891
ATTORNEY

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

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,

against

Louis Williams

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

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

The said Louis Williams

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

one watch of the value of ninety dollars, and one chain of the value of thirty-five dollars

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one Julia Hess

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.

DeLancey Nicoll,
District Attorney.

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BOX:
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FOLDER:
4128

DESCRIPTION:
Williamson, John

DATE:
08/04/91

4128

Bail fixed at $1000=
aug 4/91 RBC

Witnesses:

Hugo Schulte
Off Hogan
M. Nolan
Kate Flanigan

33 / CSB 946

Counsel,

Filed 4 day of Aug. 1891

Pleads, Not guilty

53 Aug 5 Pl

THE PEOPLE

vs.

I

John Williamson

ABDUCTION.
[Section 282, Sub. 1, Penal Code.]

~~JOHN W. FELLOWS,~~ De Lancey Nicoll

District Attorney.

Plead I

Aug 5/91.

Filed & Committed on
Jail Court.

A True Bill.

Foreman.

Pen. 1 yr 6 m.
Orig.

0046

Police Court, 2d **District.**

STATE OF NEW YORK,
CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, } ss:

Hugh Johnston

of No. 160 East 23d Street, in said City, being duly sworn, deposes and says, that a certain ~~female~~ male child called Katie Flanagan [now present], under the age of sixteen years, to wit, of the age of eleven years, is a necessary and material witness on behalf of the People of the State of New York in a certain criminal case now pending in the Court of General Sessions of, in and for the City and County of New York, entitled, The People against John Williamson, wherein the said John Williamson is charged with the crime of Prostitution, under Section 282 of the Penal Code of said State, in that he, the said John Williamson did willfully and unlawfully take receive harbor and use the said Katie Flanagan, then and there being under the age of sixteen years, to wit of the age of eleven years; for the purpose of sexual intercourse, not being the husband

and that the said

will, as deponent verily believes, unless duly held to appear on trial thereof, avoid giving his testimony at the instance of the people.

Wherefore, deponent prays that the said child Katie Flanagan may be held as a witness to appear on the trial of the aforesaid criminal case, and be committed temporarily to an institution authorized by law to receive children on final commitment, and to have compensation therefor from the City or County authorities, as a witness, to appear on the trial of the aforesaid criminal case, in pursuance of the statutes in such case made and provided, and especially of Section 291 of the Penal Code of the State of New York.

Sworn to before me, this 28 *day of* July 18 99 } Hugh Johnston

John J. Kelly

Police Justice.

POLICE COURT 2d DISTRICT.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Hugo Schulz

vs.

Katie Flanagan.

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AFFIDAVIT.
WITNESS.

Lafayette Avenue Borough.

Dated July 20 1897

John E Kelly Magistrate.

Schulz Officer.

S. P.C.C.

Disposition Committed to New York Society for the prevention of Cruelty to children.

STILES & CASH, STEAM PRINTERS, 77 EIGHTH AVENUE, NEW YORK

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CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, } ss.

Katie Flanagan

aged 11 years, occupation school girl of No. Number 93 Lafayette Avenue ~~Street~~, being duly sworn, deposes and says, that he has heard read the foregoing affidavit of Hugo Schulder and that the facts stated therein on information of deponent are true of deponent's own knowledge.

Sworn to before me, this 20 *day of* July 1890, } Katie her X mark Flanagan.

John S Kelly

Police Justice.

(3692)

Second. District Police Court.

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

Hugo Schulter

of Number 160 East 28th Street being duly sworn, he has just reason to believe and always believe. that deposes and says, that on the 19th day of July 1889 at the City of New York, in the County of New York, the John Williamson, now here, on board of the steamboat "Cordy Hartley" lying at the foot of West 21st street and North River in said city of New York, did willfully and unlawfully receive, take, employ, harbor and use a certain female now here, called Katie Flanagan, being then and there actually and apparently under the age of sixteen years; to wit of the age of eleven years; for the purpose of sexual intercourse, not being her husband, in violation of Section 282 of the Penal Code of the State of New York.

Wherefore the complainant prays that the said John Williamson may be apprehended, arrested and dealt with according to law.

Sworn to before me, this 20th *day of* July 1889 } Hugo Schulter

John Kelly *Police Justice.*

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Sec. 198—200.

District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, } ss.

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

Question. What is your name?

Answer. John Williamson

Question. How old are you?

Answer. 45 years old

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. Norway

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

Answer. Philadelphia

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. Pilot

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 Williamson

Taken before me this 7th *day of* April *1889*

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 Three *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 20th *18* 9. John C. Cole *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 h to be discharged.

Dated *18* *Police Justice.*

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BAILED.

No. 1, by

Residence Street.

No. 2, by

Residence Street.

No. 3, by

Residence Street.

No. 4, by

Residence Street

Police Court--- 2d District. 766

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Hugo Schultz
166-8 23
1 John Williamson
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Offence Assault 3d.

Dated July 20th 1889

Geo. E. Kelly Magistrate.

Ragan & Nixon Officer.

28th Precinct.

Witnesses Bryan Brady
22 W 115
No. ~~282 West 30th St Lafayette~~
Dennis Trolan
No. 575 W. 19th Street.

No. Street.

$3,000 Bail. S

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DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

#7,500 Bail Ex July 24. 2. P. M.
" " " " 23. 3 P. M.

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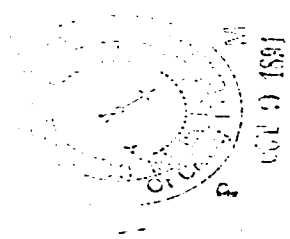
Pennsylvania Society to Protect Children from Cruelty.

Office, No. 1406 Chestnut Street.

T. Morris Perot, President.
Joseph P. Mumford, Treasurer.
J. Lewis Crew, Secretary.

Philadelphia, Oct 8th 1891

Mr E. Fellows Jenkins
Dear Sir
Enclosed I send you additional information in regard to John Williamson obtained late this afternoon
Yours Truly
J. Lewis Crew
Sec pro tem



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St Philips Church
Oct 6th 1891

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Signed Rev Jas T. Kramer
St Philips Church
228 Queen St
Tulsa

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Joseph P. Mumford.
Treasurer.

~~George W. Smith.~~
Elwood Speer
Sec'y and Supt.

