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BOX:

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FOLDER:

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DESCRIPTION:

Breen, John

DATE:

09/15/87



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Witnesses:

Welford Bunn

Thor & Kohor

Off. Chas H Lutz 5<sup>th</sup> Dec

Counsel,

Filed, 15 day of Sept 1887

Pleads, *Not guilty*

THE PEOPLE

vs.

*John Breen*

Grand Larceny, *first* degree  
(From the Person)  
[Sections 528, 530, Penal Code].

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

District Attorney.

A True Bill.

*Chas H Lutz*

Foreman.

*Sept. 28/87*

*Heads of Jury*  
*S. P. at 4 o'clock*

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Police Court—1st District.

Affidavit—Larceny.

City and County }  
of New York, } ss.of No. 146 Regent Street, aged 23 years,  
occupation Picker Scalper being duly sworndeposes and says, that on the 18 day of July 1887 at the City of New  
York, in the County of New York, was feloniously taken, stolen and carried away from the possession  
of deponent, in the night time, the following property viz:

One gold watch with gold  
chain attached valued at  
one hundred and twenty-five  
dollars

the property of

Deponent and that this deponent  
has a probable cause to suspect, and does suspect, that the said property was feloniously taken, stolen,  
and carried away by John Green (now here)

for the reasons following to wit:  
at about the hour of twelve o'clock  
on the 18th day of July 1887 deponent  
was sitting on the string-piece  
of Pier 33 having the said watch  
to which was attached the chain  
the watch being on the left pocket  
of the trousers then worn by deponent  
as a portion of his travel clothing  
and having witnessed the same  
is informed by James M. Morgan  
here present that he Morgan saw  
the said deponent take said  
and carry away the aforesaid

Subscribed before me, this

1887

Police Justice.



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property from the possession  
and person of defendant. Defendant  
is further informed by Officer  
Gait that person whom the  
said defendant was brought from Gait  
to a man named William Hoffman  
and said Hoffman handed defendant  
the said article. He defends and for  
the same to ~~appear~~ informant.  
Defendant fully identifies the  
said article.

Sworn to before me  
This 30<sup>th</sup> day of July 1925

J. A. [Signature]

Police Justice.



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CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

aged 19 years, occupation Assistant of No. 253 West 35<sup>th</sup> Street, being duly sworn deposes and says, that he has heard read the foregoing affidavit of Manfred Dunn and that the facts stated therein on information of deponent are true of deponents' own knowledge.

Sworn to before me, this 29

day of July 1887

Jas M. Morgan  
Police Justice.

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Sec. 198-200.

CITY AND COUNTY  
OF NEW YORK } ss.

District Police Court.

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

Question. What is your name?

Answer.

*John Green*

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

*16 years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer,

*Scotland*

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

Answer.

*46 Laight St. 2 years*

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 guilty.*  
*John Green*

Taken before me this

*John Green*

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Police Justice



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CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss,

aged 35 years, occupation Police Officer of No.

5th Avenue

Street, being duly sworn deposes and

says, that he has heard read the foregoing affidavit of

Mulford Dunn

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

Sworn to before me, this

29

day of

July

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Chas. H. Talcott

Wm. H. Talcott

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

Dated July 30 1887 *J. M. Wilbur* Police Justice.

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

Dated August 15 1887 *Wm. H. ...* Police Justice.

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

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Police Justice.

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Police Court--

1236 District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

*William Cunningham*  
146<sup>03</sup> West  
Brooklyn

*John Breyer*

*William T. Brown*

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Dated

*July 30*

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Magistrate.

Officer.

5 Precinct.

Witnesses

*James H. Brown*  
No. *35-3* Street.

*James H. Brown*  
No. *35-3* Street.

*Callahan*  
No. *35-3* Street.

No. *35-3* Street.

No. *35-3* Street.

No. *35-3* Street.

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No. *35-3* Street.

BAILED,

No. 1, by

Residence *Thomas Lacey* Street.

No. 2, by

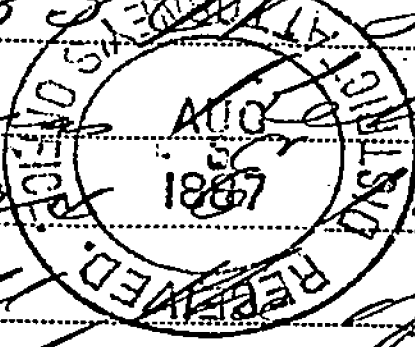
Residence *525 Canal* Street.

No. 3, by

Residence *525 Pearl* Street.

No. 4, by

Residence *525 Pearl* Street.



*No 1. 1000 no answer*  
*No 2. not yet answered*  
*No 2 \$1000 Bail to Cunningham*  
*No 2 Bailed*

*And Cunningham*

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

Order for Sale

in this case

He is away on  
leave of absence

Order



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Court of General Sessions, PART THREE.

THE PEOPLE

INDICTMENT

For

*William Herffren*

SESSIONS BUILDING,  
32 Chambers Street.

To

M

*Thomas Lacey*

No.

*525*

*Pease*

Street.

The indictment against the above-named defendant for whose appearance you are bound, has been placed upon the Calendar for *trial* at the Court of GENERAL SESSIONS of the Peace, at the New Court House, in the Park of the said City, on the *4* day of *January* instant, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon.

If the defendant is not produced at that time, your bond will be forfeited.

JOHN R. FELLOWS.

**RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,**

District Attorney.

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Court of General Sessions of the Peace

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,  
against

*John Green*

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

*John Green*

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

The said *John Green,*

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the  
*eighteenth* day of *July*, in the year of our Lord  
one thousand eight hundred and eighty *seven*, at the City and County aforesaid, in the  
*night* time of the same day, with force and arms,

*one watch of the value of one  
hundred dollars, and one  
chain of the value of  
twenty five dollars.*

of the goods, chattels, and personal property of one *Willford Dunn,*  
on the person of the said *Willford Dunn,* then and there being  
found, from the person of the said *Willford Dunn,* 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.

*Randolph B. B. B. B.*

District Attorney.

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FOLDER:

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DESCRIPTION:

Brickman, Bernard

DATE:

09/07/87



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Witnesses:

*Wm. C. Carter*

Counsel,

Filed, 7 day of Sept. 1887

Pleads Guilty

THE PEOPLE

*vs.*  
*James B. [illegible]*

PETTY LARCENY.

*Bernard Brickman*

*Paul [illegible] 23 1887*

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

District Attorney.

*[Signature]*

A True Bill.

*Wm. C. Carter*

*Part II March 23/88*

*Fried & convicted Foreman.*

*with recommendation*

*(to [illegible] 12<sup>th</sup> Sept.)*

*Spokane 1887*

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Police Court—

1<sup>st</sup> District.

Affidavit—Larceny.

City and County  
of New York, ss.I, George F. Eipert  
of No. 21 Castle Garden Street, aged 21 years,  
occupation Cabman being duly sworndeposes and says, that on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August 1887 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:Good and lawful money of the United States  
consisting of one Ten Dollar gold coin  
of the value of Ten Dollarsthe property of Deponentand that this deponent  
has a probable cause to suspect, and does suspect, that the said property was feloniously taken, stolen,  
and carried away by Bernard Brickman now here,

from the fact that deponent is an emigrant  
and was on his way to Pittsburgh Pennsylvania  
and he placed his deponent's baggage on an  
express wagon and was on said wagon in the  
act of leaving Castle garden when two defendants  
jumped on the wagon and asked deponent for his  
Rail Road ticket and deponent gave  
the ticket to defendant and on arriving  
at the depot defendant had deponent's baggage  
checked and said to deponent that it cost  
over thirty five shilling for checking said baggage  
and deponent showed defendant all the money  
deponent had in his pocket book defendant said  
that would do meaning the ten dollar gold piece

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

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And dep. man gave defendant the ten dollar  
gold piece and the defendant with ~~hold~~  
And appropriated the same and failed to  
return the same to dep. man

Wherefore dep. man prays that the defendant  
may be dealt with as the law directs

Shown to before me

the 14<sup>th</sup> of August 1880

W. J. 600

George Washington B. 1880

Office Justice



Sec. 198—200.

