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**BOX:**

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**FOLDER:**

2773

**DESCRIPTION:**

Convey, James

**DATE:**

01/16/88



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POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

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Witnesses:

*Geo. Metzger*  
*Edw. Ryan*

Counsel,

Filed 16 day of Jan'y 1888

Pleads

*Guilty 117*

THE PEOPLE

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

*3493-24-1000*

*James Convey*

*Paul 3 (12 cases)*

JOHN R. FELLOWS.

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

District Attorney.

*Part II Jan'y 24 1888*

A True Bill.

*Edmund C. For*

Foreman.

*Part III Delinquent 1888*

*Tricked and Connected*

*D.P. 445-6 m. 13*

*P.B.M. 10.*

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

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Police Court 4<sup>th</sup> District.

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

of No. 134 East Broadway Street, aged 17 years,  
occupation Cover for Healer being duly sworn  
deposes and says, that on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of Jan 1888 at the City of New  
York, in the County of New York,

he was violently and feloniously ASSAULTED and BEATEN by James Conway (now here), who cut,  
stabbed and wounded this  
deponent on his left hip,  
with a knife held in the  
hand of said James Conway

with the felonious intent to ~~take the life of deponent,~~ 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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of January 1888 by John Metzner

James Conway  
Police Justice.

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0300

Sec. 19—200.

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

<sup>4</sup> District Police Court.

*James Convey* 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.

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

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

Answer.

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.

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

Answer.

*I am not guilty*

*James Convey*

Taken before me this

1888

Police Justice.



POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0301

BALIED,  
No. 1, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_  
No. 2, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_  
No. 3, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_  
No. 4, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_

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Police Court 4 District 55

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

James Conway  
134 East 134th St  
New York

James Conway  
Defendant

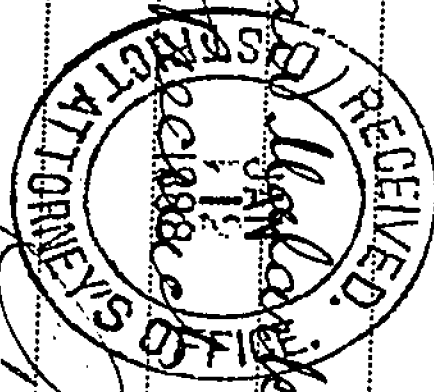
Dated \_\_\_\_\_ 188

James Conway  
Magistrate  
Precinct 71

Witnesses  
No. 171 Eldridge St  
Street

No. 171 Eldridge St  
Street

No. 171 Eldridge St  
Street



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

guilty thereof, I order that he be held to answer the same and he be admitted to bail in the sum of Twenty 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 \_\_\_\_\_ 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 h to be discharged.

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

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0302

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS -Part 3.

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The People of the State of New York,

against

J a m e s C o n v e y  
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:Before Hon. Ran-  
:  
:dolph B. Martine,  
:  
:and a Jury .  
:  
:

Indictment filed January 16th 1888.

N e w Y o r k, February 7th 1888.

APPEARANCES:For the People, Asst. Dist. Atty. Parker

For the defendant: James McLoughlin, Esq

JOHN METZNER, a witness for the People, testified:

I am 17 years of age, and reside at No. 134 E. B, way  
in this city. On the 6th of January this year I was  
working at my trade of paper hanging at the corner of  
1st Avenue and 38th St. When we got through work we  
walked out; I was waiting for a friend on the corner  
and was walking to and fro; this defendant came up to  
me and asked me "What are you doing here?" and I told  
him I was waiting for a man. He then tried to hit me  
with an umbrella and I held my arm up to ward off the  
blow, then he put his hand in his pocket, took out a  
knife and stabbed me. He came up to me again and  
repeated the question: "What are you doing here?". I  
felt a pain and I walked away a few paces from him; then  
my friend Glassheim came along and the defendant spoke  
to him. He told Glassheim he stabbed me and Glassheim  
asked him "What for " and he said "For fun". Glass-  
heim reported the matter at the station house and had the

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defendant arrested .

CROSS EXAMINATION:

I did not have any quarrel or trouble with this defendant on the day in question. I never saw him before . I dont know of any cause which should lead him to stab me.

NATHAN GLASSHEIM, a witness for the People, testified:

I live at No. 171 Eldridge St. and I am a painter by occupation. I was working with the complainant on the day spoken of at the corner of 38th St. and First Ave. in this city. When I got to the corner the complainant Metzner said to me : "Glassheim, somebody hit me" This defendant came across the street and said he done it just for fun, and said that if I did not keep still he would do something to me .

CROSS EXAMINATION:

This happened between five and six o'clock in the evening . I never saw the defendant before that day.

THOMAS M. RYAN, a witness for the People, testified:

I am captain of the 21st Precinct. I know the defendant. I arrested him on the morning of the 7th of January about two o'clock. I found him in his bed. I told him he was charged with stabbing a man and he said he knew nothing about it . This complainant identified him as the man who stabbed him. One of the detectives found this knife in his room .

CROSS EXAMINATION:

I was not present when the detective found the knife.



BERNARD MULLARKEY, a witness for the People, testified:

I am a detective attached to the 21st precinct. I was with the captain when he arrested the defendant; this knife fell out of his pocket on to the floor and I picked it up,.

CROSS EXAMINATION:

I saw the knife drop out of his pants in the bedroom where they were hanging up.

D E F E N C E

ELLEN CONVEY, a witness for the defendant, testified:

I am the mother of this defendant. I reside at No. 349 E. 34th St. I remember the sixth of January; my boy was not out of the house in the evening until quarter after six. He was in the house all the afternoon; he had his supper at six o' clock and then he went out.

CROSS EXAMINATION:

I fix the time at quarter after six, because he asked me what time it was and I told him not to stay out too late .

HANNAH CONVEY, a witness for the defendant, testified:

I am the sister of the defendant. My brother was in the house all the afternoon of January 6th and did not leave the house until after he had his supper.

JAMES CONVEY, the defendant, testified:-

I am the defendant. I am twenty two years of age and reside with my mother.

Q. Do you remember the 6th of January ? A. Yes sir .

QX Were you at the corner of 38th St. and First ave.



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at any time between five and six o'clock that evening?

A. No sir . I was home and did not go out until after six o'clock .

**CROSS EXAMINATION:**

I never saw John Metzner , or Nathan Glassheim before . I was arrested once for disorderly conduct and once for grand larceny. I served a year in the penitentiary for the larceny. I used this knife which is shown me in the oyster business . I am certain it was a quarter after six o'clock when I left the house.

JOHN METZNER, recalled:

Q. Is there any doubt in your mind that this is the man that stabbed you ? A. I have no doubt; I am sure this is the man.

The jury found the prisoner Guilty of Assault in the second degree.

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Indictment filed Jan. 16. 1888

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS

Part III.

The People &c.

against

James Convey

Abstract of testimony on

trial Feb. 7th 1888.

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0307

Police Court District.

City and County } ss.:  
of New York,

of No. 812 East 38<sup>th</sup> Street, aged 20 years,

occupation Truck Driver being duly sworn

deposes and says, that on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of January 1888 at the City of New

York, in the County of New York,

he was violently and feloniously ASSAULTED and BEATEN by James

Convey now present that

Said Convey did wilfully and

Maliciously cut and wound

deponent upon his neck with

and by means of a certain knife

and sharp dangerous weapon

which he Convey then held in

his hand

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 January 1888

James Convey  
Police Justice.



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ORIGINAL

0308

Sec. 195-200.

CITY AND COUNTY  
OF NEW YORK } ss.

4 District Police Court.

James Convey 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.

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

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

Answer.

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.

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

Answer.

I am not guilty of the  
charge  
James Convey

Taken before me this

day of February 1888

Police Justice



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ORIGINAL

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Chas. W. Pfeiffer, M.D.

212 East 36th Street,

New York, Jan 6

1888

This is to certify that I have  
this day examined Mr. <sup>Thomas</sup> Ryan  
who was stabbed with  
a knife last evening.

I find this  
patient in a very dangerous  
condition.

R. Pfeiffer  
Chas. W. Pfeiffer, M.D.

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0310

CITY AND COUNTY  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

POLICE COURT, 4 DISTRICT.

of *the 9th Precinct* Street, aged *50* years,  
occupation *Police Officer* being duly sworn deposes and says,  
that on the *7th* day of *January* 188*8*  
at the City of New York, in the County of New York, *he arrested*

*James Convey (now here upon the*  
*Complaint of Thomas Reilly of 312*  
*East 38th Street charging said Convey*  
*with stabbing and cutting him in the*  
*neck with a knife he said Convey*  
*then and there held in his hand causing*  
*injuries from which said Reilly is now*  
*confined to his bed and unable to appear*  
*in Court and make formal Complaint*  
*Deponent prays that said Convey be*  
*committed to await results of said injuries*  
*Thos. M. Ryan*

Sworn to before me, this

of

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day

Police Justice.

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Police Court, 14 District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,

ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Capt Jos Ryan

vs.

Jas Conway

AFFIDAVIT.

*Admitted*

Dated Jan 7 1888

Magray Magistrate.

Capt Ryan Officer.

Witness, \_\_\_\_\_

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Disposition, \_\_\_\_\_

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POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

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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 District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

James O. Conway  
312 East 38th St  
New York

Offence Felonious Assault

Dated January 11<sup>th</sup> 1888

Magistrate.

Officer.

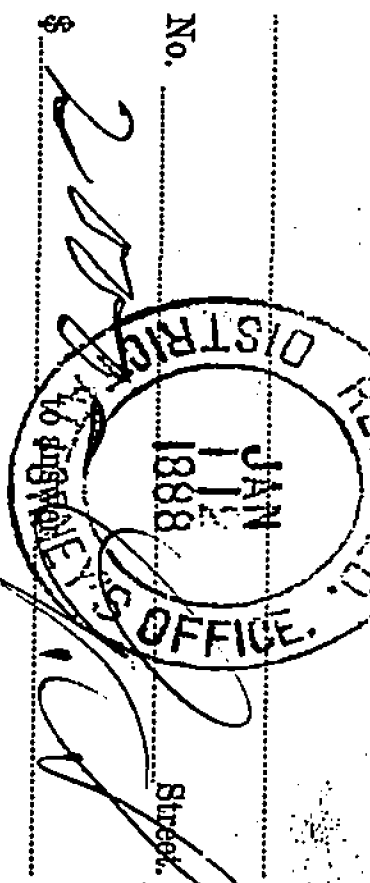
Witnesses A. Clara Pfeiffer

No. 212 East 38<sup>th</sup> St. Street.