Pennsylvania Society to Protect Children from Cruelty.

Office, No. 1406 Chestnut Street.

Philadelphia, Oct 7 1890

re John Williamson

Capt J. May, states that he has known defdt for years that he is a quiet man who drinks at times but that he would require very strong evidence to make him believe that man is guilty except he had been led off by bad company

Mr Ellwood of the firm of Daniel Ellwood states he would not believe that the man would commit any crime or depredation if he has known him for years and if he would renounce drinking could get employment in this City at any time

Capt U.S. Shipping Commissioner O'Brien has known defdt for 16 yr and states he is a soft hearted fellow easily led off and in his opinion would not be guilty of such a crime he defdt was a much respected Tug Boat Officer in this City

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T. Morris Perot. President.

Joseph P. Mumford. Treasurer.

~~Chas. H. Smith.~~ J. Lewis Crew Sec'y and Supt.

Pennsylvania Society to Protect Children from Cruelty.

Office, No. 1406 Chestnut Street.

PENNSYLVANIA SOCIETY TO PROTECT CHILDREN FROM CRUELTY

Copy

Philadelphia, ... 189

Scott Methodist Episcopal Church. Phila. Oct 6th 1891 —

I have known the son and daughter of Captain John Williamson, and have known of the rest of his family for the past five years, more or less. None are more highly respected. Those whom I know personally are models of good behavior and excellent moral character. During all the time named I have been their Pastor and were it necessary our entire Membership would endorse the above.

I do not know the merits of the case to be tried, but on behalf of his dependant wife and (I think) six children, three of whom are entirely dependant on him for support I would plead for him. His previous life according to the testimony of those who have known him for thirty years, has been without blemish. His pastor, though of a different school of theology to me, unites in this plea and bears his personal testimony to his worth

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And his children and companion in life
are looking to him for the necessaries of life
Give him and his dependents and depen-
-dent ones the advantage of any doubt
and let even justice be tempered with mercy

(Rev) William Jones
Pastor ~~Scott~~ Methodist Episcopal
Church Phila
Residence 1527 So 5th St

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THE PEOPLE
vs.
JOHN WILLIAMSON.

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS, PART I.

BEFORE JUDGE FITZGERALD.

September 24, 1891.

Indictment for abduction.

KATIE FLANAGAN, sworn and examined.

I live in Atlantic Avenue, Brooklyn. I am eleven years old and remember the 19th of July last. I visited my aunt that day, Mrs. Brennan, in 86th Street, New York City. I went to these girls houses -- Mamie Tribett and Lizzie Lawler, one lives in 26th Street and the other lives in 27th Street. I went down with them on that day to the 21st St. dock, North River, in this city, I stayed about half an hour I went on the boat to ask for a drink of water, a canal boat, I saw the defendant standing on the dock near this boat. That man over there (the defendant) I do not know his name, he pushed me in his room and said at the same time, "Jesus Christ", and then he laid me on the bed, then he took off his pants and I got up and I screamed; then he says, "if you will stay with me all day long I will give you a dollar;" then he laid me on the bed the second time and then he lifted up my clothes and he tore my drawers, then he got on top of me and then two men came at the door and they said, "let this girl out else I will go for a policeman"; then he got off me and then he dressed himself and let me out on the boat and as I got out I met two "cops" on the way; then the two "cops asked me if I was down on the canal boat and I said, no sir; then the two "cops" brought me down on the canal boat and then they took the man. Go back, where was this room that

you spoke of? In the wheel, where the big wheel was --- the pilot house on the canal boat. When he took his pants down he touched my person with his hands, he felt my private parts and I saw his person, he laid on top of me. The boat was fastened to the dock alongside Pier 21, North River; ~~the~~ one could walk from the pier to the boat. I asked him could I get a drink of water? He said, "yes, go down and get it", he was standing alongside the dock; he went on board after I went, I got the drink of water, he got it for me where the big wheel is in the same room that he afterwards took me to. When he gave me the drink of water he did not say anything but he pushed me in the room. How many times did he repeat the act of laying you on the bed? Three times. Do you know who those men were who rapped at the door and called out, "let that girl out?" No sir.

CROSS EXAMINED. I left Brooklyn on that day about two o'clock in the afternoon, my mother knew I was going over to my aunt's in 86th Street , I saw my aunt. I came down from 86th to the foot of 23rd Street to see these girls, I went down on the dock with the girls; they said there was a lot of girls down there dancing, I was down on the dock about half an hour. I never have been on boats before. The windows of this room on the boat were closed and curtains was over the window, the room was very dark. When the question was asked you by the officer after you were taken out of the room. what this man did to you, you told the officerhe had not done anything to you? Yes sir. Was that true? No sir. I do not know why I made that statement, that is the best answer I can give. It is not a fact that the officer came and knocked at the door. I know

these girls for a year, I have not been in the habit of going down on the dock, I had never been on that dock before but I have been on the Wilson Line dock in Brooklyn to my father. I do not remember seeing the gentleman now pointed out to me at any time (Mr. Campbell). Did this gentleman order you off that boat a month before? No sir, he never ordered me off that boat, I never saw that gentleman before. It was on a Sunday that I went into this pilot house of the boat, I am sure I was not on that boat the Saturday before. The defendant tore my drawers; the defendant took the water out of one of these big tins, he turned it on with a faucet and then handed me a cup.

MARGARET FLANAGAN, sworn and examined.

I am the mother of Katie Flanagan, the last witness, she was born on the 18th of September, 1881.

SAMUEL B. W. McLEOD, sworn and examined.

I am a physician and have been practicing in this city about thirty-five years; I am a graduate of the College of Physicians and Surgeons in the city of New York, I reside at 247 West 23rd Street and am one of the police surgeons of this city. I remember the 19th of July last, I saw the girl Katie Flanagan about 2.50 in the afternoon of the 19th of July, I saw her in the 16th precinct Station House on 20th Street between 7th and 8th Avenues. I made an examination of the child, I examined the genital organs, I was informed she was eleven years of age and found that the condition there would correspond with that age as she seemed to me to

be older from her appearance. I found no bruises, no blood, no swelling, no laceration but a certain amount of irritation at the lower part of the genital organs which might come from a variety of causes, not in any respect was there evidence of the application of any force. Could that irritation that you have described of the lower part of the genital organs have come from the penus of a man? It might.