**District Police Court.**

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, } ss

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

*Question* What is your name?

*Answer*

What is your name?  
Bernard Brothman

*Question.* How old are you ?

*Answer*

253 ans

*Question.* Where were you born?

**Answer:**

Where were you born ?  
Prussia Germany

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

**Answer:**

112 Greenwich St 9 Years

**Question** What is your business or profession?

*Answer:*

Jewell

*John Lee*  
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:**

Answer. I am not guilty of heed I demand  
 a trial by Jury  
 Lawrence Livingston

Lincoln & Longworth

*Taken before me this*

day of

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## Police Justice

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

Defendant  
guilty thereof, I order that he be held to answer the same and he be admitted to bail in the sum of 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 Aug 24 188 \_\_\_\_\_ W. J. Jones Police Justice.

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

Dated August 24 188 \_\_\_\_\_ W. J. Jones Police Justice.

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

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ 188 \_\_\_\_\_ Police Justice.



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George F. Ebert, case  
Conrad Muller, Bethlehem  
Pa.

This complaint is  
instigated by the court,  
to be here on Sept. 11  
unless otherwise instructed  
by the court and he will report  
BAILED, at the court.

No. 1, by Andrew Van Opstal  
Residence H Lewis Street.

No. 2, by  
Residence Street,

No. 3, by  
Residence Street,

No. 4, by  
Residence Street.

Bill No. 58-1387  
Police Court District.

THE PEOPLE  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF  
George F. Ebert  
Demand Brickman

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Dated August 4 1888

Magistrate  
Officer  
Precinct.

Witnesses  
No. 1, W. S. Kallman.  
Stenographer, Sup. Penn. RR.  
Residence of Greene St. Jersey City  
No. 2, James Roche, 245 E. 60th St.  
No. 3, Abraham C. Catlin.  
No. 4, William H. Flato  
On Wardens York Street  
Jersey City  
\$1000 Bailed



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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

*Demand Dindaman*

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

*Demand Dindaman*

of the CRIME OF PETIT LARCENY, committed as follows:

The said *Demand Dindaman*,

late of the First Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the  
*Twenty Third* day of *August*, in the year of our Lord  
one thousand eight hundred and eighty-*seven*, at the City and County aforesaid,  
with force and arms,

*one gold coin of the United States*  
*of America, of the said known*  
*as Eagles, of the value of ten*  
*dollars,*

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one *August E. Edgart*,

then and there being found, then and there unlawfully 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.

*Richard B. Macdonald*

District Attorney.

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BOX:

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FOLDER:

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DESCRIPTION:

Brogmann, August

DATE:

09/15/87



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Witnesses:

Henry Poake

Counsel, *Chas. J. DeForest*  
Filed, *15* day of *Sept* 1887  
Plends, *Mr. Smith*

THE PEOPLE

vs.

Grand Larceny *second* degree  
[Sections 528, 531 Penal Code]

*21*  
August Brögmann  
*ad 18/87*

*Plends Guilty*

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

District Attorney.

*Oct 11 1887*  
*S. J. Dwyer & Co. vs.*  
A True Bill.

*Chas. J. DeForest*

Foreman.

*Oct 14 1887*  
*9-55 Oct 10/87*  
*Oct 15 1887*  
*S. J. D.*



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Police Court— District.

Affidavit—Larceny.

City and County }  
of New York, } ss.

of No. 62 Broad Street, aged 29 years,  
occupation Merchandise being duly sworn

deposes and says, that on the 20 day of September 1887 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 :

Gold and lawful money of  
the United States consisting  
of Bank notes and bills of the  
diverse denominations and values  
and being together of the value of  
One hundred and fifty dollars

the property of

Deponent

and that this deponent  
has a probable cause to suspect, and does suspect, that the said property was feloniously taken, stolen,  
and carried away by August Brueggemann

(now here) for the reason that  
on the aforesaid day said deponent  
presented a letter of credit to deponent  
purporting to be signed by E. M.  
Addelman, Broker, and upon the  
said letter of credit as presented  
by said deponent deponent gave  
him the aforesaid property.  
Deponent immediately after the  
giving of said property called  
to said E. M. Addelman and received  
the cables hereto annexed marked  
Ex 2 & 4 and that the said letter  
bearing his name was a forgery.

Subscribed before me, this  
day

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Police Justice.

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and were signed by him,  
Leopold the charges  
and dependant with having  
obtained the aforesaid property  
by false & fraudulent representations  
and charges him with the loss  
aforesaid.

Sworn to before me  
this 5th day of September 1894  
J. Henry Ford

Presbyter  
Wm. C. Smith

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Sec. 198-200.

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

District Police Court.

*August Broegmann* 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. *August Broegmann*

Question. How old are you?

Answer. *34 years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. *Germany*

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

Answer. *210 E 9th Street 14 days*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. *Doorkeeper*

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 of the charge*  
*Aug. Broegmann*

Taken before me this

day of

*September 19**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 \_\_\_\_\_

*Lepeusank*  
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 *Sept 5* 188 *J. Henry Ford* Police Justice.

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

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ 188 \_\_\_\_\_ Police Justice.

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

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ 188 \_\_\_\_\_ Police Justice.

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Police Court-- District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

*Henry Ralston*  
*36 7th Broad*  
*August Breyer*

Office of the

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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Dated September 5 1887

*Thos* Magistrate.

*Deats* Officer.

*1st* Precinct.

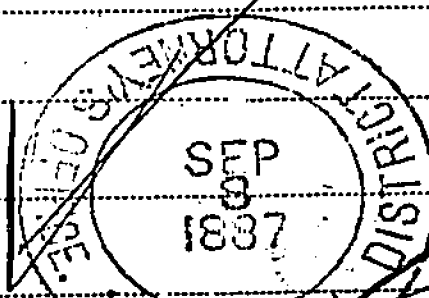
Witnesses *Capt McLaughlin*

No. *1st Precinct* Street.

No. Street.

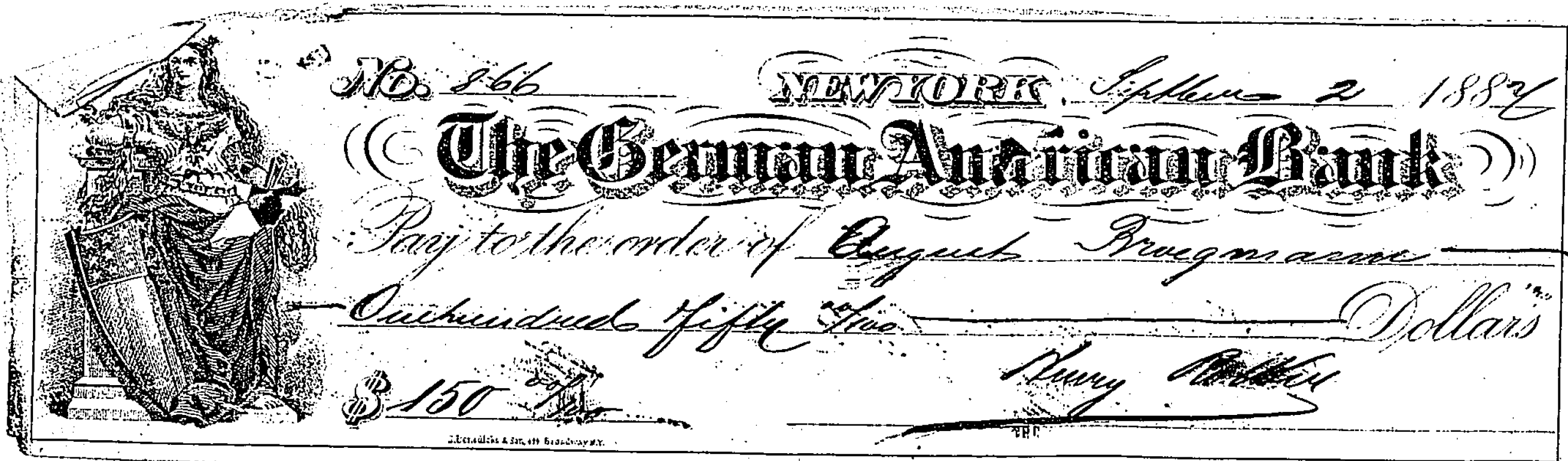
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\$ *1000* to and