Bernard Hecker

No. 21<sup>st</sup> Street.

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



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

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 January 11<sup>th</sup> 1888 \_\_\_\_\_ Police Justice.

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

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ 1888 \_\_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_ 1888 \_\_\_\_\_ Police Justice.



POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0313

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

THE PEOPLE OF STATE OF NEW YORK,

against

*James Ramsey*

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

*James Ramsey*

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

The said *James*

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the  
*sixth* day of *January*, in the year of our Lord  
one thousand eight hundred and eighty *eight*, with force and arms, at the City and  
County aforesaid, in and upon the body of one *Thomas Reddy*  
in the peace of the said People then and there being, feloniously did make an assault,  
and *in* the said *Thomas*,  
with a certain *knife*  
which the said *James*  
in *his* right hand then and there had and held, the same being a deadly and  
dangerous weapon then and there wilfully and feloniously did cut, stab and wound,

with intent *in* the said *Thomas*,  
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  
*James Ramsey*  
of the CRIME OF ASSAULT IN THE SECOND DEGREE, committed as follows :

The said *James*

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 Reddy*  
in the peace of the said People then and there being, feloniously did wilfully and  
wrongfully make another assault, and *in* the said  
*Thomas*,

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

in *his* right hand then and there had and held, the same being  
an instrument and weapon 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.

*John P. Fellows,*  
*Attorney*

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

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Witnesses:

*Mr. Peck*  
*Capt. W. S. Ryan*

Counsel,

Filed

Pleads

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THE PEOPLE

vs.

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

*James Conway*  
(2 cases)

JOHN R. FELLOWS,  
RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

District Attorney.

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A True Bill.

*Daniel C. ...*

Foreman.

*Mr. Jay ...*

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People } 2 Cases.  
r. } Reilly Case  
James Conway. } Metzger Case

Reilly Case.

Counts in indictment.

1<sup>st</sup> Count. Assault with intent to kill  
with a knife

2<sup>d</sup> Count. Assault 2<sup>d</sup> degree with a  
knife and wounding severely.

Statement of Facts.

On the night of January 6<sup>th</sup>, 1888, about 11<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> P.M.  
the defendant without provocation stabbed  
Thomas Reilly in the left side of his throat  
inflicting a severe wound. Reilly complained  
to Captain Ryan and that night defendant  
was arrested, identified, and the knife found  
in his possession. Assault took place at  
38<sup>th</sup> St. near 1<sup>st</sup> Ave.

Witnesses.

As to the assault,

Thomas Reilly, <sup>complainant.</sup>

As to character of the wound.

Dr. Charles Pfeiffer.

As to the arrest and finding of the knife

Captain Thomas M. Ryan,

Sergh. Bernard Malankey.

People } 2 Cases  
v. } Metzner Case  
James Convey } Reilly Case

Metzner Case

1 Count. Assault in 2<sup>d</sup> degree with a  
knife and grievously wounding.

Statement of facts.

On January 6<sup>th</sup> 1888 at ~~about~~ between 5 and  
6 P.M. without provocation defendant  
stabbed John Metzner at the corner of  
38<sup>th</sup> St. and 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. Stabbed in the side.  
Knife penetrated nine garments and entered  
side quite deeply.

Witnesses.

As to the assault.

John Metzner, (Complainant)  
Nathan Glasskine,

As to the arrest and finding of the knife.

Captain Thos. M. Ryan

Sergh. Bernard McCarkey.



People

2 Cases.

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James Conway

Reilly Case.

Thomas  
Reilly.

Thomas Reilly

312 East 38<sup>th</sup> St.

On Christmas Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> 1887 I was in church and defendant stepped on my toes. I said "Why don't you look out where you are walking." He said "There's nothing in it is there - Well see outside." I replied "All right." When we got outside defendant said to "Well have it some other time." I said "All right." I saw ~~and met him and talked with him~~ several times between this and January 6<sup>th</sup> 1888, and he never said anything about this affair. On January 6<sup>th</sup> 1888 about 11<sup>20</sup> P.M. I met defendant in 38<sup>th</sup> Street about 50 feet from the corner of 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. He said "There was another fellow with him. Defendant said "There goes Reilly." and then he said to me "I want to see you." I said "What do you want to see me for?" He said "Do you remember those few words we used together?" I said "Yes". He said "What is the matter with our going down on the dock and settling that matter."

I said "Don't need to go down on the dock. There is no need of settling it at all". Then we walked to the corner of 1<sup>st</sup> Ave and 38<sup>th</sup> St. together defendant continuing to urge me to go down on the dock and settle the matter. Then when we reached the corner I finally told him I would not go with him and shoved him away with one hand, gently. With that he struck me with a knife on the left side of my throat cutting me severely. I turned and ran into a store saying I was stabbed. I have never had any trouble with the defendant before. The next day I was confined to the house with the wound, though I went out for an hour and had to come back again, and Dr. Chas. W. Pfeiffer attended me.

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Dr. Chas.  
Pfeiffer.

Dr. Charles W. Pfeiffer  
Not examined by me but from a letter with the papers he will testify as to the dangerous character of Reilly's wound.

People } 2 Cases  
vs. }  
James Conway. } Metzger Case.

John  
Metzger.

John Metzger,

134 East Broadway.

On January 6<sup>th</sup> 1888 I was ~~in~~<sup>at</sup> a saloon  
on the corner of 38<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
~~The defendant came in.~~ I was with a  
man who was papering the saloon.  
~~The defendant asked me~~ I went out of  
the saloon and was waiting for my  
employer who had gone up stairs. The  
defendant came along and asked  
me what I was doing there. I told  
him. Then he tried to strike me with  
an umbrella. I evaded of the blow  
and he drew a knife from his overcoat  
pocket and stabbed me in my left  
side. The knife went through my overcoat,  
outside coat, trousers, and two pairs of  
drawers and entered my side and  
the wound bled freely. I never saw  
defendant before. The defendant went  
across the street. Then my employer  
Nathan Glassein 171 Eldridge St.,  
came down and I was talking with  
him. Then defendant came over

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and said to me "What do you want here." Glassheim said "somebody fired a stone". Defendant said "It aint so. I stabbed him, and I'll stab you too."

Nathan Glassheim.

171 Eldridge Street.

On the day (Jan'y 6<sup>th</sup> 1888) on which the defendant was arrested between 5 and 6 o'clock P.M. I left John Metzner outside the saloon on the corner of 38<sup>th</sup> Street and 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. and went inside. When I came out Metzner was crying and said "some one hit me with a knife or a stone". Then the defendant came from across the street and said to me "I done it." I said to him "Oh you are a good fellow, you just did it in fun." I said this because I was afraid of him. Defendant then said, at the same time taking a knife from his pocket, "I done it. Do you want some too?" and at the same time thrust at me with the knife and I ran away.

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People  
v.  
James Conway. } 2 Cases -  
(Both Cases)

Thomas  
Ryan.

Thomas M. Ryan,

Captain 21<sup>st</sup> Precinct.

I arrested the defendant at 349 E.  
34<sup>th</sup> St. in bed at about 2 1/2 o'clock on  
January 7<sup>th</sup>, 1888. I took him to Reilly  
and Reilly said "That is the man that  
stabbed me". The defendant said  
nothing. I asked the defendant before  
I took him to Reilly what was the  
cause of the trouble and why he  
stabbed Reilly. He replied that he  
didn't know anything about it.  
After Reilly had identified him I  
again asked him why he had told  
me that he did not know anything  
about it. And he replied "I don't  
know anything about it". About  
~~8 A.M. Metzger came to the station~~  
~~house and I showed him the~~  
~~prisoner.~~ Detective Maloney gave  
me a knife which I now have that  
he said he <sup>dropped out of</sup> found in the ~~for~~ defendant's  
pants on the floor when we arrested him.

Bernard  
Malarky.

Bernard Malarky,  
21<sup>st</sup> Precinct.

On January 7<sup>th</sup> 1888 at 349 E. 34<sup>th</sup> St at  
about 2 1/2 A. M. I with Captain Ryan  
arrested the defendant. ~~in~~ I found  
him in bed. We told him to dress  
himself and he went into an adjoining  
room to get his clothes. I followed him  
and when he took his pants from  
a peg a knife fell out on the floor. I  
picked it up and gave it to Captain  
Ryan after we got to the station house.

1-20-88.

Witnesses

James Reilly,  
312 East 38<sup>th</sup> St.

Chas. Pfeiffer  
212 East 36<sup>th</sup> St.

John Metzger  
134 East Broadway,

Kathran Glassheim,  
171 Eldridge St.,

Thomas W. Ryan,  
21<sup>st</sup> St. Precinct,

Bernard Mahoney  
21<sup>st</sup> St. Precinct

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.

THE PEOPLE, &c.

vs.

James Conway

2 Cases

Reilly Case

Metzger Case

Verdict in 1<sup>st</sup> Reg.  
Verdict in 2<sup>nd</sup> Reg.

BRIEF OF FACTS.

For the District Attorney.

Dated January 21<sup>st</sup> 1888.

Wm. H. Davis, Jr.

Deputy Assistant.



Witnesses

James Reilly,  
312 East 38<sup>th</sup> St.

Wm. Charles Pfeiffer  
212 East 36<sup>th</sup> St.

John Metzger

134 East Broadway

Kathran Glassheim

171 Eldridge St.

Thomas H. Ryan

21<sup>st</sup> Precinct

Bernard Malankey

21<sup>st</sup> Precinct

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.

THE PEOPLE, &c.

vs.