CROSS EXAMINED. It could have been ascribed to other causes because there was no evidence of force.

FRANK W. HAGAN, sworn and examined.

I am the officer who made the arrest in this case, I arrested the defendant at the bulkhead at the head of the dock in 21st Street along the street, it was about 1.30 as near as I can judge, I made the arrest on the complaint of Dennis Trolan, who is a stevedore; The defendant told me that he belonged on the boat Eddy Hartwell, the boat was laying alongside the dock. I asked him what he was doing with the girl in the room? He said she went in there herself, that he did not do anything. When I arrested him he was in the wheel-house lying in the bunk with his shoes off and with his pants and shirt on him. I told him he would have to go to the Station House, he resisted going to the Station House with me but my side partner came in and he came along then without any more hesitation, Officer Nixon was with me. The defendant said the girl came into the room to him. I met the little girl alongside the street joining the dock and spoke to her, I brought her down as far as the boat and left her with Officer Nixon and went on board the boat.

ROBERT NIXON, sworn and examined.

I am a police officer of this city and was present the day the defendant was arrested; my attention was called to the case by Dennis Trolan, I was with Officer Hagan at the time and we proceeded to the boat, we met Katie Flanagan coming off the dock and I brought her back to the boat, we brought the prisoner off, I asked him what he was doing with this girl and he said, nothing. I says, "what had you her aboard your boat for?" He says, "she came aboard"; that is all the explanation he made at that time, I did not have him in charge going to the Station House, I brought the little girl. I asked the girl on the dock what she was doing and she said "I have done nothing wrong". I says, "don't be scared, little girl, I will take care of you, come right back to the boat to see what you have been doing there." I did not hear her make any complaint, I believe she did privately to the doctor.

BRYAN BRADY, sworn and examined.

I live 282 VanHorn Street, Lafayette, N.J. I am a boatman, I carry freight through Long Island Sound. Were you on the 21st Street dock on the 19th of July last? I could not say it was the 19th of July, it was on a Sunday I was on the dock, I saw the little girl Katie Flanagan, I was coming down after my dinner and when I came down to the dock Mr. Trolan said something to me, I did not see the girl on the boat. I saw a man knock~~ed~~ on the door of the pilot house that day after my attention was called to the girl, He took hold of the knob of the door and twisted it and He told the captain he

would get in trouble if he did not let that girl out, I did not see the defendant Williamson myself.

DENNIS TROLAN, sworn and examined.

I reside 515 West 19th Street and am a stevedore, I saw the complainant Katie Flanagan on the dock foot of 21st Street on the 19th of July; there were four girls on the dock all about the same age and the steward aboard that boat it seems was feeding them and giving them water; they went away from there down along the river front, they went from the tug boat Hartwell down to the tug Bluestone and the four of them came back half an hour after, then Katie Flanagan and another little girl went on board the Hartwell, the girl Flanagan was running into the pilot house and the other one jumped ashore, the other girls were standing at the spring-piece talking and the pilot came along, that is, the defendant; Katie Flanagan went to run out of the pilot house and they met in the door, I don't know whether he pushed her in, I was too far away to see but she went in, they both went in, I sat up at the end of the dock and Mr. Brady came along and I told him about it and after I told him something I went and notified two policemen, I brought two policemen down to the dock, I showed him the other three girls previous on the dock, I did not go aboard the boat. Did you see anyone after the defendant and the girl Flanagan went into the pilot house at that door afterwards? I went away for the policeman that time. Had you ever seen that girl, the complainant, before that day? That I cannot say, I never passed that much remarks.

The Case for the Defence.

JOHN WILLIAMSON, sworn and examined, testified:

I have been a pilot thirty-one years, I am duly licensed pilot by the United States government. I have heard the testimony of this little girl. Did you force her into a room, did you throw her on the bed, tear her drawers open, expose your private parts and attempt to have sexual intercourse with her, is that true or false? False. Have you ever appeared in a Court of justice as a defendant before this? No sir. I have never been charged with any crime. I will be fifty-three years of age the 11th of June next; I have a family, five sons and two daughters and three grand children in Philadelphia. My eldest daughter is about twenty-one years old, I live in Phildelphia. my wife has been on here once or twice to be present at the trial but she is not here to-day. This little girl was in the pilot-house. I came from the city and came on board and found the girls aboard the vessel, I went ashore Saturday night, the girls were board Saturday night and when I came back to the vessel Sunday in the morning early I found the girls on board again. Had you lost any property? Yes, I lost about two dollars in small change in the pilot-house during the night. Did you see this girl there before that time? Yes sir, she has been there nearly about fifteen visits she made aboard that boat, I had seen the other girls there before that, I had nothing whatever to do with the complainant in any way.

CROSS EXAMINED. I saw them the first day we arrived and I saw them the last day I was taken off, we arrived on Thursday, the 25th of June, I saw Katie

Flanagan on board the boat that evening for the first time, I saw her again on June 29, four days after, I saw her now and then every other day regularly around on the docks, I saw other girls but I am sure Katie Flanagan was among them. There is no doubt about that. I was hired to bring this boat from the port of Philadelphia to the port of New York, my engagement was limited to that time, I received twelve dollars for that; the next day I saw my owners again and I re-hired myself with the same parties. I don't know who took the money that I lost from the pilot house; the complainant was one of the girls I saw there the day before which was the 18th of July, I reprimanded her for stepping on the paint --- the girls were bare-footed, there were two more girls with her, my money was in my clothes in the pilot house, somebody must have taken it because it was gone the next morning, I missed it Sunday morning; when I came on board on Sunday these girls, three of them, were on board the boat, they were not in the pilot house but they were on the forward deck. I was standing at the door of the pilot house when the officer came in. It is not true what the officer says. that I was lying on the bunk with my shoes off, I was standing on my feet at the door, I did not think he was coming for me, I did not think I had done anything wrong. When the policeman came aboard the boat there was nobody on the boat but the steward Mr. Hancock, myself and these three girls. Mr. Hancock is not in court, I never seen him since he left. They came on board the boat on Saturday night about seven o'Clock and I do not know how long they remained. I spoke to this girl here in Court on Sunday morning and asked her how long did she stay aboard the boat? She told me