*Comm*

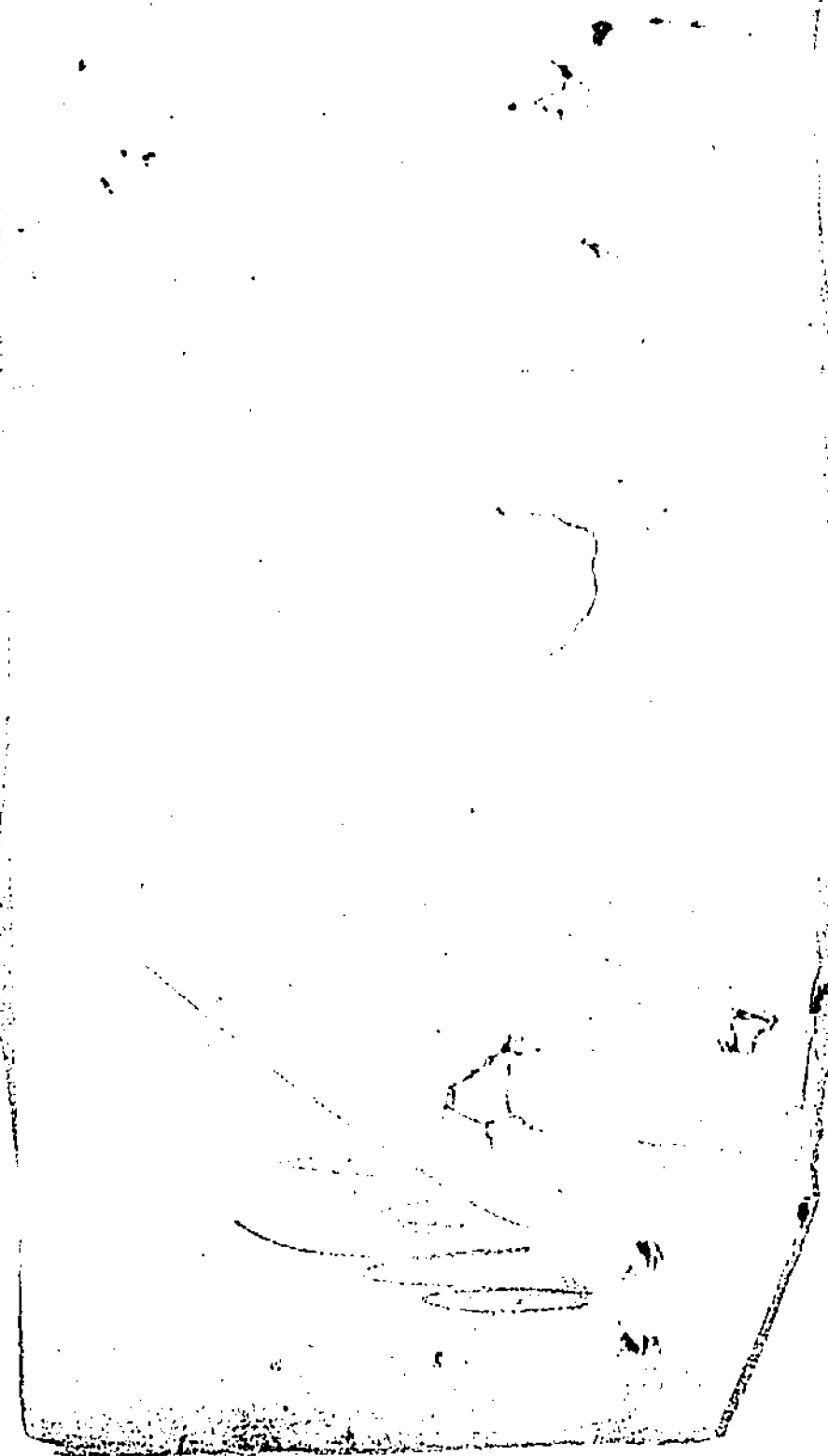
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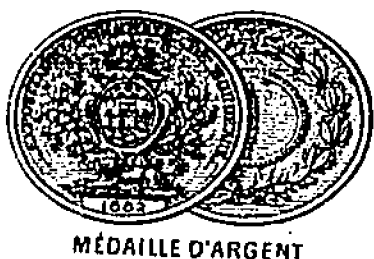


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August Progreddum



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E. M. Dadelzen

Adresse télégraphique:

DAELSZEN - BORDEAUX

Comptoir: 22, Rue Poudet, 22.  
Usine, à la Gare St. Jean.

Bordeaux, le 12<sup>th</sup> July 1887.

Henry Rothman Esq.  
New York  
57 Broadway Street

Dear Sir:

I beg to introduce to you Mr. Rogers & Broegmann, bearer of the passport who is visiting the United States with a view to getting acquainted with the criminal system. I trust you will give him a kind reception. The case of Mr. Broegmann should need some money please let him have to the amount of \$ 250 (two hundred fifty) charging same to my account and debiting for same in mine at sight. Thanking you in anticipation I am dear Sir

Yours truly  
S. M. Dadelzen

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Form No. 3.

**CABLE MESSAGE.****THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.**

All CABLE MESSAGES received for transmission must be written on the Message Blanks provided by this Company for that purpose, under and subject to the conditions printed thereon, and on the back hereof, which conditions have been agreed to by the sender of the following message.

THOS. T. ECKERT, General Manager.

NORVIN GREEN, President.

NUMBER	SENT BY	REC'D BY	No. OF WORDS	FROM
32	L Gr	x		Bordeaux

Received at CENTRAL CABLE OFFICE, 16 Broad St., New York.

Sept 3 1887

To Ten butter my

Ex 4

Certainly not

Form No. 3.

**CABLE MESSAGE.****THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.**

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THOS. T. ECKERT, General Manager.

NORVIN GREEN, President.

NUMBER	SENT BY	REC'D BY	No. OF WORDS	FROM
136	L Gr	7		Bordeaux

Received at CENTRAL CABLE OFFICE, 16 Broad St., New York.

Sept 3 1887

To Ten butter my

Braegman forger endeavour  
arrest him

Ex 3

Form No. 3.

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THOS. T. ECKERT, General Manager.

NORVIN GREEN, President.

NUMBER	SENT BY	REC'D BY	No. OF WORDS	FROM
153	L Gr	15		Bordeaux

Received at CENTRAL CABLE OFFICE, 16 Broad St., New York.

Sept 5 1887

To Ten butter my

Ex 4 Braegmanns own  
Confession to forging my  
name cheques 1656  
francs posted  
Dadelzen



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Benton, Waldo & Co.,

SOLE MANUFACTURERS OF BENTON'S

Patent Self Spacing Type

A Gain of Twenty-five per cent. in Composition.