James Convey

2 Cases

Reilly Case

Metzger Case

Verdict in 1<sup>st</sup> Reg.  
Verdict in 2<sup>nd</sup> Reg.

BRIEF OF FACTS.

For the District Attorney.

Dated January 21<sup>st</sup> 1888.

Wm. Charles Pfeiffer

Deputy Assistant.

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0325

Court of General Sessions of the Peace

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

against

*James Ramsey*

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

*James Ramsey* —

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

The said

*James Ramsey*

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

*John Metzger* —

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

*James Ramsey* —

with a certain

*knife*

which

the said

*James Ramsey* —

in *his* right hand then and there had and held, the same being then and there a *weapon* likely to produce grievous bodily harm, *aim*, the said *John Metzger*, then and there feloniously did wilfully and wrongfully 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.

*John A. Hellous*

*District Attorney*

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**BOX:**

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**FOLDER:**

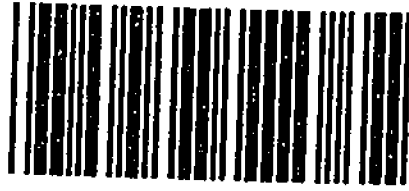
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**DESCRIPTION:**

Coogan, Daniel

**DATE:**

01/20/88



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W. H.

Witnesses:

Robert Benson

Officer Hanson

Counsel,

Filed 20 day of June 1888

Pleads Not Guilty.

THE PEOPLE

vs.

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

Daniel Coogan

Pr. June 23, 1888  
tried & acquitted.

JOHN R. FELLOWS.

RANDOLPH B. WARFINE,

off. June 12. Prob. District Attorney.  
off. June 20. Prob. District Attorney.  
off. June 23. Prob. District Attorney.

A True Bill.

Commander

Foreman.

John

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0328

Police Court—2nd District.

City and County { ss.:  
of New York,

of No. 153 West 26th Street, aged 35 years,

occupation Ticker Taker being duly sworn

deposes and says, that on the 17th day of January 1888 at the City of New

York, in the County of New York,

he was violently and feloniously ASSAULTED and BEATEN by Daniel Logan

(now free) who pointed a loaded  
revolving pistol at deponent—  
discharged the same and struck  
deponent on his forehead with  
bullet thereby severely  
wounding him and that  
such 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 17th day

of January 1888

Robert Benson

Police Justice.

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0329

Sec. 198-200.

2 District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK. } ss.

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

Question. What is your name?

Answer.

Daniel Cogan

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

37 years

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

Ireland

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

Answer.

499 M 16<sup>th</sup> Street

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.

Packer

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

Daniel Cogan

Taken before me this

day of

July 17 1908

Police Justice.



POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0330

BAILED,  
No. 1, by Edmund Hogan  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street \_\_\_\_\_  
No. 2, by Edmund Hogan  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street \_\_\_\_\_  
No. 3, by Edmund Hogan  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street \_\_\_\_\_  
No. 4, by Edmund Hogan  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street \_\_\_\_\_  
No. 5, by Edmund Hogan  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street \_\_\_\_\_

Police Court-- 2 District 109

THE PEOPLE, &c.,

ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Arthur J. J. J. J.

1534 26th

Edmund Hogan

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Offence Assault

Dated January 17 1888

White Magistrate.

Shankston Officer.

119 Precinct.

Witnesses George Hogan

No. 1 Street 7th

No. 2 Street 7th

No. 3 Street 7th

No. 4 Street 7th

No. 5 Street 7th

No. 6 Street 7th

No. 7 Street 7th

No. 8 Street 7th

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 January 17 1888 A. J. White Police Justice.

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

Dated Jan 18 1888 A. J. White 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 \_\_\_\_\_ 1888 \_\_\_\_\_ Police Justice.

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0331

Will Mr Goff  
do all he can  
in this matter  
J. J. G.

170 Broadway

Friday Nov 23

My dear Fitzgerald

I do not  
know Mr Goff who has the  
case of Coogan before Martin  
today in charge and if you  
can bring the following facts  
to his attention I wish you would  
do so.

Coogan is to my knowledge  
an industrious young man and  
was at the time of the alleged  
assault in the employ of W. H. Miller  
& Adams and is now in their ser-  
vice as clerk. He has a wife  
and little children whom he takes  
good care of and this is his  
first slip. I think it is well  
where leniency is justified and  
if you can consistently speak a

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ORIGINAL

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would with Goff I wish you would  
class. It is a case of persecution  
and grew out of Coogan's activity  
in the last campaign.

Sincerely yours

C. S. Beardsley

Stan J. Fitzgerald



POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

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Am Jnr Fitzgerald  
Devl Atty & Office

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0334

216 8<sup>th</sup> Ave, 3-5-88  
My dear Sir  
Daniel Coogan  
who will probably be  
tried tomorrow in Part 3  
for assault is a young  
man employed as a clerk  
in Wechsler & Abrams of  
Brooklyn and is, I think  
of good reputation. He lives  
at 424 W 16 St, and was  
an active member of the  
Jnr R Fellows Club in the  
past campaign. From  
what I know of him personally  
and of the circumstances  
surrounding the case, it is one  
where I think the interests  
of Justice would be served  
by a limited exposure and

showing you as you want  
clear after looking into  
it to so advise I shall be  
pleased.

Very sincerely  
C. S. Beardsley  
Hon. Jas Fitzgerald

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

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

*J. W. Goffin*

*Asst Dist Atty*



POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0336

Office of  
Attorney for Collection of Arrears  
of Personal Taxes,  
53 Chambers Street,

Room 41.

New York, Jan 26 1888

My dear Sir

The bearer Edward  
Hollen one of our most reliable  
friends in the 13<sup>th</sup> Dist and Pres-  
ident of the Fellow's Campaign  
Club in the last campaign is  
the bondsman for Daniel Coogan  
who was indicted for assault  
(I think) and they both are anxious  
to have the matter postponed for  
a month or so. It is down for  
next Monday. Coogan is a  
married man - has a family of  
little children - and is and has  
been for some time employed as  
stock clerk in Mischler & Abrams  
Dry goods store. If you can please  
help them out.

Very sincerely

C. S. Beardsley

Wm James Fitzgerald

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0337

Mr McCall

off for 1 month

January 26

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0338

Court of General Sessions of the Peace

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

against

*David Roogan*

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

*David Roogan*

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

The said *David*

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the *seventeenth* day of *January*, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-*eight*, with force of arms, at the City and County aforesaid, in and upon the body of one *Robert Benson* in the peace of the said People then and there being, feloniously did make an assault and to, at and against *him* the said *Robert*, — a certain  *pistol* then and there loaded and charged with gunpowder and one leaden bullet, which the said *David* — in *his* right hand then and there had and held, the same being a deadly and dangerous weapon, wilfully and feloniously did then and there shoot off and discharge, with intent *him* the said *Robert*, — 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

*David Roogan*

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

The said *David*

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 one *Robert Benson* in the peace of the said People then and there being, feloniously did wilfully and wrongfully make an assault, and to, at and against *him* the said *Robert*, — a certain  *pistol* then and there charged and loaded with gunpowder and one leaden bullet, which the said *David* — in *his* right hand then and there had and held, the same being an instrument likely to produce grievous bodily harm, then and there feloniously did wilfully and wrongfully shoot off and discharge, 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.

~~RANDOLPH B. MARTINE~~

District Attorney.



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**FOLDER:**

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**DESCRIPTION:**

Cooper, George

**DATE:**

01/13/88



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**BOX:**

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**FOLDER:**

2773

**DESCRIPTION:**

Romer, Edwin L.

**DATE:**

01/13/88



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ORIGINAL

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Witnesses:

Anna Fowler  
Wm Keating  
Michael Fushler  
officer Williams  
Henry

On the trial of the indictment for grand larceny against the defendant, Edwin S. Romer herein, it appeared that there was no evidence to sustain the indictment and an acquittal was therefore directed by the court. The people have no more evidence to prove the within indictment, and therefore, the court dismissed the indictment. January 28 - 1888 - District Attorney General George W. ...

Counsel, 13  
Filed, day of Jan 1888  
Pleads, ...

THE PEOPLE  
George Cooper  
Edwin S. Romer  
K. 2 cases

PETIT LARCENY, Sections 528, 532 and 530, Penal Code.]

JOHN R. FELLOWS,  
RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,  
District Attorney.

Ordered to M. C. Court of  
Clerk and Commissioner for trial  
A True Bill.  
July 7/1888.

Foreman.

Transferred back to Court  
of General Sessions for trial  
Feb 14. 1888



**POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL**

0342

City and County of New York, SS:

William Keating being duly sworn deposes and says;  
I am 28 years of age, and am a brakesman on the New York  
City and Northern Railroad, and reside at 1239 Ogden  
Avenue in said city. I resided there upon the 8th day  
of December, 1887. Upon said date there was feloniously  
taken, stolen and carried away from my possession a  
silver watch of the value of \$22. I suspect George  
Cooper and Edwin L. Romer, resident at the same place of ~~th~~  
the larceny of said property, for the following reasons:

At about 12-30 A.M. on that date, I went to bed in  
my room in said house. The said Romer and Cooper occupied  
a room next to me upon the same floor. I hung my vest  
containing said watch upon the wall of my room, and went  
to sleep, in the morning when I arose the watch was gone.  
I am informed by Officer Robert Henry of the 31st Pre-  
cinct, that said watch was found at about eight o'clock on  
the morning of said day wrapped up in a pair of drawers  
upon a shelf in a closet of the room occupied by said  
Cooper and Romer.

Sworn to before me this

10th day of January, 1888.

*A. D. Barker*  
Notary Public  
N.Y. Co.

*Wm Keating*

**POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL**

0343

City and County of New York, SS:

Robert Henry, being duly sworn deposes and says:

I am a member of the Municipal Police of this city, attached to the 31st Precinct. I have read the foregoing affidavit of *Wm Keating*. I confirm the statements of the said affidavit so far as they purport to relate to information given by me to the said

Sworn to before me this

10th day of January, 1888.

*A. D. Parker*  
Notary Public  
N. Y. C.