one thing and another, I forget exactly what it was. I said, "do you know anything about who it was was in the pilot-house last night? And she said she didn't know, I spoke about money; I asked her if she knew anything about it, if she had seen anybody aboard the boat Saturday night. When I came aboard the boat I saw the girls on the forward deck, they were standing nearly all together. The noise was coming from the dock about letting the girl out, I opened the door to let her go out. Why did you want to see Katie? Because she was a namesake of my family in Philadelphia. Katie Flanagan you rather took to her and liked her better than the others, is that so? No, I did not like any of them, I had no connection with them whatever in any positive manner. What did she do? She done nothing, she ran right up in the pilot house, I was standing on the dock when she went out, I went up afterwards; I went up to the pilot-house after she went up, she went up by herself, there was no compulsion. Had the steward told you that Katie was aboard after or before that? Nobody told me anything at all about that, I came aboard and found them there; the steward said, "Katie wants to see you"; she ran upstairs, I did not run after her, I walked up. What did you say to her when you got up? I said, "Katie, it is too bad a girl like you running around these boats all the time, you ought to be home." Did not you ask her what she wanted to see you about? No, I did not ask her any questions, I merely spoke to her what I have said. There was a knock made on the pilot-house door and they said let the girl out. I and Katie were inside, I made no remark, I thought it was only a joke of the boys on the dock; my shoes were not off then, I did not have my

shoes off that day. I do not think I was over five minutes in the pilot-house from the time I entered until I went out. When you were in there you told Katie something about why she did not mend her ways and be a good girl, was not that what you said to her? Yes. What did she say? She did not say anything at all, she did not cry; she knew she had been on the Bluestone the Sunday before and was drinking, that was the 12th of July, I did not see her, I was in Brooklyn but I have good evidence that she was there, I have evidence from the Captain and the wife of the boat that was lying fast alongside of the Central Railroad scow, I do not know the captain's name or his wife's name; they are not here in Court but they are in the city of New York, I think they live over in Hoboken or Jersey City. My engineer and my fireman seen them there. Mr. Campbell, the inventor of Amonia Power on the Hartwell and who owns the boat that I was employed on --- the boat belongs to a syndicate --- he is here and knows that the girl Katie was down around the boat. The cook and the steward who were on board the boat are not here. I had this money in a private desk but there was no key in it; I left two dollars and some small change in the drawer on Saturday night; I left money occasionally in the drawer, three or four times a week, I never missed any money before.

PETER W. VEETER, sworn and examined.

I reside 179 Tenth Avenue and am foreman of the Knickerbocker Ice Company, I remember the 19th of July last, I could not say that it was that day I saw the complainant but I drove three girls off the dock and they used very vulgar

language, I could not recognize the face of the complainant as one of them, I see hundreds of them almost every day. I have seen Capt. Williamson for over a month and I never saw anything wrong about him, I don't know anything about this affair, I only heard of it.

JAMES ROGERS, sworn and examined.

At the present time I am fireman on the tug-boat Hartwell, I have been aboard the boat for about eighteen months. I have sen the complainant Katie Flanagan on several occasions, I did not see her on the 19th of July, I was in Philadelphia at that time, I have seen Katie, the complainant. before the 19th of July down on the 20th Street dock, I don't know exactly how many times I saw her but I can swear to three or four times, there was two other young girls with her, she came on board the Hartwell.

CROSS EXAMINED. It was during the month of July that I saw her several times and I think the latter part of June. The boat was lying between the 20th and 21st Street dock on the 20th of June, I don't recollect when she got to New York, it was sometime in the latter part of June, after the 20th I believe. You could not have seen her on the 20th, could you? No sir, I do not believe I could. I did not keep the time, I had been working on board the boat for twelve or fifteen months, I came here with Mr. Williamson. You got here the same time he did? Yes sir, sure, that is right. So that you are mistaken now when you thought it was around the 20th? I did not say positively that it was the 20th.

JOSEPH H. CAMPBELL, sworn and examined.

I reside at No.8 East 127th Street, I have a part interest in the boat Hartwell but I am the inventor of an economic power of compulsion for navigation. I know the defendant Williamson, he was employed by the Company, he was highly recommended to us by some gentleman in Philadelphia and we entrusted him with property worth fifteen or eighteen thousand dollars. Have you ever had occasion while you have been aboard the Hartwell to notice visits on the pier and around the bulkhead of little girls? Yes, frequently I have ordered them away from that place. Were they aboard the boat? They ran through the boat and grabbed some vituals or crackers and so on. Did you ever know this complainant, Katie Flanagan, do you remember seeing her at any time there? I cannot certainly identify that girl, I believe she is one but I cannot identify her certainly.

CHARLES H. CAMPBELL, sworn and examined.

I reside No. 8 East 127th Street and am superintendent of the Campbell Engine Company. I am familiar with the boat Hartwell. There is no pump on the upper deck of the pilot-house and no faucet whereby water could be obtained, there is no cooler or anything of that kind on the upper deck. My attntion has been attracted to girls on the dock, I have gone and locked the doors to keep them from taking things. I could not say certainly that I have ever seen the complainant Katie Flanagan before to-day. I know Capt.Williamson and his reputation is that of a hard working man, he does a great deal more work on the boat than he is wanted to do.

I was not on board the boat on the 19th of July; I don't know whether there was an ice-cooler put on the boat that day or not. I know enough about the construction of the boat to know that there is no arrangement by which any faucet or iron pipe can be used to draw water on that second deck.

MARGARET FLANAGAN recalled by the District Attorney.

I live at 93 Atlantic Avenue, Brooklyn; my house is about three blocks and a half from the ferry. My daughter was with me during the month of June. She never was in the city of New York only once before the 19th of July, she came to New York with a message for me. I am six months in Brooklyn, I moved there on the 20th of March. I am sure my daughter was home with me every night. She was working on Friday and Saturday before this trouble for Mrs. Henry. She is a good, obedient child and I never had any trouble with her, I have never known her to use any bad language or get drunk. I do not know the girls she went down on the dock with.

The Jury rendered a verdict of guilty of abduction..