ST. PAUL, MINN. 311 ROBERT ST.

Milwaukee, Wis.,

July 6

1885

To whom it may concern

This is to certify that Aug Bergmann  
has been in our employ for the  
last four years as book keeper  
and has <sup>had</sup> charge of our cash. We  
have found him to be a first class  
book keeper very rapid and at the  
same time correct.

Yours

Benton Waldo & Co

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Chilwaukee, April 20th 1885

Ich begreife gar nicht, daß Herr  
 Prof. Proegman, ein Mann eines  
 guten vollen Verstandes, bis zum 22ten  
 September 1885 in meinem so gro-  
 ßen Detail Proegman & Co. ein Geschäft,  
 als Geschäftlicher & Geschäftlicher eingestrichelt  
 war. Es freut mich sehr, daß  
 zu können, daß er hat die Bücher  
 & Bücher in meinem Geschäft wissen zu  
 führt & daß sein persönliches Leben  
 in jeder Hinsicht unbeschädigt  
 war.

Aufmerksamst

D. Hecht

Chef der Firma

D. Hecht & Co.

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VI

STATE OF NEW YORK.  
*Executive Chamber,*  
ALBANY.

July 6, 1889.

Sir:

Application for Executive clemency having been made on behalf of August Brogman..... who was convicted of grand larceny, 2nd degree. in the county of New York.....and sentenced Oct. 18, 1887, to imprisonment in the Sing Sing Prison.....for the term of two years and six months.....I am directed by the Governor respectfully to request that, in pursuance of Section 695 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, as amended in 1884, you will forward to him a concise statement of the facts and circumstances developed upon the trial, or upon the preliminary examination, or before the coroner's jury if no trial was had, together with your opinion of the merits of the application. Will you also inform the Governor of any other matters having a bearing upon this case which have come to your knowledge since conviction?

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

I am,

very respectfully yours,

Hon. J. R. Fellows,

District Attorney,

*William G. Rice*  
Private Secretary.

New York City.



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Answered  
August 1/89  
J. A. F.

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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

*August Brögnann*

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

*August Brögnann*

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

The said *August Brögnann*,

late of the First Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the  
*second* day of *September*, in the year of our Lord  
one thousand eight hundred and eighty-*seven*, at the City and County aforesaid,  
with force and arms,

*the sum of one hundred*  
*and fifty dollars in money, lawful*  
*money of the United States, and of*  
*the value of one hundred and fifty*  
*dollars, and one written instrument*  
*and evidence of debt, to wit: an order*  
*for the payment of money of the*  
*kind called bank checks, for the*  
*payment of and of the value of one*  
*hundred and fifty dollars,*  
of the goods, chattels and personal property of one *Henry Bolger,*

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.

*Richard J. Macfarlane*

District Attorney.

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BOX:

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FOLDER:

2629

DESCRIPTION:

Brower, Isidore

DATE:

09/28/87



2629



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Witnesses:

Off Geo Oates 1<sup>st</sup> Jury

#769 Mulhoney a

Counsel,

Filed, 28 day of Sept 1887

Pleads,

THE PEOPLE

vs.

Sidora Brower

Grand Larceny Second degree [Sections 628, 681 Penal Code].

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

District Attorney.

A True Bill.

Chas. W. Condit Foreman.

Repn of

Head Quarters

House of Representatives

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Court of  
General Sessions  
The People vs.  
vs.

Isidore Brower

REPORT OF THE NEW YORK SOCIETY FOR  
THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY  
TO CHILDREN,  
100 EAST 23<sup>d</sup> STREET,

New York, Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> 1887

CASE NO. 31551 OFFICER James Oates  
DATE OF ARREST September 23-1887 1<sup>st</sup> Prec.  
CHARGE Larceny

AGE OF CHILD 15 years

RELIGION Hebrew

FATHER Isidore

MOTHER

RESIDENCE 113 Orchard St.

AN INVESTIGATION BY THE SOCIETY SHOWS THAT boy has  
never been arrested before, and bears  
a good character. He has been earn-  
ing his own living and boarding  
with Mr Schwartz 113 Orchard St,  
where he has been for sometime.  
Has been in this Country 2 years,  
and parents are still in Europe.  
Nothing whatever known against  
him.

All which is respectfully submitted,

Isidore Brower  
Supt

To the District Attorney.

0184

*Court of  
General Sessions*

<i>The People, vs</i>	<i>Elbridge Gerry</i>
PENAL CODE, §	

Report of the New York Society  
for the Prevention of Cruelty  
to Children.

ELBRIDGE T. GERRY,  
President, &c.,  
100 East 23d Street,  
NEW YORK CITY.

*File*



0185

Police Court— District.

Affidavit—Larceny.

City and County }  
of New York, } ss.

Samuel H. Benton  
of No. 38 Maiden Lane Street, aged 36 years,  
occupation Watch case Manufacturer being duly sworn  
deposes and says, that on the 9th day of September 1887 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:

The gold watch, one silver watch,  
and one gold watch case all  
being of the amount and value  
of Forty-six dollars

the property of

Deponent and that this deponent  
has a probable cause to suspect, and does suspect, that the said property was feloniously taken, stolen,  
and carried away by

Sierra Brown (now here)  
for the reasons following to  
wit: the said defendant was  
employed by deponent and  
having misused the said  
property, this defendant after  
being informed of his rights  
and confesses to having taken  
stolen and carried away the  
aforesaid property and with  
having sold the same to  
Nathan Solomon and Max  
Adler.

Samuel H. Benton

Sworn to before me, this 23 day of September 1887

Police Justice.

0186

Sec. 198—200.

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, ss

District Police Court.

*Liam Brown* 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

*Liam Brown*

Question. How old are you?

Answer

*15 years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

*Germany*

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

Answer.

*113 William St. 6 months*

Question What is your business or profession?

Answer

*Smelter*

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 of the charge*

Taken before me this

day of *October* 188*7*

Police Justice.

*J. J. [Signature]*

0187

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 \_\_\_\_\_ 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 Sept 23 188 \_\_\_\_\_ Police Justice.

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

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ 188 \_\_\_\_\_ Police Justice.

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

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ 188 \_\_\_\_\_ Police Justice.



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Police Court--

1563 District

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

*Samuel A. Butler*  
*38 Broadway Lane*  
*Liam Porter*  
2  
3  
4  
officer *James J. [unclear]*

BAILED,

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

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

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

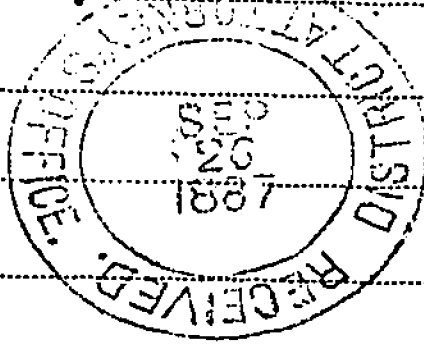
No. 4, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street.

Dated *Sept 23* 188*7*  
*Wilbur* Magistrate.

*Butler* Officer.  
*Capt. McLaughlin* Precinct.

Witnesses *Michael Burke*  
No. *60 [unclear]* Street.

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



\$ *1000* to answer *GS*

~~*Sept 26*~~  
*at 9 am*

0189

Court of General Sessions of the Peace

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,  
against

*Sidore Brown*

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

*Sidore Brown* —

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

The said *Sidore Brown*,

late of the First Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the  
*ninth* day of *September*, in the year of our Lord  
one thousand eight hundred and eighty-*seven*, at the City and County aforesaid,  
with force and arms,

*one watch of the value of twenty*  
*dollars, one other watch of the*  
*value of twelve dollars, and one*  
*watch case of the value of*  
*fifteen dollars.*

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one *Samuel H. Barton*,

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.