*Robert Henry*

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0344

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF

NEW YORK,

*on complaint of*

*William Keating*

*against*

*Henry Cooper & Co.*

*L. Rorer.*

*Offs. of Cooper & Co.*

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

DISTRICT ATTORNEY,

No. 32 CHAMBERS STREET,

NEW YORK CITY.

*Wm Keating, 1239 2nd Ave.*

*Mona Fowler "*

*Offs. Henry & Hunt, 31 Broad.*



POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

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6<sup>th</sup> District Police Court—

Affidavit—Larceny.

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

of No. 1239 Ogden Avenue Street, Sterna Fowler aged 25  
being duly sworn, deposes and says, that on the eighth day of December 1887  
at the residence of deponent No 1239 Ogden Avenue, 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.: Three finger rings, gold with garnet  
and pearls, of the value together of Fifteen Dollars,  
Twenty silver dollars and four half dollar pieces  
gold and lawful money of the United States, two  
silver watches of the value together of forty dollars,  
in all of the value of Seventy Seven dollars

the property of deponent and of William Heating and  
Michael Freshler, all of said property being in the care  
and custody of deponent as Keeper of the boarding house  
at which said Heating and Freshler were lodging 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 George Cooper and Edwist Turner,  
both now here, from the following facts: At about  
seven o'clock on the evening of said day deponent missed  
said money from a drawer in a bureau in her  
bed room on said premises, and said Cooper and said  
Turner each missed one of said watches from his room  
on said premises, as deponent is informed by said Cooper  
and said Turner in the case of each respectively. On  
the ninth day of December 1887 officer Robert Henry  
of the 31<sup>st</sup> Precinct Police found said watches  
in the room occupied by said Cooper and said  
Turner on said premises wrapped up in a pair of drawers laid on the top

Sworn before me this 18th day of December 1887

—Police Justice.

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

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shelf of a closet in said room. So defendant is informed by said officer Henry. Said officer and said Keating, Freshler, Cooper and Rimer were all boarders and lodgers in defendant's boarding house at said time. Officer Williamson of the 31<sup>st</sup> Precinct Police informs defendant that said Rimer accounted to him for the possession of several silver dollars on the night of said eighth day of December in a way that said Williamson ascertained, on inquiry, to be false.

I come to before me this  
15<sup>th</sup> day of December 1887  
J. A. [Signature]  
Police Justice

Mrs. Lina Fowler

District Police Court.

THE PEOPLE, & Co.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

AFFIDAVIT—Larceny.

vs.

DATED

1887

MAGISTRATE.

OFFICER.

WITNESSES:

DISPOSITION

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

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CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

Michael Freshley

aged 30 years, occupation Labrer of No.

1239 Ogden Avenue Street, being duly sworn deposes and

says, that he has heard read the foregoing affidavit of Stena Fowler

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

Sworn to before me, this 10  
day of December 1887 } Wm. J. Foster

Wm. J. Foster

Police Justice.

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

William Keating

aged 28 years, occupation Brakeman of No.

1239 Ogden Avenue Street, being duly sworn deposes and

says, that he has heard read the foregoing affidavit of Stena Fowler

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

Sworn to before me, this 10  
day of December 1887 } Wm. Keating

Wm. Keating

Police Justice.



POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0348

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

aged 20 years, occupation Robert Henry  
police man of Na

the 31st Precinct Street, being duly sworn deposes and

says, that he has heard read the foregoing affidavit of Stena Fowler

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

Sworn to before me, this 15  
day of December 1887 } Robert Henry

H. A. Wilde  
Police Justice.

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

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Sec. 198-200.

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District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

George Cooper 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. George Cooper

Question. How old are you?

Answer. 24 years

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. England

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

Answer. No 1234 Ogden Avenue, Brooklyn

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 may think will tend to your  
exculpation?

Answer. I am not guilty  
George Cooper.

Taken before me this

15

day of December 1887

W. J. Wells

Police Justice.

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0350

Sec. 198-200.

6<sup>1/2</sup> District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

Edwin L. Rumer 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. Edwin L. Rumer

Question. How old are you?

Answer. 28 years

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. Rye, N.Y.

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

Answer. No 1239 Ogden Avenue, 3 weeks

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. Brakeman

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

Answer. I am not guilty

E. L. Rumer

Taken before me this

day of

December  
1897

Police Justice.



POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0351

BAILED,  
No. 1, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_  
No. 2, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_  
No. 3, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_  
No. 4, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_

Police Court-- 6<sup>th</sup> District. 2043

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Stena J. Miller

1239 E. 12<sup>th</sup> Ave.

1 George L. Miller

2 Edward L. Miller

3 J. P. Miller

4 J. P. Miller

Offence Larceny  
Felony

Dated December 15<sup>th</sup> 1887

W. L. Miller  
Magistrate.

Henry T. Williamson  
Officer.

31<sup>st</sup>  
Precinct.

Witnesses  
J. P. Miller  
J. P. Miller

No. 1239  
Street.

No. 1239  
Street.

No. 1239  
Street.

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No. 1239  
Street.

It appearing to me by the within depositions and statements that the crime therein mentioned has been committed, and that there is sufficient cause to believe the within named George  
Cooper and Edward R. Miller  
guilty thereof, I order that he be held to answer the same and he be admitted to bail in the sum of Fifty 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 December 15<sup>th</sup> 1887

W. L. Miller  
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.

POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL

0352

BAILED,  
No. 1, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
No. 2, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
No. 3, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
No. 4, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_

Police Court-- 6<sup>th</sup> District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

1 George Cooper  
2 Edward Rumer  
3 Henry X. Williamson  
4 \_\_\_\_\_  
Offence Larceny  
Felony

Dated December 15<sup>th</sup> 1887

Magistrate.

Henry X. Williamson Officer.

31<sup>st</sup> Precinct.

Witnesses

No. 1 \_\_\_\_\_  
Street.

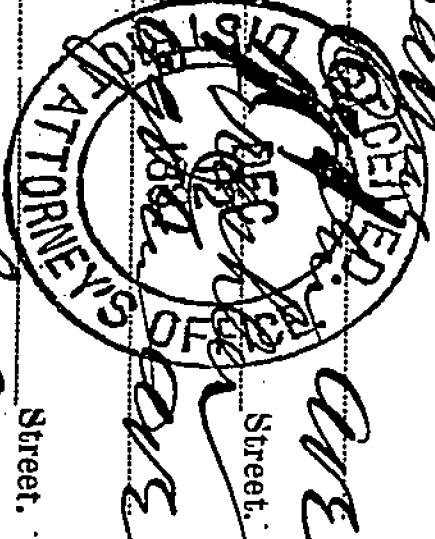
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Street.

No. 3 \_\_\_\_\_  
Street.

No. 4 \_\_\_\_\_  
Street.

No. 5 \_\_\_\_\_  
Street.

No. 6 \_\_\_\_\_  
Street.



It appearing to me by the within depositions and statements that the crime therein mentioned has been committed, and that there is sufficient cause to believe the within named George Cooper and Edward Rumer guilty thereof, I order that he be held to answer the same and he be admitted to bail in the sum of Fifty 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 December 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

**POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL**

0353

City and County of New York, SS:

Michael Freshler, being duly sworn deposes and says:

I am thirty years of age, and am by occupation a laborer, residing at the corner of Pacific & East New York Avenue, East New York. Upon the 8th day of December ult. I resided at 1239 Ogden Avenue in this city. Upon said last mentioned date there was feloniously taken, stolen and carried away from my possession, one silver watch, my property, of the value of \$36. I suspect George Cooper and Edwin L. Romer, who on said date resided with me at said premises, No. 1239 Ogden Avenue, of the larceny thereof, for the following reasons:- At about midnight of December 8th to 9th, I retired to bed in my room in said premises, leaving the said watch in the pocket of my vest hanging on the post of my bed. When I arose in the morning, it was gone. I am informed by Officer Robert Henry of the 31st Precinct, that the said watch was, about eight o'clock on the morning of the 9th, found wrapped up in a pair of drawers lying upon a shelf in a closet in the room occupied by said Cooper and Romer in said premises.

Sworn to before me this

10th day of January, 1888. *Michael Freshler*

*A. D. Barker*  
Notary Public  
N.Y.C.



**POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL**

0354

City and County of New York, SS:

Robert Henry, being duly sworn deposes and says:

I am a member of the Municipal Police of this city, attached to the 31st Precinct. I have read the foregoing affidavit of . I confirm the statements of the said affidavit so far as they purport to relate to information given by me to the said

Sworn to before me this

10th day of January, 1888.

*Robert Henry*

*A. D. Parker*  
*Notary Public*  
*N.Y. C.*

**POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL**

0355

*[Handwritten signature]*

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF  
NEW YORK,

on completion of

Michael Presley

*against*

George Cooper & Edwin

Ch. Pomeroy.

Off. Davis of Comph. R.

**RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,**  
**DISTRICT ATTORNEY,**

No. 32 CHAMBERS STREET,

NEW YORK CITY.

Michael Freshley, Cor of East Ry. Ave.  
Pacific St.

East Wy.

East Wy.

Offs Henry & Hunt, 2nd Creek.

Stena Fowler, 1239 Eden Ave.

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0356

Court of General Sessions of the Peace

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,  
against

*Figoras Rooper and*  
*Edwin S. Roemer*

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

*Figoras Rooper and Edwin S. Roemer*

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

The said *Figoras Rooper and Edwin*  
*S. Roemer, both* —

late of the First Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the  
*eight* day of *December*, 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*

*fifty six dollars.*

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one *Michael Fresher.*

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.



POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0357

SECOND COUNT—

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

*George Cooper and Edwin S. Rorer*

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

The said *George Cooper and Edwin S. Rorer,* both —

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

*one watch of the value of*  
*fifty six dollars.*

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one *Michael Kresler,*

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

unlawfully and unjustly, did feloniously receive and have; the said *George Cooper and Edwin S. Rorer* —

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.

JOHN R. FELLOWS.  
**RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,**

District Attorney.

POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL

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Witnesses:

Anna Fowler  
Wm Keatinge  
Michael Fischer  
Officer Williamson  
Henry

Counsel,  
Filed, 13 day of January, 1888  
Pleads, *Not Guilty*

THE PEOPLE  
vs.  
*George Cooper*  
*Edwin S. Romer*  
Grand Larceny, second degree  
[Sections 528, 581 and 539, Penal Code].

JOHN R. FELLOWS,  
RAENOLD P. B. MARTINE,

*Feb 7/88* District Attorney.

UNITED STATES COURT OF  
DISTRICT COLUMBIA

A True Bill.

*Grand Jury*

Foreman, *J. J.*  
*Transferred back to Court*  
*General Session for 1888*  
*Feb 14/88*

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0359

Court of General Sessions of the Peace

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,

against

*Figoraz Cooper and  
Edwin S. Rome*

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

*Figoraz Cooper and Edwin S. Rome*

of the CRIME OF PETIT LARCENY, committed as follows:

The said *Figoraz Cooper and Edwin  
S. Rome, both —*

late of the First Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the  
*eighteenth* day of *December*, 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 Two dollars.*

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one *William Keating.*

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.



POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0360

SECOND COUNT—

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

*George Cooper and Edwin S. Roman*

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

The said *George Cooper and Edwin S. Roman, both —*

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

*one watch of the value of  
Twenty Two dollars.*

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one *William Keating.*

by ~~a~~ certain ~~persons~~ persons to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown, then lately before unlawfully stolen, taken and carried away from the said *William Keating.*

unlawfully and unjustly, did feloniously receive and have; the said *George Cooper and Edwin S. Roman*

then and there well knowing the said goods, chattels and personal property to have been unlawfully 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.

JOHN R. FELLOWS,  
~~RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,~~  
District Attorney.

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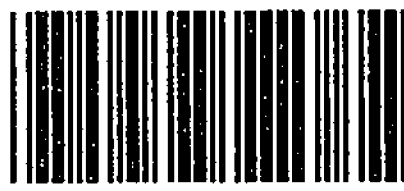
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**DESCRIPTION:**

Corrigan, Thomas P.

**DATE:**

01/13/88



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**FOLDER:**

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**DESCRIPTION:**

Corrigan, Thomas P.

**DATE:**

01/13/88



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POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0363

W4493823:

Ellen Lane

defendant's  
to plead to

Petit Larceny -  
Jury 17th SS

G. S. P.

A. D. A.

Jury 17th SS

Counsel,

Filed, 13 day of January 1888

Pleas, *Not Guilty*

THE PEOPLE

35.  
888.34 vs.

*James Martin*

Thomas J. Corigan

Grand Larceny second degree  
[Sections 528, 531 and 532, Penal Code.]

*Signature of Randolph B. Martine*

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

At 7 Jan 17 1888

District Attorney.

Pr May 17/88

Guards P. 1

A True Bill.

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*Signature of Foreman*

Foreman.

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0364

Police Court

District

Affidavit—Larceny.

City and County } ss.  
of New York,

of No.

occupation

Street, aged

years,  
being duly sworn

deposes and says, that on the

day of

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

time, the following property viz  
of lady's wearing apparel  
such as, stockings, skirts and  
trousers and one Cape.  
All of the total value of  
fifty dollars (\$ 50.)

the property of

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

Thomas Corrigan (now  
here) for the reason that when  
said Corrigan was arrested, two  
bawls tickets were found on  
him, showing that said  
Corrigan pawned some of said  
property. Deponent went to the  
Pawn Shop and there identified  
said property. Wherefore Deponent  
now charges said Defendant  
with Falsely, Stealing and carry-  
ing away said property and  
prays that he be dealt with  
as the Law directs

Ellen Lane

Subscribed before me, this  
18th day of January 1888  
John A. Stewart  
Police Justice.

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0365

Sec. 198-200

4 District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY } ss.  
OF NEW YORK,

*Thomas P. Corrigan*  
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.

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

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

Answer.

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.

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

Answer.

*I am not guilty*  
*Thomas P. Corrigan*

Taken before me this

188

Police Justice.



POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0355

BAILED,  
No. 1, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_  
No. 2, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_  
No. 3, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_  
No. 4, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_

Police Court District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,

vs. ON THE COMPLAINT OF

856-2-402

Offence

Dated

188

Magistrate.

Officer.

Preinct.

Witnesses

No.

Street.

No.

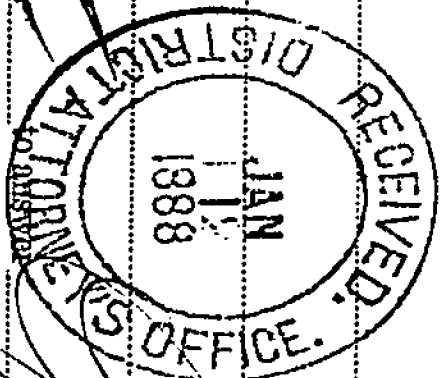
Street.

No.

Street.

No.

Street.



It appearing to me by the within depositions and statements that the crime therein mentioned has been committed, and that there is sufficient cause to believe the within named 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 Jan 9 188 Henry 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 h to be discharged.

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

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0367

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 G. Corrigan*

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

*Thomas G. Corrigan*

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

The said *Thomas G. Corrigan*.

late of the First Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the  
*15th* day of *January*, in the year of our Lord  
one thousand eight hundred and eighty-*eight*, at the City and County aforesaid,  
with force and arms,

*Two dresses of the value of*  
*twenty dollars each, four pairs of*  
*stockings of the value of one*  
*dollar each pair, four shirts of*  
*the value of three dollars each, and*  
*one pair of the value of six*  
*dollars.*

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one *Ellen Lane,*

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.

**POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL**

0368

SECOND COUNT—

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

*— Thomas P. Corrigan —*

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

The said *Thomas P. Corrigan*

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,

*Two dresses of the value of twenty  
dollars each, two pairs of stockings  
of the value of one dollar each  
pair, four shirts of the value of  
three dollars each, and one cape  
of the value of six dollars,*

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one

*Ellen Lane.*

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

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

*Thomas P. Corrigan.*

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.

JOHN R. FELLOWS.  
**RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,**

District Attorney.

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**BOX:**

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**FOLDER:**

2773

**DESCRIPTION:**

Cosgrove, James

**DATE:**

01/17/88



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**BOX:**

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**FOLDER:**

2773

**DESCRIPTION:**

Landry, Alexander

**DATE:**

01/17/88



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POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0371

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Counsel,  
Filed 17 day of Jan'y 188  
Pleads, 182 *Guilty*

Grand Larceny, 528, m 6 - 586 Penal Code.  
(From the Person.)  
THE PEOPLE  
vs.  
James Cosgrove  
44 Cushman  
27 Cushman  
Alexander Landry

JOHN R. FELLOWS.  
RANFORTH B. MARINE,  
District Attorney.  
for pleads 62 ray

A True Bill. S. P. 2 yrs.  
*J. J. Cosgrove*

Foreman.  
*James Cosgrove*  
Jan'y 188  
W. J. Plead. G. J. Plead.  
S. J. Plead. 8 Jan'y 1

Witnesses:  
*Peter Sacquim*  
*officer Shumachan*

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0372

Police Court— District.

Affidavit—Larceny.

City and County } ss.  
of New York,

of No. 101 Cedar- Street, aged 63 years,  
occupation Candy Storekeeper - being duly sworn

deposes and says, that on the 2<sup>d</sup> day of January 1888, 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 Silver Watch with Chain  
Attached together of the Value of  
Five Dollars -

the property of Deponent.

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

James Asgrove and  
Alexander Landry (both known)  
from the fact that at or about the  
time of the above said date  
deponent was walking along Cedar  
Street and when near the Corner of  
Church Street deponent was accosted  
by the said Asgrove and Landry  
who came in front of deponent -  
Deponent felt in full at the night  
time. As they of the vessel then on deponent's  
person and immediately discovered  
that said property had been taken from  
and carried away from deponent's person  
and from the said Watch on the sidewalk  
near the said Landry - Peter Garguin

Sworn to before me, this

day

1888  
Police Justice.



POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0373

Sec. 198—200.

District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY  
OF NEW YORK, { ss

*Alexander Landry* 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. *Alexander Landry* -

Question. How old are you?

Answer. *42 Years* -

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. *Canada* -

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

Answer. *37 Catharine Street - 1 Month*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. *Sailor*

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

Answer. *I am not guilty of the Charge -*

*Alexander Landry*  
His Mark

Taken before me this

*31*

*John J. Sullivan*  
188  
Justice.



POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0374

Sec. 198-200.

1 District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY  
OF NEW YORK,

*James Casgrove* 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.

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

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

Answer.

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.

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.*

*his*  
*James Casgrove*  
*Murder*

Taken before me this

*James Casgrove*  
188  
District Justice.

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

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Tombs, Monday, Jan. 16/8

To Col John R. Fellows Esq  
District Attorney N. J.

Dear Sir.

I was arrested on the 2d  
of this month, with a man name  
James Casgroove, he is charge with  
stealing a watch from a man in  
Cedar St I do not know this  
man Casgroove, I only met  
him that night in a saloon  
but I was in company at  
the time, I was arrested with  
him, now I wish you would  
let me on the witness stand  
and will tell all I know

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0376

about this affair is

I am in your most  
Humble servant  
Alexander Lamb

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0377

BAILED,  
No. 1, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
No. 2, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
No. 3, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
No. 4, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_

Police Court

District

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

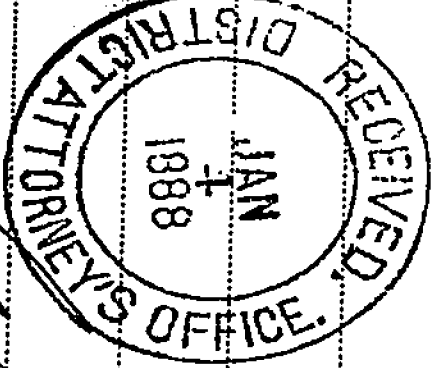
*William McQuinn*  
*101 E 12th St*  
*Brooklyn*  
*James J. Langley*  
*Alexander Landry*  
Offence *Larceny*

Dated *January 3* 188*8*

*Shamshun*  
Magistrate

*William Shamshun*  
Precinct

*William Shamshun*  
Witness



No. *1000*  
Street *1000*

*John*

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

*James J. Langley*  
*Alexander Landry*  
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 *Jan 3* 188*8* *Solon 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 *h* to be discharged.