Testimony in the
case of
John Williamson
filed August
1891

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Scott Methodist Episco-
pal Church Phila Oct 6th 1891

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(Rev) William Jones
Pastor Scott Methodist Episcopal
Church Philadelphia
Residence 1527 So Eighth st

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St. Philips's Church
Oct. 6th 1891

I have known John Williamson for some years past. He was always a hard working industrious, sober man. He was always considered a faithful husband and a kind father to his Children! He has been living in this neighborhood for nearly thirty years and from information I have received from those who have known him for nearly all those years not one

word can be said against his character as a generally good moral man

Rev. Jas. F. Trainor
St. Philip's Church
228 Queen St.
Phila. Pa.

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Phila
Oct 8 1891

This is to certify that Adam Brown John Williamson for the last ten years I have known him to be a good sober industrious man and of good moral character and a faithful husband and a kind father

Joseph O'Brady
276 Lorch Street
Philadelphia Pa

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Phila Oct. 8. 1891

This is to certify that I am personally acquainted with Capt John Williamson.

Have had frequent business transactions and associated with him for nine years and have always found him an honest industrious man of good moral habits and strongly attached to his family.

Yours Respectfully
Geo. Rafsnyder
With Atlantic Refining Co
Point Breeze
Phila
Pa

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All kinds of Hoisting, such as Rafters, Girders, Steeples, Boilers, Monuments, Castings, etc.

IRON WORK A SPECIALTY.

JAMES MOORMAN,

RIGGER.

776 South Front Street,

FLAG POLES FURNISHED AND KEPT IN ORDER.

Philadelphia, Feb. 1st 1891

i have known John Williamson for sixteen years to be a hard working sober man a kind husband and a good father

James Moorman
Rigger
776 South Front St Phila

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Ohio Oct 8th 1911

To Whom it may Concern:

This is to certify that I have known John Williamson for more than fifteen years. I know him to be a decent honest industrious man a good father & a faithful husband

Most Respectfully
Jacob Cummins
Ohio & Pine St

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Phila Oct 8th 1891

To Whom it may Concern:

This is to certify that I have known Isaac McCamson for more than fifteen years, I know him to be a decent honest industrious man a good father & a faithful Husband

Most Respectfully
Jacob Community 2nd
S 20th & Phila St

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Savannah Geo
Oct 5th 1891

We do say that we have Known Capt John Williamson, for a number of years. We have found him Honorable and Industrious and the undersigned do not Believe that he could be guilty of the Charges which he is accused of

Sign
Capt Chas. N. Keaine
Stm Dug Forest City
Savannah
Geo.

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City Philadelphia
October 8. 1891

To all whom it may concern
I Charles Jenkins a citizen of
Philadelphia Pen do hereby
certify that Simon John Williamson
personally for about twenty
six years and have served
him on Steame Boats as
Engineer also have Lived Neibors
about twenty years and I can
truely certify to his good character
to be sober and industrious
and to the very best of my
knolage he have allways been
A faithfull husbandt and
A loving father

Charles Jenkins
439 Emily St

I pray your honor you will please grant
me anew trial as the sinking Watchman
and Engineer of the Knickerbocker Ice
co was not there to testifie against
those viles I have Refferences as such
North American Insurance Co Philadelphia
Peter Wright & Son " "
Ocean Steam Ship Co " "
William Cramp and Son " "
Luppie and Levy " "
S & J. M. Flanagan " "
The Maritime Exchange " "
J May & Son " "
William Brockie & Son " "
Sarah V. Elwell 510 S. Del Av " "
I can recomend myself as and boiltman
under this named firms I have worked for
this last 35 years I remain yours
very Respectfully J Williamson
Master of the late Invented
Ammonia Steamer E D Heartley
now on Public Exhibition New York City

To the Honorable James Fitzgerald
Presiding Judge of the General Session

New York City

I pray in the name of the living God that you in your mercies will help me in this sad calamity in regard to Abducting Katie Hannigan. I have never spoken to her anywhere than onboard of Boats where the gang handled at 20th & 21st docks I am poor and have a large Families in Phila I been in Prison since July the 19th I saw the gang Saturday night in the dock as I was loading my Vessel I found them onboard Sunday on my arival onboard I am aquainted with all leading business firms in Philada I pray your honor that you of your goodness will let me return to my families in Peace as I left them June the 23rd 1891 faiends and my families will be in court tomorrow can nothing else be done

if your please your honor examine this
I pray Sir
Capt L Luckenbach of New York
City have Known me the last 20.
years and many Respectable families
in Brooklynn Nick James Mc Lane
and Mr Campell Inventor of the
america Power will also Testify to
my Caretter
Office of the Campell Engine
Co Mills Building Wall St & York
Respectfully your honor
Capt J Williamson
also the B & O R R Co Philada
R R R Co Philada

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OFFCIES OF THE
Campbell Engine Company,
MILLS BUILDING,

New York, October 8th, 1891

To the Hon. Judge Fitzgerald,
Court of General Sessions:

In the case of the People vs. John Williamson found guilty of abduction.

I believe that the defendant is to appear before you tomorrow (9th inst.) for sentence. I think it is my duty to make a statement to your Honor in behalf of Williamson.

This man has been in our employ for some time; we have found him in every way faithful to us in his duties as Captain and Pilot. Unlike most men of his profession he has performed duties that did not come strictly within those devolving upon Captain or Pilot. We believe him to be a man who has heretofore sustained a good character, but the matter we wish to call your attention to directly is that on account of his unhappy manner and dictatorial bearing he provoked the ill-feeling of the fireman, Steward, Engineer and deckhands. This, assisted by his peculiarities, made him not only the butt of every practical joke, but these parties studied to annoy and vex him. This is stated to your Honor to account for the familiarity that apparently existed on that Sunday morning between Katie and the defendant; as your Honor will remember, when Williamson was returning to the boat, the other employes called out: "Here's Katie, Captain. Captain, Katie wants to see you". His very nature provokes this. Twenty-four hours previous

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MILLS BUILDING,

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to the above occurrence he called on us to enable him to enforce discipline on the boat, and Mr. McLain, the President, went to the boat and told the others that they must behave properly and observe the Captain's orders. It was the intention of three of the above named to force him to resign and to secure the place for the Captain of the "Blue Stone". When Williamson was arrested, this man made application for his place. The Steward of the boat fled from the State that very day. The Engineer to avoid being subpoenaed, employed artifice, and before the trial he too left the State.

These men would have been present in Court if Williamson could have had them there; then the finding might have been different. The above are facts, and we respectfully trust that they will be worthy of your consideration.