*Henry J. Smith*

District Attorney.

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BOX:

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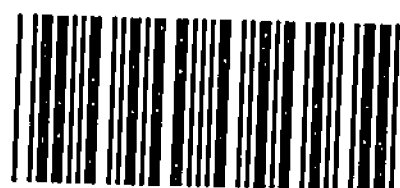
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DESCRIPTION:

Brown, Charles

DATE:

09/23/87



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Witnesses:

Otto Stock

Off. Edwin Shelby 4<sup>th</sup> Day

#210

W. H. A.  
Counsel,

Filed 23 day of Sept. 1887

Pleads,

Robbery, *King*

THE PEOPLE

vs.

*RI*

Charles Brown

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

District Attorney.

*1. 4 3th day of Sept.  
2. 2 Oct 5/1887  
3. 2 Oct 6/1887*

A True Bill.

*Charles B. Brown*

Oct 10 1887 Foreman.

*Oct 10/1887*

*Pleaded 23 day*

*S. I. Five years.*

[Sections 224 and 228, Penal Code].  
Robbery, *King* degree.

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Police Court

5h  
District.

CITY AND COUNTY } ss  
OF NEW YORK,

of No. 192 Fulton Street, Aged 32 Years  
Occupation Book Keeper being duly sworn, deposes and says, that on the  
16th day of September 1887, at the 4th Ward of the City of New York,  
in the County of New York, was feloniously taken, stolen, and carried away, from the person of de-  
ponent by force and violence, without his consent and against his will, the following property, viz:

Good & lawful money of the United  
States & a ticked watch and chain  
altogether of the amount and

of the value of

the property of

Four DOLLARS,  
Deponent

and that this deponent has a probable cause to suspect, and does suspect, that the said property was  
feloniously taken, stolen, and carried away, by force and violence as aforesaid by

Charles Brown / Nowhere / and two other  
men now arrested for the reasons  
following to wit: that at about the  
hour of eight o'clock P.M. while  
deponent was walking along Cliff Street  
and while under the archway of the  
Brooklyn Bridge the defendant and two  
other men now arrested came behind  
deponent and the defendant Brown  
forcibly seized hold of deponent by the throat  
and one of said men now arrested  
forcibly inserted his hands into deponent  
right hand side pantomons pocket

deputy  
Joseph J. McKeown, Clerk

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Police District

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and abstracted the pocket book containing  
seventy five cents in silver coins from  
deponent's pocket by force and violence  
without his consent and a witness his will  
deponent positively identifies the said  
✓ defendant Brown as the person that  
seized hold of deponent by the throat  
wherefore deponent prays that the said  
defendant may be dealt with as the  
law in such case made and provided

Sworn to before me this

18 day of September 1887

Otto Kork

Belou Blum

Police Justice

It appearing to me by the within depositions and statements that the crime therein mentioned has been  
committed, and that there is sufficient cause to believe the within named  
guilty thereof, I order that he be held to answer the same and he be admitted to bail in the sum of  
Hundred Dollars and be committed to the Warden and Keeper of the City Prison  
of the City of New York, until he give such bail.  
Dated 1887 Police Justice.  
I have admitted the above named  
to bail to answer by the undertaking hereto annexed.  
Dated 1887 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 1887 Police Justice.

Police Court, District,

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
on the complaint of

Offence—ROBBERY.

vs.

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2  
3  
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Dated

1887

Magistrate.

Officer.

Clerk.

Witness,

No.

Street,

No.

Street,

No.

Street,

to answer General Sessions.



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Sec. 198-200.

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District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, ss

Charles Brown

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 Brown

Question. How old are you?

Answer 18 years

Question. Where were you born?

Answer Washington D.C.

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

Answer 42 Baxter St 2 years

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer Driver

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

Answer. I am not guilty. I was sitting down in Cliff Street when the Cruppers came along with an intoxicated woman on his arm and two men were following him and the woman.

Charles Brown  
Mark

Taken before me this

1888  
J. J. Murphy  
Police Justice.

0195

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 *100* 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 *Sept 18th* 188 *Salomon B. Smith* Police Justice.

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

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ 188 \_\_\_\_\_ Police Justice.

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

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ 188 \_\_\_\_\_ Police Justice.

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Police Court--

1508 District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,

ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Otto Koch

192<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Charles Brown

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Offence

BAILED,

No. 1, by

Residence

Street.

No. 2, by

Residence

Street.

No. 3, by

Residence

Street.

No. 4, by

Residence

Street.

Dated

Sept 1<sup>st</sup>

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Magistrate.

Ed. Shalvey

Officer.

Officer Mackey

Precinct.

Witnesses

No.

Street.

No.

Street.

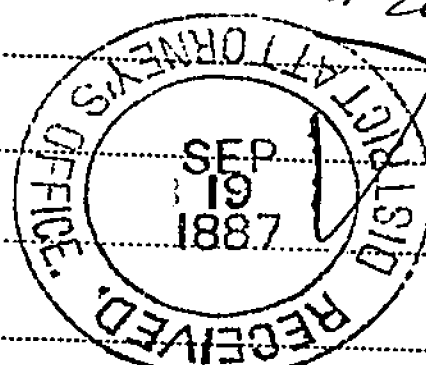
No.

Street.

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to answer

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Com





0197

Court of General Sessions of the Peace

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

against

Charles Brown

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

of the CRIME OF ROBBERY in the first degree, committed as follows:

The said Charles Brown,

late of the First Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the ~~eighteenth~~ day of ~~September~~, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven, in the ~~twelfth~~ time of the said day, at the Ward, City and County aforesaid, with force and arms, in and upon one Otto Koch, — in the peace of the said People, then and there being, feloniously did make an assault, and one watch of the value of three dollars, one chain of the value of twenty five cents, one pocket watch of the value of ten cents, and divers coins, of a number, kind and denomination to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown, of the value of twenty five cents, — of the goods, chattels and personal property of the said Otto Koch, — from the person of the said Otto Koch, — against the will, and by violence to the person of the said Otto Koch, — then and there violently and feloniously did rob, steal, take and carry away, (the said Charles Brown, being then and there aided by two accomplices actually present, whose names are to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown) against the form of the statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace of the People of the State of New York and their dignity.

Charles J. Brannan

District Attorney.

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BOX:

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FOLDER:

2629

DESCRIPTION:

Brown, Joseph

DATE:

09/20/87



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Witnesses:

Rudolph Cardner  
Off Apple 17th Creek

In view of all the facts  
I recommend that a fine  
of \$10 be accepted  
Oct 4/87

H. H. Hardy

#161 Plaintiff H

Counsel,

Filed, 20 day of Sept. 1887  
Pleads, C. H. Hardy (21)

THE PEOPLE

vs.  
H. H. Hardy

Pl.  
Joseph Brown  
et al vs H. H. Hardy  
Grand Jury  
Oct 4/87

Grand Larceny, second degree  
[Sections 628, 581 and 550 Penal Code]

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

District Attorney.  
Oct 4/87

A True Bill.

Alfred H. Hardy

Foreman.

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0200

Police Court—

District.

Affidavit—Larceny.

City and County } ss.  
of New York,

of No.