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



POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0378

Court of General Sessions of the Peace

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

against

*James Cosgrove  
and Alexander Landry*

The Grand Jury of the City and County of New York, by this indictment, accuse  
*James Cosgrove and Alexander Landry*  
of the CRIME OF GRAND LARCENY in the *first* degree, committed as follows:

The said *James Cosgrove and Alexander Landry*,

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

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

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

**POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL**

0379

SECOND COUNT—

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

*James Bosgrove and Alexander Landry*  
of the CRIME OF RECEIVING STOLEN GOODS, committed as follows:

The said *James Bosgrove and Alexander Landry*

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

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

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one

*Peter Jacquin*

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

*Peter Jacquin*

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

*James Bosgrove  
and Alexander Landry*

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.

JOHN R. FELLOWS,  
~~RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,~~

District Attorney.

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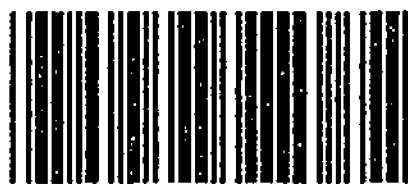
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**DESCRIPTION:**

Costello, Rachel

**DATE:**

01/10/88



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POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

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Witnesses:

Chas. E. Egan  
Officer Darling

Counsel,

Filed 10 day of Jan'y 1888

Pleas

Guilty (11)

THE PEOPLE

vs.

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

Rachel Costello

Ind. Jan 17 1888

JOHN R. FELLOWS.

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

District Attorney.

Jan 19 1888 P. M. Jan 20, 1888.

A True Bill.

Ind. & acquitted

Edmund E. Brown

Foreman.



Court of General Sessions.

The People etc.  
against  
Rachel Costello.

Assault in the 1st Degree.  
Mc Pheters,  
Deft. Itty.

Depositions.

Mary Eagan, the complainant:  
246 West 16th Street.

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> of January, 1888, at half past eight o'clock P.M., the defendant came to my room and invited me to her room, on the floor above mine. She took me in her arms and dragged me up stairs. I resisted, but she dragged me. On the defendant's floor, at the head of the stairs, stood defendant's husband; he assisted his wife to drag me into her room. I did not want to go there. The defendant put me in a chair, and then we had a general conversation for about three minutes, in the course of which the defendant asked me for some change to get beer. I gave her a quarter. She went for the

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beer, and I rose to go back to my room, because I did not want to stay with them, as I did not like their company. When I attempted to leave, the defendant's husband seized me, threw me on the floor and laid himself on top of me, across me, that is, with his legs apart, he attempted to have sexual intercourse with me, but he had not. He had not lifted up my dress. I am twenty nine years of age, but I never had carnal knowledge of a man. When I heard the defendant come upstairs, I pushed the defendant's husband from me, and jumped up to get downstairs. When I was getting up, the defendant entered into the room, placed the beer kettle on the table, took me by the hair and threw me against the door, then she ~~struck me~~ dragged me out of the room, and struck me with an ax and threw me down stairs, to my floor. I was crying and moaning. Mrs. Annie Egan came upstairs when the defendant was beating



me. The man for Mr. Ryan, who came to my assistance, picked me up on the stairs and brought me into my room. I was sent to the N. Y. Hospital, but left the same on the next day to in the evening to appear in the station house. On the day following I went to the Police Court. I am a domestic servant. Since the assault I have been unable to work. The defendant hit me with an ax on the back of my head. Dr. Peck dressed my wounds. Since October of last year I have been out of place and have lived on my savings. On the 2nd of January, 1888, I ~~had~~ did some washing at home. I ~~have~~ About an hour before the assault, I took a glass of punch. I have known the defendant and her husband for about four months, since I moved into said house to Mrs. Wright. I never kept company with the defendant or her husband. I avoided them, because I knew that they invited girls into their room to get money from them for drinks.

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**CORRECTION**



# Court of General Sessions.

The People etc.

against  
Rachel Costello.

Assault in the 1st Degree.

Mc Pheeters,

Deft. Jtty.

## Depositions.

Mary Egan, the complainant:  
246 West 16th Street.

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> of January, 1888, at half past eight o'clock P.M., the defendant came to my room and invited me to her room, ~~on~~ the floor above mine. She took me in her arms and dragged me up stairs. I resisted, but she dragged me. On the defendant's floor, at the head of the stairs, stood defendant's husband, he assisted his wife to drag me into her room. I did not want to go there. The defendant put me in a chair, and then we had a general conversation for about three minutes, in the course of which the defendant asked me for some change to get beer. I gave her a quarter. She went for the

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beer, and I rose to go back to my room, because I did not want to stay with them, as I did not like their company. When I attempted to leave, the defendant's husband seized me, threw me on the floor and laid himself on top of me, across me, that is, with his legs apart, he attempted to have sexual intercourse with me, but he had not. He had not lifted up my dress. I am twenty nine years of age, but I never had carnal knowledge of a man. When I heard the defendant come upstairs, I pushed the defendant's husband from me, and jumped up to get downstairs. When I was getting up, the defendant rushed into the room, placed the beer kettle on the table, took me by the hair and threw me against the door, then she ~~struck me~~ dragged me out of the room, and struck me with an ax and threw me down stairs, to my floor. I was crying and moaning. Mrs. Annie again came upstairs when the defendant was beating

me. The man for Mr. Ryan, who came to my assistance, picked me up on the stairs and brought me into my room. I was sent to the N. Y. Hospital, but left the same on the next day to in the evening to appear in the station house. On the day following I went to the Police Court. I am a domestic servant. Since the assault I have been unable to work. The defendant hit me with an ax on the back of my head. Dr. Peck dressed my wounds. Since October of last year I have been out of place and have lived on my savings. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> of January, 1888, I ~~had~~ did some washing at home. I ~~have~~ About an hour before the assault, I took a glass of punch. I have known the defendant and her husband for about four months, since I moved into said house to Mrs. Wright. I never kept company with the defendant or her husband. I avoided them, because I knew that they invited girls into their room to get money from them for drinks.

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IV

and food. I am not certain about  
the hour when the assault occurred,  
it may have been between eleven  
and twelve. The defendant tore  
a handful of hair from my head,  
which I still have in my possession.  
When the defendant's fingernails had  
thrust in upon the floor, I wanted  
to get up and dance to my room.  
I did not want to have my hair covered  
with hair. I was on the floor for about  
a minute, when the defendant came  
in.

Joseph Dorking,

Patrolman. 16 precinct.

I arrested the defendant on the 3rd  
of January, 1888, at 25 minutes to  
one at night, at No. 246 W. 16 St.  
I was called by Annie Pagan. I  
found complainant bleeding from  
wounds in the head, which Annie  
Pagan said had been caused with  
an ax. The same is now in my  
possession. The defendant claimed  
that the complainant had sexual  
connection with her husband  
and that she struck her with the  
lid of tin kettle.

Dr. George Peck N.Y. Hospital,  
remembers  
that about two weeks ago as

IV



woman of about forty years of age was brought to the N.Y. Hospital in an ambulance. She had a scalp wound. He can't remember more about the case, without referring to the journal of the hospital. He will do so until to-morrow.

Michael Ryan  
246 West 16 Street

I live in the basement of the above house. On the 2nd of January, 1888, late at night I was aroused from my bed by a tenant in the house. She said: "For God's sake, come up stairs and see that woman!" I went up stairs to the top floor and ~~for~~ saw the defendant striking the complainant with an ~~an~~ <sup>a</sup> ~~re~~ <sup>re</sup> ~~per~~ <sup>per</sup> her head, and then throwing her down the stairs. The complainant was bleeding all over. I was so excited, that for about fifteen minutes

VI

I could not do anything.  
I did not want to interfere  
as the woman might have  
hit me. I then brought the  
complainant to her room  
and laid her on a couch  
after which I went back to  
my bed. The case was taken  
possession of by the police  
man on the next morning.  
I can identify the same.

Annie Engen  
who has seen the assault  
and who has declared  
herself willing to appear,  
is arriving out of New  
Jersey. The complainant  
would make an effort to  
produce her, if she gets a  
couple of days time.

Edward Grose  
Sep. 18.

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0392

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.

THE PEOPLE, &c.

vs.

*Rachel Bartlett*

BRIEF OF FACTS.

For the District Attorney.

Dated *January 16* 1888.

*Edward Grose*

Deputy Assistant.

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0393

Police Court—2 District.

City and County { ss.:  
of New York,

of No. 246 N 16th Street, aged 29 years,  
occupation Servant being duly sworn

deposes and says, that on the First day of January 1888 at the City of New  
York, in the County of New York,

he was violently and feloniously ASSAULTED and BEATEN by Rachel Costello  
(now here) who wilfully and maliciously struck

deponent on the head with an Ax then

and then held in the hand of

said defendant cutting her severely

Deponent says that thereafter she

said defendant caught hold of her and

threw her down a flight of stairs and

followed deponent and kicked her

~~on~~ several times on the back while

she was lying prostrate on the hallway

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 4 day

of January 1888.

her  
Maggie X Eagan  
mark

Sam'l C. Kelly Police Justice.



POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0394

Sec. 198—200.

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District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

Rachel Costello

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

Question. What is your name?

Answer. Rachel Costello

Question. How old are you?

Answer. 45 years

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. Philadelphia

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

Answer. 246 W 16. St 4 mos

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. Laundress

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

Answer.

I struck her with a tin cover

Rachel

her  
X Costello  
mark

Taken before me this

day of

Jan 4

1888

Police Justice.