Yours very respectfully,

S H Campbell

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OFFCIES OF THE
Campbell Engine Company,
MILLS BUILDING,

New York, Oct 8th 1891

To the Hon Judge Fitzgerald
Court of General Sessions

My Dear Sir

This letter is in behalf of a man by the name of John Williamson, who was convicted of Abduction, And who I understand is to be sentenced on Friday of this week,

Feeling that he is the unfortunate victim of circumstances, and a stranger in a strange city, with little or no money and no friends, therefore I ask you to extend to him mercy in your consideration of his case,

I was a witness for him on his trial with no personal end to gain, either by his conviction or acquital, I did my best to procure witnesses for him, but I was not acquainted in the neighborhood where the arrest took place, and the Captain was also a stranger to the parties who could have been of use to him on his trial, they were poor people and could not afford to lose the time and were hoping for his acquital without their testimony, After it was too late their sense of the wrong they had done the Captain got the better of them, and they now seem to be anxious to do all in their

power to save him,

I have told Mr McClelland how matters stand and he will use it as he deems proper.

Trusting I have not erred or concerned myself in matters I should not. Let me remain

Very Respectfully

Chas. H. Campbell

To whom it may
Appeall to [illegible]
Citizens of the United States
of America

New York Oct the 9th 1891

I pray to the almighty God and
this Intelligent [illegible] Court also in
the name of United States of
America I ask for Justice in this
Unlawfull Persecution [illegible]
Enemies I claim Protection
heretofore to me by the Constitution
of the United States which
Law I have never violated.
Signed Capt John [illegible]
master of [illegible]
Residence No 2106
South Lawrence Street
Pennsylvania
I have resided in Philadelphia
Thirty Three Years

Appeal for Justice according to law in the constitution
United States Hotel and free boarding scool for Abducted United
States Steam boat Pilots Commising Services in Washington
in the year of our Lord 1861 ending in Prison in New York
Sunday July the 19th Washington mean Time 12 30P M
1891 from the Public American Flag of Freedom

To the honorable James Fitzgerald presiding Judge
of the Court of Common Pleas [illegible] 1891

This well
Known Notorious gang and this Rep[illegible] to which lend
a helping hand in crime has from said date Sunday
July the 19th carried on War against liberty and honor
from the Arival of said Public Fly they made War so
great that the Watchman and [illegible] of Knickerbocker
Ice Co is ashamed to come and testify as I made Inquiry
of them about them and was told to be careful as they
belong to a gang of outlaws [illegible] West 22d St on
Saturday evening been busy all day at the Mills building
I met my prosecutor onboard told her to leave. My
own business was called onshore in a hurry I returned
at midnight and saw no one Sunday morning I went on shore
returning I found the Notorious gang onboard I Ordered one
of them to the Pilot house and I midiatly I was captured and
abducted I have been prosecuted to this day Respectfully Capt J Williams

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Police Department of the City of

Precinct No. 19

New York, 19

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Police Department of the City of New York.

Precinct No. 10

New York, 19 1891

To whom it may concern

We the undersigned being personally acquainted with Captain John Williamson take pleasure in recommending him as a sober industrious and as a man of good character having known him for years both in a personal and business character we have had on numerous occasions opportunities of testing his faithfulness to duty his sobriety honesty and integrity and have never found him wanting in any of the virtues necessary to the welfare of a good Captain a steady husband and a good father

Capt. John Williamson has been in my employ as Captain of a Tugboat

P. Hammerschlag Chart. New Jersey
1209 Hancock St. Philada.

S. R. Bazeley Tug Boat Owner

Capt J. Coyle

Paul Le Compte

Capt Wm H H Titus

Capt Wm. W. Lewis

Capt Jas Wilson

Capt George Thorp

Edwd. W. Stokenbury Tug Boat Owner

Capt Robert Coxson

David Whitcar Engine Builder

M. P. Howlett Stevedore

John Corcoran "

Capt R. P. Carroll

Peter Hogan Barge owner

Capt Lee Murray

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This is to certify that Capt John McCormson has been in my Employ as Master of tug Argonauta for the last five years and his Person himself Sober and Industrious man also bear a fine character here

Jos Capt G Bewley owner of tug Argonauta
111 Walnut St Phila

John Green Sub Post office 111 Walnut st
J. Crosby Sub Post office. Phila 119 Walnut St
Wm. H. Corbit Fire Boat Dealer 208 Walnut St
Capt W S Bernard 302 Carpenter St
Jesse W. Snider & Son 217 Walnut St
Chas. Engelhardt C. Master Stevedores 1123 Queen St
Wm Mey 500 So Del Ave
D. Grant Bennett 572 So Del ave
Thomas Hinshaw Queen & Lawrence sts.
A. Stagg 215 Walnut St I have known him for 15 yrs. as having a good character
C L Walker Office 217 Walnut Tug Boats Owner
James McCauley 212 Walnut St
James Gallagher 214 Walnut Street
J. J. Mason 227 Dickson St.
James E. Vansciver Jr. 502 S. Delaware Avenue
Charles Smith Rec 439 Emily St
Jacob Harland 1728 [illegible]

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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 Williamson

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

John Williamson

of the CRIME OF ABDUCTION, committed as follows:

The said John Williamson,

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the [illegible] day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ~~eighty-~~ ninety-one, at the City and County aforesaid, did feloniously take, receive, harbor, employ and use one Katie Branagan, who was then and there a female under the age of sixteen years, to wit: of the age of [illegible] years, for the purpose of sexual intercourse, he, the said John Williamson, not being then and there the husband of the said Katie Branagan, 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 John Williamson —

of the CRIME OF PERPETRATING AN ACT OF SEXUAL INTERCOURSE WITH A FEMALE UNDER THE AGE OF SIXTEEN YEARS, NOT HIS WIFE, committed as follows:

The said John Williamson, —

late of the City and County aforesaid, afterwards to wit: on the day and in the year aforesaid, at the City and County aforesaid, with force and arms, in and upon a certain female not his wife, to wit: her, the said Katie Branagan, — then and there being, wilfully and feloniously did make another assault, she, the said Katie Branagan being then and there a female under the age of sixteen years, to wit: of the age of eleven — years; and the said John Williamson —— then and there wilfully and feloniously did perpetrate an act of sexual intercourse with her, the said Katie Branagan ——, 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:
Wilson, Martin

DATE:
08/12/91

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(501)

Witnesses:

Dennis Sullivan

Ed. McGowan

Wm. A. Hunt

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JB

Counsel,

Filed 12 day of Aug 1891

Pleads, Not guilty, JB

21 THE PEOPLE

vs.