28 Debevoise

Street,

aged

34

years,

occupation

Driver

being duly sworn

deposes and says, that on the

29

day of

June

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at the City of New

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

of deponent, in the Day time, the following property viz :

A parcel containing about six  
three pairs of knickerbockers of  
the value of about "fifty dollars"

the property of being at the time in the care and  
charge of deponent

and that this deponent  
has a probable cause to suspect, and does suspect, that the said property was feloniously taken, stolen,  
and carried away by Joseph Brown now present  
from the fact that deponent gave  
said parcel to a boy named William  
Brown to deliver at 633 Broadway  
that said William left the parcel on  
the elevator in front of said 633 Broadway  
and was returning to the wagon in charge  
of deponent when upon looking back he  
discovered that the parcel had been stolen  
and carried away. That said William  
now informs deponent that he saw  
the parcel in the defendant's possession  
and pursued him and saw him throw  
it away in his flight. That said Wm  
then recovered the parcel and caused the  
defendants arrest and deponent believes  
the same to be true.

Sworn to before me, this  
day of June 188

Police Justice.

0201

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

*William Bonnereth*  
aged *14* years, occupation *Wagon boy* of No. *192 Boerum* *Brooklyn* Street, being duly sworn deposes and

says, that he has heard read the foregoing affidavit of *Rudolph Gardner*

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

Sworn to before me, this

day of

*June* 188*7*

*Wm Bonnereth*

*Wm Murray*

Police Justice.

0202

Sec. 198-200.

CITY AND COUNTY  
OF NEW YORK } ss.

District Police Court.

*Joseph Brown* 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.

*Joseph Brown*

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

*23 Years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

*New York City*

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

Answer.

*410 West 25 Street*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.

*Clerk*

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

Answer.

*I am not guilty of the charge*

*Joseph Brown*

Taken before me this

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Police Justice.



0203

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

Joseph Brown

guilty thereof, I order that he be held to answer the same and he be admitted to bail in the sum of \$1000 Hundred Dollars,..... and be committed to the Warden and Keeper of the City Prison of the City of New York, until he give such bail.

Dated

June 29 1887

Samuel H. Brown Police Justice.

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

Dated

188

Police Justice.

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

.....guilty of the offence within mentioned, I order he to be discharged.

Dated

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Police Justice.

0204

Police Court District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

*Rudolph Gardner*  
*328 West 10th St*  
*Brooklyn*  
*Joseph Brown*  
*Offence*  
*1st degree*

BAILED,

No. 1, by

Residence Street.

No. 2, by

Residence Street.

No. 3, by

Residence Street.

No. 4, by

Residence Street.

Dated June 29 1887

*Murray* Magistrate.

*John Apple* Officer.

Precinct.

Witnesses *William Homestead*

No. *192 Boerum* Street.

No. Street.

No. Street.

No. Street.

No. Street.

\$ *5.00* to answer

By *June 30*

*(Signature)*

0205

**Court of General Sessions of the Peace**

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,  
against

*Joseph Brown*

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

*Joseph Brown*

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

The said *Joseph Brown*,

late of the First Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the  
*Twenty ninth* day of *June*, — in the year of our Lord  
one thousand eight hundred and eighty- *seventy*, at the City and County aforesaid,  
with force and arms,

*sixty three pairs of lace  
sleeves of the value of ninety  
cents each pair.*

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one *Rudolf Gardner*,

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.



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SECOND COUNT—

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

*Joseph Brown* —

of the CRIME OF CRIMINALLY RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY, committed as follows:

The said *Joseph Brown*.

late of the Ward, City and County aforesaid, afterwards to wit: on the day and in the year aforesaid, at the Ward, City and County aforesaid, with force and arms,

*sixty three pairs of blue  
breaches of the value of  
ninety cents each pair.*

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one *Russell Gardner*

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

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

*Joseph Brown* —

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.

**RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,**

**District Attorney.**

0207

BOX:

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FOLDER:

2629

DESCRIPTION:

Burdge, George R.J.

DATE:

09/15/87



2629

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Witnesses:

George Brown

Henry Martin

Wm. C. Brown

Attesting  
25 Chambers St.

Counsel,

Filed, 15 day of Sept 1887

Pleads,

THE PEOPLE

vs.  
George R. J. Bridge

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

District Attorney.

A True Bill.

Chas. J. De Forest

Foreman.

Section - 486 - Penal Code.  
Reason - First degree.



0209

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

Police Court, 5 District.

George Brower  
of No. 1958 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue Street, being duly sworn, deposes andsays, that on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of September 1887

at the City of New York, in the County of New York, one George R. J. Budge

(now here) did unlawfully and  
unlawfully and feloniously  
commit the crime of Arson  
in the manner following  
and from the following  
circumstances to wit: That  
at about the hour of 7:30 PM  
of said date defendant said  
said defendant loitering about  
and in the cellar of premises  
1958 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, an accomplice dwelling house  
and that  
shortly thereafter a fire was  
discovered in one of the wood  
houses in said cellar and  
that defendant subsequently  
discovered a quantity of  
charred straw in said wood  
house  
George Brower

Sworn before me  
this 5<sup>th</sup> day of September 1887 {

A. J. White Police Justice

0210

Sec. 198—200.

5 District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY  
OF NEW YORK, ss

*George R. J. Burdge* 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.

*George R. J. Burdge*

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

*34 years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

*NY*

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

Answer.

*1779. 3rd Avenue. 2 weeks*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.

*House worker*

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*

*Geo R J Burdge*

Taken before me this

day of *Sept* 1908

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~~  
\_\_\_\_\_ 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.~~ without bail

Dated Sept 7 188 A. J. White Police Justice.

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

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ 188 \_\_\_\_\_ Police Justice.

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

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ 188 \_\_\_\_\_ Police Justice.



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Ann Conduff  
1958 3<sup>d</sup> ave

Wm. H. Waller

217 E 102 St

Witness Georgie Brown  
Henry Martin  
Mrs Borneant

BAILED,

No. 1, by

Residence

Street.

No. 2, by

Residence

Street.

No. 3, by

Residence

Street.

No. 4, by

Residence

Street.

#111 13.9

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Police Court District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

George Brown  
1958 3<sup>d</sup> ave  
George K. J. Burge

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Offence  
Arson

Dated

Sept 5

1887

White

Magistrate.

Rully

Officer.

27

Precinct.

Witnesses

Henry Martin

No.

1956 3<sup>d</sup> ave

Street.

Mrs Borneant

No.

195 3<sup>d</sup> ave

Street.

Jacob Girard Deputy Fire Marshall

Foreman Jones 4<sup>th</sup> Ave Foreman Peterson

of Engine 53 704 3<sup>d</sup> ave

\$ to answer

E. Rept 6<sup>th</sup> G. Ave

Com

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*a*  
*2d. The Bureau*  
Facts in the case of George R. Burdge, who was sentenced October 8th, 1887, by Judge Cowing to ten years States Prison, on a plea of guilty to Arson in the second degree.

*x*  
During the months of July, August and September, 1887, several small fires occurred in the wood-cellars of the tenants of No. 1958 Third Avenue, New York City. An investigation by this bureau showed a similarity in the circumstances attending the fires and connected with them George R. Burdge, a former tenant of the house. It was he who invariably discovered the fires, ran to the engine house, and gave the alarm. Then he rode back to the fire with the fire men of engine 53 and pointed out to them the spot where it originated, and otherwise tried to be of use. When the fire was extinguished he generally returned to the engine house and requested the officer in charge to record his name on the Company's journal, as the one who had discovered the fire and given the alarm. Asked why, he explained, to get the reward of \$50, which he had been informed was given by the insurance companies, to the person who discovered and gave the alarm of fire.

Burdge was watched. On September 4th, 1887, he was seen by the janitor of No. 1958 Third Avenue, leaving the cellar about seven o'clock in the evening. Smoke followed and a fire broke out immediately afterwards. He gave the alarm as usual and returned with engine 53.

He was arrested September 5th, and admitted in Court having started all the fires to get the supposed reward of \$50.

The fires resulted in but very little damage. *x*

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# Fire Department

157 & 159 East 67<sup>th</sup> Street

Office of Fire Marshal

New York Sept 14 1887

The occupants of 1958 3d Avenue  
are as follows.