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0395

CITY AND COUNTY  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

POLICE COURT, 2 DISTRICT.

of No. 16th Precinct Police Street, aged 24 years,  
occupation Police Officer being duly sworn deposes and says,  
that on the 3rd day of January 1888

at the City of New York, in the County of New York, he arrested

Rachel Costello (now here) on  
Complaint of Margaret Eagan who  
Charged the said Rachel Costello in the  
presence of defendant with having struck  
her the said Margaret on the head with  
a tin kettle in the premises no 246  
West 16th Street at the home of J. O'Clock  
on said date. From the effects of said  
injury the said Margaret Eagan is  
now confined in the New York Hospital and  
unable to appear in Court. Wherefore defendant

Sworn to before me, this  
day  
188

Police Justice.

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

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prayer the said Rachel Costello  
may be held to await the result of the  
inquiries of said Margaret Egan  
Sworn to before me  
this 3<sup>d</sup> day of Jan'y 1888  
Sam'l C. Kelly  
Police Justice

Joseph Dowling

Police Court, District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Rachel Costello

Dated January 3<sup>d</sup> 1888

Magistrate.

Joe Dowling Officer.

Witness,

Disposition, committed to

await the result of

inquiries

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0397

BAILED,  
No. 1, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street, \_\_\_\_\_  
No. 2, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street, \_\_\_\_\_  
No. 3, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street, \_\_\_\_\_  
No. 4, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street, \_\_\_\_\_

Police Court-- 2 District, 24

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Maggie Egan  
246 W. 16 St  
1. David Costello  
2. John J. Mee

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4 \_\_\_\_\_

Offence Assault  
Felony

Dated Jan 4 1888

A. O. Kelly Magistrate.

Dorling Officer.

16 Precinct.

Witnesses Michael Ryan

No. 246 W 16 Street.

Annelle Egan

No. 246 Street.

St. A. Egan

Miss Thacker

246 West 16 St

to answer

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 Jan 4 1888 Sam J. Coffey 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.



POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0398

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

THE PEOPLE OF STATE OF NEW YORK,

against

*Rachel Portello*

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

*Rachel Portello*

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

The said *Rachel*,

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the  
*first* day of *January*, in the year of our Lord  
one thousand eight hundred and eighty *eight*, with force and arms, at the City and  
County aforesaid, in and upon the body of one *Maggie Eagan*,  
in the peace of the said People then and there being, feloniously did make an assault,  
and *her* the said *Maggie*,

with a certain *axe*  
which the said *Rachel*  
in *her* right hand then and there had and held, the same being a deadly and  
dangerous weapon then and there wilfully and feloniously did *cut, stab* and wound,

with intent *her* the said *Maggie*  
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  
*Rachel Portello*  
of the CRIME OF ASSAULT IN THE SECOND DEGREE, committed as follows :

The said *Rachel*,

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 *Maggie Eagan*,  
in the peace of the said People then and there being, feloniously did wilfully and  
wrongfully make another assault, and *her* the said

*axe which the said*  
with a certain *Rachel*  
which the said

in *her* right hand then and there had and held, the same being  
an instrument and weapon 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.

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

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THIRD COUNT;

And the Grand Jury aforesaid, by this indictment, further accuse the said

*Rachel Rostello* —

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

The said

*Rachel,*

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 said *Maggie Ragan,* in the peace of the said People then and there being, feloniously did wilfully and wrongfully make another assault, and the said *Rachel*

with ~~a certain~~ *with the hands and feet of* *her* the said *Rachel,* and also with a certain axe — which *she* the said *Rachel* —

in *her* right hand and there had and held, in and upon the *head and body* of *her* the said *Maggie,* —

then and there feloniously did wilfully and wrongfully strike, beat, ~~stab~~ *strike*, cut, bruise and wound, and did then and there and by the means aforesaid, feloniously, wilfully and wrongfully inflict grievous bodily harm upon the said *Maggie.*

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.

~~RANDOLPH B. MARTINE~~

District Attorney.

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**BOX:**

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**FOLDER:**

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**DESCRIPTION:**

Cummings, Thomas E.

**DATE:**

01/18/88



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POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0401

Witnesses:

Officer Kelly

From an examination  
of the testimony attainable  
in this case I believe  
that a conviction will  
not be had and I  
therefore recommended  
that the suit be discharged  
on its merits and I  
and the jury so advised.

William J. Kelly  
Circuit G. J. P.  
A. D. C.

Counsel,

Filed,

Pleads,

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THE PEOPLE,

vs.

Thomas E. Cummings

VIOLATION OF EXCISE LAW

(Keeping Open on Sunday)  
(Ill. Rev. Stat., 7th Edition, page 1989, Sec. 6)

JOHN R. FELLOWS,

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

District Attorney.

Pr May 24/98

Indictment dismissed  
A True Bill to be discharged.

J. J. Brown

Foreman.

Proctor



POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0402

Excise Violation—Keeping Open on Sunday.

POLICE COURT—

DISTRICT.

City and County } ss.  
of New York,

Michael Kelly  
of No. 11 District Police Amb Squad Precinct, Street,  
of the City of New York, being duly sworn, deposes and says, that on SUNDAY the 1<sup>st</sup> day  
of January 1888, in the City of New York, in the County of New York,  
Thomas E. Cummings (now here)  
being then and there in lawful charge of the premises No. 298 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Street, a place duly licensed for the sale of strong and spirituous liquors, wines, ale and beer, to be  
drunk upon the premises DID NOT KEEP SAID PLACE CLOSED contrary to and in violation of  
the statute in such case made and provided.

WHEREFORE, deponent prays that said Thomas E. Cummings  
may be ~~arrested and~~ dealt with according to law.

Suborn to before me, this 2<sup>nd</sup> day }  
of January 1888 A. } Michael Kelly  
Police Justice.

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0403

Sec. 198-200.

District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY  
OF NEW YORK, ss.

*Thomas E. Cummings* 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.

*Thomas E. Cummings*

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

*30 years old*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

*Massachusetts*

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

Answer.

*294. 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Nearly two years*

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 may think will tend to your  
exculpation?

Answer.

*I am not guilty and  
I demand a trial by jury*

*Thos E. Cummings*

Taken before me this

day of

*July*

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*James J. McLaughlin*  
Police Justice.

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

04004

BAILED,  
No. 1, by John W. Henry  
Residence 1265 9th St.  
Street.  
No. 2, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
Street.  
No. 3, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
Street.  
No. 4, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
Street.

Police Court--2 District, 15

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Michael Kelly  
vs.  
Thos. E. Cummings

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Offence No Ex ore Law

Dated Jan 2 1888

St. Paul Magistrate.  
Mr. Hill Officer.  
Ad. Suit 1st Precinct

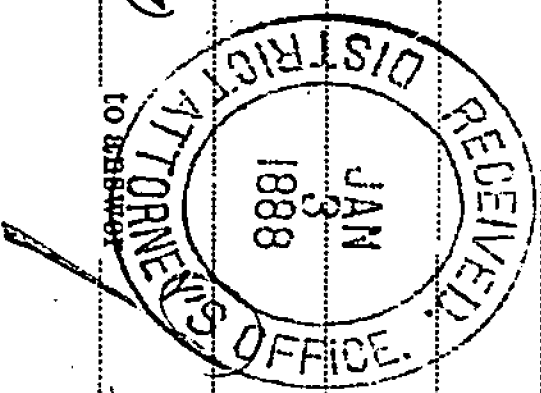
Witnesses

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

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

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

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



Bailed

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

Thomas E. Cummings

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

Dated Jan 2 1888 San J. Hill Police Justice.

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

Dated Jan 2nd 1888 San J. Hill 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.

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0405

**Court of General Sessions of the Peace**

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,

*Plaintiffs*

*against*

*Thomas E. Cummings*  
*Defendant.*

**The Grand Jury of the City and County of New York.** by this indictment accuse the above named defendant of the CRIME OF KEEPING OPEN ON SUNDAY a place licensed for the SALE OF STRONG AND SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS, WINES, ALE AND BEER, committed as follows:

The said defendant late of the City of New York, in the County of New York, aforesaid, on the *first* day of *January* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-*eight*, the same being the first day of the week, commonly called and known as Sunday, being then and there in charge of, and having the control of a certain place there situate, which was then duly licensed as a place for the sale of strong and spirituous liquors, wines, ale and beer, with force and arms, at the City and County aforesaid, the said place, so licensed as aforesaid, unlawfully did not close, and keep closed, and on the said day, the said place so licensed as aforesaid, unlawfully did open, and cause and procure, and suffer and permit, to be open, and to remain open; 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,*  
~~RANDOLPH B. MARTINE~~, District Attorney.



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**BOX:**

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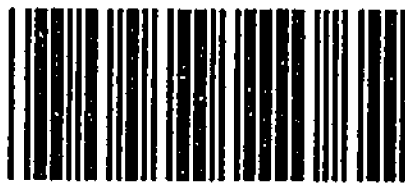
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**DESCRIPTION:**

Curtis, Michael

**DATE:**

01/11/88



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POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

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*Checklar*

Counsel,

Filed, *11* day of *January* 188*8*

Pleads, *Guilty (1/2)*

THE PEOPLE

*16 January 1888*

*Michael Curtis*

Grand Larceny second degree

[Sections 528, 531 Penal Code]

JOHN R. FELLOWS,

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

District Attorney.

A True Bill.

*James L. ...*

Foreman,

Part II January 24/88

Pleaded Petit Larceny  
*J M as Rev ...*

Witnesses:

*Martin Powers*

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0408

Police Court—<sup>1st</sup> District.

Affidavit—Larceny.