Gaussoot et al

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Martin Wilson

Assault, first degree. (Sections 217 Penal Code)

DE LANCEY NICOLL,

District Attorney.

A TRUE BILL.

William Woodruff

Foreman.

Part 2 — Sept. 9. 1891

Tried and convicted of Asst 3rd Deg with recommendation to mercy.

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District Police Court.

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

John F. Sweeney

of Number 9th Precinct - Municipal Police being duly sworn, deposes and says, that on the 2d day of August 1891, at the City of New York, in the County of New York, at foot of West 12th Street - in said city of New York on board barge number 6, one Martin Wilson, (now here) did then and there unlawfully and willfully cause & permit the life of a certain child called Dennis Sullivan (now here) then and there being actually and apparently under the age of sixteen years, to wit, of the age of fifteen years, to be endangered by throwing said child over board in to the river, and jumping after said child and pushing said child down several times until said child became unconscious.

in violation of the statute in such case made and provided and especially of section 289 of the Penal Code of the State of New York.

Wherefore the complainant prays that the said

Martin Wilson

may be ~~apprehended, arrested and~~ dealt with according to law.

Sworn to before me, this 3rd *day of* August 1891

John F. Sweeney.

Police Justice

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CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, } ss.

Dennis Sullivan

aged 13 years, occupation Cash Boy of No. 762 Washington Street, being duly sworn, deposes and says, that he has heard read the foregoing affidavit of John F. Sweeney and that the facts stated therein on information of deponent are true of deponent's own knowledge.

Sworn to before me, this 4th *day of* August 1896, } Dennis Sullivan

E. Hogan

Police Justice.

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Sec. 198—200.

2 District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, } ss.

Martin Wilson 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. Martin Wilson

Question. How old are you?

Answer. 21 years

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. U.S.

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

Answer. Mauser ave 3 weeks

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 innocent

Martin Wilson

Taken before me this 2nd *day of* August 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 D Hunman

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 August 4th *18* 91 *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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Eq Aug 4th 2 P.M.

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Police Court--- 2 District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Dennis Sullivan
768 Washington St
1 Martin Wilson
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Complaint
Felonious Assault
Officer

BAILED.

No. 1, by
Residence Street.

No. 2, by
Residence Street.

No. 3, by
Residence Street.

No. 4, by
Residence Street.

Dated August 3rd 1891
Hogan Magistrate.
Sullivan Officer.
9th Precinct.

Witnesses Robert Brunspill
No. 158 9th avenue Street.
Edward McGowan
No. 453 W 16th Street.
William A
No. 100 East 2 Street.
$ 500 Bail.

Charles Flynn
470 6th Street

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David O'Grady
768 Washington St
c/o Mrs. Smith

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS OF THE PEACE,

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

The People, vs. MARTIN WILSON.	Before Hon. Rufus B. Coving, and a Jury.

Tried September 9th, 1891.

Indicted for ASSAULT IN THE FIRST DEGREE.

Indictment filed August 12th, 1891.

APPEARANCES:

Assistant District Attorney Lynn, For The People.

Jacob Benlinger, Esq., For The Defense.

DENIS SULLIVAN, of 781 Washington Street, testified that he attended school, but he was at work since his father's death. He remembered the 2nd of August, 1891, when he was at the foot of 12th Street. He was in swimming on that day. There were about 15 or 20 other boys. In the court room were Edward McGowan, Charles Flynn and David O'Grady, who were swimming with him on that day. They were swimming off a scow loaded with stones. The boat was lying alongside of the dock. There was another boat---a dirt scow---that they had their clothes on. The two boats lay alongside of each other, and the stone scow was on the outside of the two. It was in the afternoon. He, the witness, saw the defendant in swimming. He had two young men with him. After he had been in swimming he, the complainant, got upon the stone boat, and began to dress himself. Just at that moment

Daniel Meehan called out to Joseph Rodgers, "Hit him with a brick." The defendant thought that it was he the complainant that said this. He, the complainant at that time had his two shirts on, and had his trousers almost on when the defendant threw him overboard. The defendant ran up to him and said, "I know who holler'd out that." and caught him and threw him overboard. No one had thrown a brick at the defendant. He, the complainant, lost his trousers when he was thrown overboard. After the defendant had him in the water, he hit him and pushed him down. He pulled him up and then pushed him down again under the water, and kept him down. Then Edward McGowan jumped in and kicked the defendant, and caught hold of him the complainant by the neck and swam into the boat with him. He, the complainant, swallowed a good deal of water, and became nearly unconscious.

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Cross-Examination,

the complainant testified that he was insensible when Meehan rescued him, but he came to his senses as Meehan was pulling him on the dock. The other boys had told him that Meehan had rescued him from the defendant. He, the complainant, never had any trouble with the defendant before. There were fully 100 men and boys bathing at the place.

EDWARD MCGOWAN testified that he lived at 781 Washington Street. He saw the defendant swimming off a raft. Two friends were with him---young men. The defendant was amusing himself by throwing the

smaller boys off the raft. He, the witness, told the defendant not to be so fresh, and the defendant said he would fetch him a blow in the eye, and another small boy called out, "Hit him with a brick." Then the defendant went over to the stone boat, thinking that it was the complainant who had said this, and caught the complainant by the leg and neck, and flung him overboard. Then the defendant jumped in and pushed the complainant down under the water, and he, the witness, jumped in and hit the defendant and kicked him, and helped to put the complainant up on the stone boat again. No one hit the defendant with a brick. In

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the witness testified that he was 17 years of age, and worked for the Knickerbocker Ice Company. He had never seen the defendant before that day,

which was Sunday. He had never had any trouble with the defendant, or with the complainant. He did strike the complainant when he was in the water, but it was necessary to do that to make him unconscious to prevent the complainant from getting hold of him and dragging him under water and drowning both of them.

DAVID O'GRADY gave similar testimony.