1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> floors. vacant

2<sup>d</sup> floor Ann ~~Conolly~~ Conolly

3<sup>d</sup> floor. Wm H. Walker (south) moving  
today to 217 East 102<sup>d</sup> St

4<sup>th</sup> floor Mrs. Bennett (north) Geo. B. Purdy (south)

all the rest of house unoccupied.

Burge



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Headquarters  
Fire Department

Bureau of Fire Marshal,  
157 & 159 East 67<sup>th</sup> Street,

New York, \_\_\_\_\_ 189\_\_

Kramer I believe that clemency would be  
misapplied, and that to pardon him would  
simply be to turn out on the public a confirm-  
ed criminal. The crime, too, of which he was  
last guilty, a very common but serious one, appears  
to too frequently escape punishment.

Very respectfully Yours,

Jas. Mitchell

Fire Marshal

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Headquarters  
Fire Department

Bureau of Fire Marshal

157 & 159 East 67<sup>th</sup> Street,

New York, Dec 26<sup>th</sup> 1892

Henry W. Unger, Esq.  
Secretary,

District Attorney's Office  
City -

Dear Sir:

Complying with your request of the 19<sup>th</sup> inst., I enclose herewith statements of the facts in the cases of George R. Burdage and Joseph Katz & Kraemer, now serving terms in State Prison, the former for arson and the latter for perjury -

My opinion, if I may be permitted to express any in the matter, is that leniency may properly be shown in the case of Burdage, who has already served over five years of his sentence and been probably sufficiently punished for his crime, which would appear to have been rather the outcome of a feeble mind than of a vicious or criminal disposition - In the case of Katz or

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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

*George R. J. Burdge*

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

*George R. J. Burdge*  
of the CRIME of *Arson in the first degree*

committed as follows:

The said *George R. J. Burdge*

late of the *Twelfth* Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the *fourth* day of *September* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-*seven*, at the Ward, City and County aforesaid,

*with force and arms in the night time of the said day, the dwelling house of one, Ann Conoly, there situate, there being then and there within the said dwelling house, some human being, to wit; the said Ann Conoly, feloniously, wilfully and maliciously did set on fire and burn, 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.*

*Second Count.*

*And the Grand Jury aforesaid, by this indictment further accuse the said George R. J. Burdge of the same Crime of Arson in the first degree committed as follows:*



The said George R. J. Burdge afterwards, to  
 wit on the day and in the year aforesaid, at the  
 Ward, City and County aforesaid with force and  
 arms in the night time of the said day, the  
 dwelling house of one, William H. Walster  
 there situate, there being then and there, within  
 the said dwelling house, some human being, to  
 wit: the said William H. Walster, feloniously,  
 wilfully and maliciously did set on fire and burn,  
 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.

### Third Count.

And the Grand Jury aforesaid, by this indictment  
 further accuse the said George R. J. Burdge of the  
 same Crime of Arson in the first degree com-  
 mitted as follows:

The said George R. J. Burdge, afterwards, to  
 wit on the day and in the year aforesaid at the  
 Ward, City and County aforesaid, with force and  
 arms, in the night time of the said day, the  
 dwelling house of one, Abram Bonvol, there sit-  
 uate, there being then and there within the  
 said dwelling house, some human being, to wit;  
 one William H. Walster, feloniously, wilfully  
 and maliciously, did set on fire and burn, 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.

## Fourth Count.

And the Grand Jury aforesaid, by this indictment, further accuse the said George R. J. Burdge of the same crime of Arson in the first degree, committed as follows:

The said George R. J. Burdge, afterwards, to wit, on the day and in the year aforesaid, at the Ward, City, and County aforesaid, with force and arms, in the night time of the said day, the dwelling house of one, William H. Walker then and there situate, there being then and there within the said dwelling house, some human being, to wit; one Ann Conolly, feloniously, wilfully and maliciously did set on fire and burn, 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.

David J. Donohue

District Attorney.

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DESCRIPTION:  
Burke, Thomas

DATE:  
09/16/87



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DESCRIPTION:

Kaiser, George

DATE:

09/16/87



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DESCRIPTION:

Burke, Joseph

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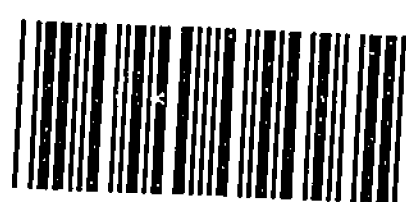
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DESCRIPTION:

Mara, Edward

DATE:

09/16/87



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Mrs Brown  
 Off. Mr Meekam 18<sup>th</sup> May

We had investigation of the  
 case & we had been asked  
 by the witnesses before Justice  
 Corning, I then satisfied the  
 the grand jury of this Indict-  
 ment was a general' sym-  
 between those of the depts-  
 And the two complaints  
 And that no higher order  
 than assault in the third  
 degree could be procured  
 by a trial - I therefore  
 recommended that the husband  
 plea by guilty by assault  
 in the third degree be  
 accepted for the 2.3.1st  
 that was the discharged  
 upon this was recognized as  
 our

**Counsel.**

Filed 16 day of Feb 1888

## Pleads

~~THE PEOPLE~~

*Feb 79. 1879*  
*not asch by the Ct*  
*in his own hands*

*Thomas Burke*  
*George Kaiser*  
*Joseph Burke and*

Assault in the First Degree, Etc. (Sections 217 and 218, Penal Code.)

P2. 62-19. 1889.

Nov 2 & 4 Glad Apple Bldg.  
Each. RANDOLPH B. MARTINE.

See only pad District Attorney.

# A True Bill.

Chas. J. De Forest

**Foreman.**

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as all the witnesses agree  
that he had no part in  
the fight, but on the other  
hand Mr. Lind covering  
up the contract in  
which his brother was

day aged 11/10

Dec 19/17  
A. V. Hardy  
By East St.

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Police Court—4 District.City and County }  
of New York, } ss.:

Thomas Brown

of No. 416 E 18 Street, aged 21 years,  
occupation Peddler being duly sworndeposes and says, that on the 10 day of September 1887 at the City of New  
York, in the County of New York,he was violently and feloniously ASSAULTED and BEATEN by Thomas BurkeGeorge Clauser, Joseph Burke and EdwardMara (all now here) Deponent says thatsaid Thomas Burke, George Clauser andJoseph Burke wilfully and maliciously

cut and stabbed him seventeen times

on the back, thigh, legs and head

with knives then and there held in their

hands ~~and~~ and said Edward Mara

struck deponent on the face with his fist

and kicked him about the body several

times

with the felonious intent to take the life of deponent, or to do him grievous bodily harm; and without  
any justification on the part of the said assailantWherefore this deponent prays that the said assailant may be apprehended and bound to answer  
for the above assault, etc., and be dealt with according to law.Sworn to before me, this 11 day }  
of Sept 1887. } Thomas BrownSam'l C. Kelly Police Justice.

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Sec. 198—200.

4 District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

George Olason 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.

George Olason

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

18 years

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

New York

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

Answer.

503 E 18.

18 years

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.

Laborer

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

Answer.

I am not guilty I was stabbed by the Complainant - Brown

George Kaiser

Taken before me this

day of

Sept

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Police Justice.



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Sec. 198-200.

CITY AND COUNTY  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

4 District Police Court.

Joseph Burke 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.

Joseph Burke

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

18 years

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

U.S.

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

Answer.

416 E 18 -

three years

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.

Labourer

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

Answer.

I am not guilty I was  
struck in the breast  
stabbed in the breast

Joseph Burke  
mark

Taken before me this

day of

Sept

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Police Justice.

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Sec. 198—200.

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

4 District Police Court.

Thomas Burke 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 Burke

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

21 years

Question. Where were you born?

Answer,

N. B.

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

Answer.

412 E 18th

2 years

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer,

brewer

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

Answer.

I am not guilty

Thomas Burke

Taken before me this

day of

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Police Justice.

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Sec. 198—200.

District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK. } ss.

Edward Mara 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.

Edward Mara

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

16 years

Question. Where were you born?

Answer,

U.S

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

Answer.

441 E 18 - 7 years

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 struck him with my fist  
I was stabbed in the breast  
by some person

Edward Mara

Taken before me this

day of

Sept 11

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Samuel J. McQuinn  
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 Ten Hundred Dollars, each and be committed to the Warden and Keeper of the City Prison of the City of New York, until ~~he~~ give such bail.

Dated Sept- 11 1887 Sam'l C. Quinn Police Justice.

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

Dated ..... 188 ..... Police Justice.

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

Dated ..... 188 ..... Police Justice.

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179 1466  
Police Court-- 4 District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Thomas Brown  
512 E. 18

1 Thomas Burke

2 George Olausen

3 Joseph Burke

4 Edward Mena

Offence Assault  
F. L. M.

Dated Sept 11 1887

D. O. Reilly Magistrate.

Thomas Meehan Officer.

18 Precinct.

Witnesses John Glenn

No. 512 E 18 Street.

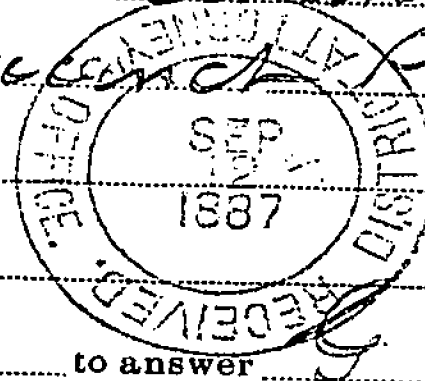
Thomas Meehan

18 Precinct Police Street.

No Street.

\$ 10000 to answer

Committed



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

THE PEOPLE OF STATE OF NEW YORK,

against

Thomas Burke, George  
Kaiser, Joseph Burke &  
Edward Mara

The Grand Jury of the City and County of New York, by this indictment, accuse  
Thomas Burke, George Kaiser, Joseph Burke & Edward Mara  
of the CRIME OF ASSAULT IN THE FIRST DEGREE, committed as follows:

The said Thomas Burke, George Kaiser, Joseph  
Burke and Edward Mara, all —  
late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the  
tenth day of September, in the year of our Lord  
one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven, with force and arms, at the City and  
County aforesaid, in and upon the body of one Thomas Brown, —  
in the peace of the said People then and there being, feloniously did make an assault,  
and him the said Thomas Brown, —  
with a certain knives —  
which the said Thomas Burke, George Kaiser, Joseph Burke & Edward Mara  
in their right hands then and there had and held, the same being a deadly and  
dangerous weapons, then and there wilfully and feloniously did cut, stab and wound,

with intent him the said Thomas Brown, —  
thereby then and there feloniously and wilfully 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.

SECOND COUNT;

And the Grand Jury aforesaid, by this indictment, further accuse the said  
Thomas Burke, George Kaiser, Joseph Burke & Edward Mara  
of the CRIME OF ASSAULT IN THE SECOND DEGREE, committed as follows:

The said Thomas Burke, George Kaiser, Joseph  
Burke and Edward Mara, all —  
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 the body of the said Thomas Brown, —  
in the peace of the said People then and there being, feloniously did wilfully and  
wrongfully make another assault, and him the said  
— Thomas Brown, —  
with a certain knives —  
which the said Thomas Burke, George Kaiser, Joseph  
Burke and Edward Mara —  
in their right hands then and there had and held, the same being  
a instruments and weapons likely to produce grievous bodily harm, then and there  
feloniously did wilfully and wrongfully cut, stab and wound, 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.

Handwritten signature  
District Attorney.



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BOX:

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FOLDER:

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DESCRIPTION:

Byrnes, Michael

DATE:

09/23/87



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Witnesses:

Off Frank 5th Prec  
Off Kehos 5th Prec

Counsel,  
Filed 23 day of Sept. 188

Pleads

THE PEOPLE

vs.

Assault in the Second Degree.  
(Section 218, Penal Code.)

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Michael Byrnes

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

District Attorney.

A True Bill.

And J. G. Foreman

Foreman.

Pleads Guilty

S. P. 2 1/2 yrs.

0235

Police Court—15<sup>th</sup> District.

City and County { ss.:  
of New York,

of the 5<sup>th</sup> Precinct Police William Frost Street, aged 26 years,  
occupation Police Officer being duly sworn  
deposes and says, that on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of September 1888 at the City of New  
York, in the County of New York,

he was violently and feloniously ASSAULTED ~~and~~ by

(Michael Byrne now here) who did  
wilfully and maliciously make a  
thrust of a table knife at the  
head of deponent with intent to  
cut deponent with the blade of said  
table knife the defendant held in  
his hand and said assault  
was committed

with the felonious intent to ~~take the life of deponent, or to~~ do him grievous bodily harm; and without  
any justification on the part of the said assailant :

Wherefore this deponent prays that the said assailant may be apprehended and bound to answer  
for the above assault, etc., and be dealt with according to law.

Sworn to before me, this 11<sup>th</sup> day  
of September 1888

William Frost

[Signature]  
Police Justice.



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Sec. 198-200.

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District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, ss

*Michael Byrnes* 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

*Michael Byrnes*

Question. How old are you?

Answer

*27 years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

*Ireland*

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

Answer.

*213 West St four days*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer

*Deck Hand Steam boat*

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 of the intent  
to do bodily harm*

*Michael Byrnes*

Taken before me this

day of *Sept* 188*7*

Police Justice.

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

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

Dated *Sept 11/188* 188 \_\_\_\_\_

*Cayson* Police Justice.

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

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ 188 \_\_\_\_\_

Police Justice.

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

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ 188 \_\_\_\_\_

Police Justice.

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Police Court--

521470  
District

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

William Frost  
5th Precinct.  
Michael Byrnes

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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Dated

Sept 11/1887

Magistrate.

Officer.

5th Precinct.

Witnesses

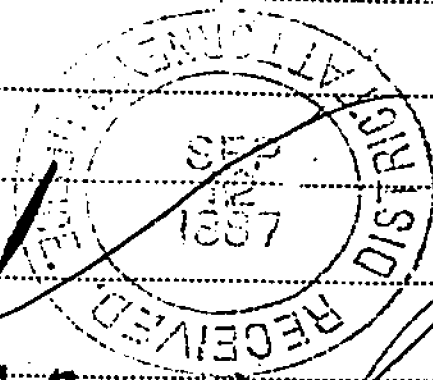
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to answer





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Court of General Sessions of the Peace

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

against

*Michael Ryzner*

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

*Michael Ryzner*

of the CRIME OF ASSAULT IN THE SECOND DEGREE, committed as follows:

The said *Michael Ryzner*.

late of the City and County of New York, on the *eleventh* day of *September*, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty*seven*, with force and arms, at the City and County aforesaid, in and upon one

*William Frost*.

in the peace of the said People then and there being, feloniously did wilfully and wrongfully make an assault; and the said *Michael Ryzner*,

with a certain *knife* which *he* the said

*Michael Ryzner*.

in *his* right hand then and there had and held, the same being then and there a *weapon* likely to produce grievous bodily harm, *him*, the said *William Frost*, then and there feloniously did wilfully and wrongfully *attempt* strike, beat, *stab*, *cut*, bruise and wound, 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.

*Handwritten signature of District Attorney*

District Attorney.