OFFICER JOHN F. SWEENEY testified that he was attached to the 9th Precinct and he arrested the defendant at the foot of Jane Street, about half-past 3 o'clock on the afternoon of the day in question. He made the arrest on the complainant's complaint. He, the witness, had a good deal of trouble in arresting the defendant. He, the witness, had to send for assistance. The defendant was aboard of a scow, and he, the witness, had to cross another scow to reach him It was a brick scow that the defendant was on. The defendant ran to the cabin of the brick scow and ordered him the witness, off, and told him he had no right there. He, the witness, told the defendant that he, the witness, had a right to be there, and he the defendant was under arrest. The defendant said that he, the witness, would never take him off that boat alive. They stood 15 or 20 minutes there arguing the matter. Several other men were with the defendant. Another man who was with

the defendant said that he, the witness, would never take the defendant off the boat alive, and ordered him, the witness, off the boat, and called him a vile name. Then three or four other men insisted that he, the witness, would not take the defendant off alive. He, the witness, then got hold of the defendant, and held on to him, and several citizens, who were on the dock, went up to West Street and called another officer. The officer jumped on the scow, and he the witness said, "Keep this man back, and I'll take this man off." Then he took the defendant off the scow and took him to the station house. The defendant, when he heard the complaint against him, said that the boys threatened to throw bricks at him. In

Cross-Examination,

the witness testified that the complainant said to him, the witness, that the defendant had tried

to drown him---had thrown him overboard and tried to drown him. The complainant pointed out Wilson as the man who had tried to drown him. The complainant was almost naked at the time, and some one had stolen his clothing from him.

FOR THE DEFENSE,

MARTIN WILSON, the DEFENDANT, testified that he lived in Gansevoort Street, but he could not remember the number of the house, although he had lived there about two months. He worked for the Knickerbocker Ice Company. He had never seen the complainant before the Sunday in question, on the dock. He did not undertake to drown the defendant, nor did he see him in the water at all. He left his home on that Sunday, and went down to feed his horses at half-past 2 or 3 o'clock, in the afternoon. He was accompanied by two friends. When he got to the dock he saw a boat that he had formerly worked on, and he went aboard to see if he knew the Captain, and the Captain was not aboard.

The watchman was on board, and he said, "You can go in for a swim, if you want to." He, the defendant, had asked the watchman if he could do so. The watchman said they could go down to the cabin and put on some old clothes, and they did so, and they jumped overboard, and were swimming when he heard a cry, and he saw the complainant overboard in the river. He, the defendant, swam about 25 feet to the complainant, to save him from drowning, and McGowan came up and he, the defendant, told McGowan that he had saved the life of the complainant, and McGowan struck Sullivan and he, the defendant, told McGowan to go away, and he the defendant, swam to the ballast scow, but he could not get him up on the scow, because it was so high up out of the water. Then he had to swim with the boy to the boat that he had undressed on, and a young man, named Herman Kramer, who was on the boat, helped the complainant up on the boat, and the complainant commenced

to cry and ran away, and the police officer came about two hours afterwards and said to him, the defendant, "You are under arrest." And he, the defendant, said, "What for?" And the officer said, "For throwing a boy in the water." He, the defendant, said, "No; I saved a boy." Then the officer said that he, the defendant, must accompany him to the station house. Going through Hudson Street there were 5 or 6 young men talking about the affair, and he, the defendant, drew the attention of the officer to it. The young men said it was a shame that he, the defendant, was arrested, because he had not thrown the boy overboard at all, but had saved him; but the officer did not say a word. He, the defendant, did not make any attempt to resist arrest, nor did any of his friends. He had never had any trouble with the complainant, or any of his friends of family. He, the defendant, worked for a living. He worked for Mr. Ripple,

who drove an ice wagon for the Knickerbocker Ice Company. He, the defendant, had never been arrested before. He was 21 years of age.

HERMAN KRAMER testified that he lived in Hoboken, and that he knew the defendant, Wilson. He remembered Sunday, the day in question. He was in swimming, with the defendant and another young man, whose name he did not know. It was in the afternoon. He saw the defendant jump overboard to save the complainant. The defendant did not throw the complainant overboard, nor attempt to drown him. He saw the defendant arrested and he walked to the station house with the officer and the defendant. He, the witness, had no

trouble with the officer, but he heard the officer swear that he would take Wilson dead or alive. He saw no occasion for the officer making this remark. The officer who arrested Wilson would not let him put on his shoes, but Wilson held back until he put on his shoes and his clothes.

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the witness testified that the first thing he saw was the complainant going over-board and the defendant springing after him to rescue him. None of the small boys could have saved the complainant on account of the strength of the tide at that place.

JOSEPH LIPPS testified that he was a cloth finisher, and cloth examiner and sponger. His business was at 141 West Broadway. He knew the defendant and the defendant had been in his employ about two years. He had always found him to be a hard-working young man.

IN REBUTTAL,

JOHN KEELER testified that he was in bathing, at the foot of West 12th Street, on the Sunday afternoon in question. He saw Martin Wilson, the defendant, who was in swimming, throwing Joseph Rodgers into the water from the float, and Daniel Meehan said, "Hit him with a brick." And then the defendant swam over to the stone boat, and got hold of the complainant, and threw him into the water. Then he jumped overboard after him, and held him under the water twice, and Edward McGowan jumped in and kicked the defendant, and swam in with the complainant.

JOHN BRADLEY testified to the same effect.

DANIEL MEEHAN testified to the same effect.

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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

Martin Wilson

The Grand Jury of the City and County of New York, by this Indictment accuse Martin Wilson —

of the crime of Assault in the first degree,

committed as follows:

The said Martin Wilson,

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York, aforesaid, on the — second — day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ~~eighty~~ ninety-one, at the City and County aforesaid, in and upon one Dennis Sullivan, then and there feloniously, wilfully and feloniously did make an assault, and him the said Dennis Sullivan did then and there wilfully and feloniously cast and throw into the waters there commonly known as the Hudson or North River, and him the said Dennis Sullivan with the waters of the said river did then and there wilfully and feloniously attempt to drown, and provoke and drown, the same having such means and force as were likely to produce the

death of the said Dennis Sullivan, with
intent to kill the said Dennis Sullivan
thereby then and there wilfully and
feloniously to kill; 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.

D. A. Dancey Hill,

District Attorney

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