City and County } ss.  
of New York,

of Richard Roberts  
The 5th Avenue Hotel 23rd Broadway, aged 49 years,  
occupation Clerk being duly sworn

deposes and says, that on the 24th day of December 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 fur cap of the value of Twenty  
dollars and about Eighty Six French  
gold and silver coins of divers denominations  
of about the value of Seventeen dollars  
altogether of the value of Thirty Seven 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 Michael Curtis (now here)

from the fact that deponent landed  
in Jersey City on the above described date  
and deponent expressed his deponent's  
baggage consisting of two trunks and  
a valise at Dodds Express Office  
Jersey City to be delivered at the 5th Avenue  
Hotel New York City and after said baggage  
was delivered at the said 5th Avenue Hotel  
deponent discovered the aforesaid valise  
had been forced open and the aforesaid  
property abstracted from said valise  
and deponent immediately communicated  
with Dodds Express Company about the loss  
of the above described property and

of  
Signed to before me this  
day  
1887  
Police Justice



Deponent is informed by Martin Powers  
agent for Dadds Express Company foot of  
Desbrosses Street that the said Defendant  
was in the employment of Dadds Express  
as a helper on one of the wagons of said  
Company and was on the wagon on which  
said baggage was on one of the Jersey City  
 Ferry boats crossing the Hudson River to  
New York City, the defendant admitted and  
confessed that he defendant forced open  
said valise and abstracted the aforesaid  
property therefrom and that he defendant  
sold forty five of the said coins to a man by  
the name Parrella Cor Desbrosses & Greenwich  
Streets for seven dollars & twenty cents.

Deponent is further informed by Robert Schwartz  
of no 94 Greenwich Street that he bought a  
a ten frank french gold piece from the defendant  
for one dollar and seventy cents and deponent  
identifies said ten frank gold piece as a  
coin similar to the coins taken stolen and  
carried away from said valise.

Whereupon deponent prays that the  
said defendant may be dealt with as  
the law directs.

Sworn to before me this  
20<sup>th</sup> day of December 1887

Rich<sup>d</sup> O Roberts

Sancti de Bull Police Justice



POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0410

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

aged 37 years, occupation Express Agent of No. 107 of Astor Street, being duly sworn deposes and  
says, that he has heard read the foregoing affidavit of Richard Roberts  
and that the facts stated therein on information of deponent are true of deponents' own  
knowledge.

Sworn to before me, this 25th

day of Dec 1883

Martin Powers

Sam'l C. Smith  
Police Justice.

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

aged 25 years, occupation Express Agent of No. 18 Exchange Place Jersey City Street, being duly sworn deposes and  
says, that he has heard read the foregoing affidavit of Richard Roberts  
and that the facts stated therein on information of deponent are true of deponents' own  
knowledge.

Sworn to before me, this 25th

day of Dec 1883

Robert Schwartz

Sam'l C. Smith  
Police Justice.

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0411

Sec. 198-200.

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District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, ss

Michael Curtis 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 Curtis

Question. How old are you?

Answer

18 Years

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

New York City

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

Answer.

438 Greenwich St 9 Years

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.

Express Helper

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

Michael Curtis

Taken before me this

day of

Dec

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James J. McQuinn Police Justice.

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0412

BAILED,  
No. 1, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street \_\_\_\_\_  
No. 2, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street \_\_\_\_\_  
No. 3, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street \_\_\_\_\_  
No. 4, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street \_\_\_\_\_

Police Court - 1st District

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Richard J. [unclear]  
Michael [unclear]  
Michael [unclear]

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3 \_\_\_\_\_  
4 \_\_\_\_\_

Offence \_\_\_\_\_

Dated Dec 28 1887

Magistrate \_\_\_\_\_

Officer \_\_\_\_\_

Precinct \_\_\_\_\_

Witnesses \_\_\_\_\_

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

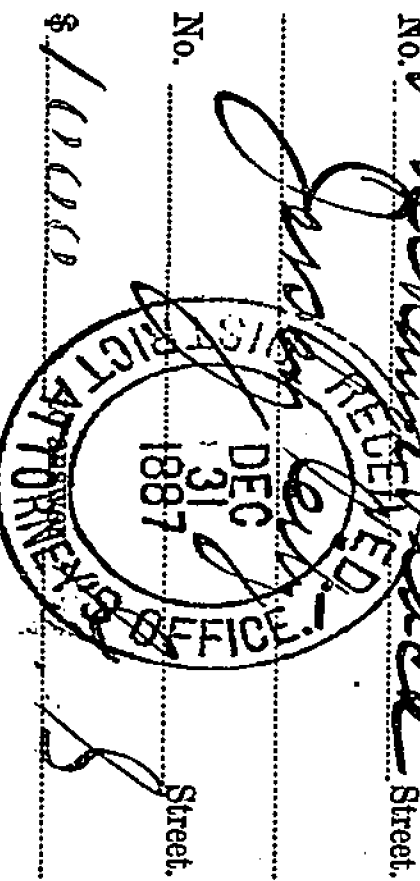
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No. \_\_\_\_\_ Street \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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



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

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

Dated Dec 28 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.



POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

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Court of General Sessions.

THE PEOPLE

vs.

Michael Curtis

City and County of New York, ss.:

sworn, deposes and says: I reside at No.

Street, in the City of New York. I am a subpoena server in the office of the District Attorney of the City and County of New York. On the 14 day of January 1888,

I called at

the alleged

the complainant herein, to serve him with the annexed subpoena, and was informed by

the Clerk of the Hotel that he Richard Roberts does not reside at that Hotel nor does he the Clerk know of any person by the name of Richard Roberts. I also made enquiries at the Order's Store under the 5th Ave Hotel kept by one John J. A. Laws but could get no information of the said Richard Roberts.

Sworn to before me, this

of

1888

day

16 day of January 1888

John H. Reilly  
Notary Public  
N.Y.C.

John H. Reilly  
Subpoena Server.



POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

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Court of General Sessions.

THE PEOPLE, on the Complaint of

Richard Roberts.

vs.

Michael Curtis.

Offense :

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,  
District Attorney.

Affidavit of

John W. O'Leary.  
Subpoena Server.

Failure to Find Witness.

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ORIGINAL

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**PART I.**

THE COURT ROOM IS IN THE SECOND STORY AND FRONTING THE PARK.

If this Subpoena is disobeyed, an attachment will immediately issue.

Bring this subpoena with you, and give it to the Officer at the Court

Room door, that your attendance may be known.

[SEE OTHER SIDE FOR OTHER DIRECTIONS.]

*Serve Personally*  
**SUBPOENA**

FOR A WITNESS TO ATTEND THE

Court of General Sessions of the Peace.

The People of the State of New York.

To

*Michael Roberts*

of No.

*25th Ave Hotel*

Street,

GREETING:

WE COMMAND YOU, That all business and excuses ceasing, you *appear* in your proper person, before the Court of General Sessions of the Peace to be holden in and for the City and County of New York, at the Sessions Building, in the Park of the said City, on the *17* day of *January* instant, at the hour of Eleven in the forenoon of the same day, to testify the truth and give evidence in our behalf, against

*Michael Curtis*  
in a case of Felony, whereof *he stands* indicted. And this you are not to omit, under the penalty of Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars.

WITNESS, Hon. FREDERICK SMYTH, Recorder of our said City, at the City Hall in our said City, the first Monday of *January* in the year of our Lord 1888.

JOHN R. FELLOWS, *District Attorney.*

*Ask to see Mr. Burns at 11 o'clock A.M.*

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ORIGINAL

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People }  
vs. } Note.  
Michael Curtis.

It is impossible to find Richard Roberts,  
the complainant, and the case  
cannot be made out against the  
defendant without him.

January 16<sup>th</sup>, 1888.

Wm. Travers Jerome.

People  
73.  
Michael Curtis. }

Martin Powers,  
227 W. 20<sup>th</sup> A.Y.  
I am the agent for Dodd's Express Co.  
at Desbrosses Street in this City. The  
first I knew of this matter was when  
Defendant was arrested on Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>  
1887. On that day at Desbrosses Street I  
saw defendant in the custody of Officers  
Hay and Vail. I said to defendant  
"What did you do with the fur cap?"  
He said "I can't tell you." I said "  
What did you do with the money?" He  
said "I sold it to a party by the name  
of Paralle in Desbrosses Street." I asked  
him what he got for the money and  
he said "\$7<sup>20</sup>/<sub>100</sub>". I said "What did you  
get for the 45 francs" He said "\$7<sup>20</sup>/<sub>100</sub>".  
On the 31<sup>st</sup> of Dec. 1887 I again saw defen-  
dant in the Tombs. At this time he  
said nothing.

Robert Schwartz.  
94 Greenwich Street.  
I am the agent of Dodd's Express at  
Jersey City. On the afternoon of Dec.



24<sup>th</sup>, 1887. ~~I was~~ I was at the Luman Pier in Jersey City. I know the complainant Richard Roberts. The defendant herein was at this time a helper on one of Dodd's Express Company's wagon. I saw a valise on this day put on the wagon on which defendant was a helper on the Luman Pier. When the wagon left the pier defendant was on it. When the wagon reached the N. Y. side of the North River this valise was on the wagon and so was defendant. I have since seen the same valise at the <sup>where the complaint herein was made.</sup> Tombs Police Court. After the wagon had reached N. Y. side the defendant came into the office and showed a gold ten franc piece and asked how much it was worth. I told him \$1.20 and he sold it to me for that. I asked him where he got it. He said "I found it on the pier". The piece is now with the property clerk.

Robert J. Vail

Officer 28<sup>th</sup> Precinct.

On Dec. 27<sup>th</sup> 1887 I and Officer Hay arrested defendant at Desbrosses Street. ~~I asked him I asked~~ I said to him.

"Why did you take this money?" He said  
 "I had no money for Xmas and so took  
 it." Then I said "How did you open the  
 valise?" He said "Pried it open"  
 "I pulled it open and took out a little  
 bag and the money was in it." I said  
 "Where did you sell the money?" He said  
 "I sold it to a cigar man in  
 Green Desbrosses Street near  
 Greenwich." I asked him what  
 he did with the money he got. He  
 said "I and a couple of boys went  
 down to Staten Island on Xmas day  
 and had a good time," he also said  
 he gave \$2 of it to his mother. I asked  
 him what he did with the cap. He  
 would not tell me anything about  
 the cap. He said he did not have it.  
 I asked him how much money he  
 sold in the cigar store and he said  
 45 francs.

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ORIGINAL

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COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.

THE PEOPLE, &c.

vs.

*Michael*

*Curtis*

*Grace & Son*

BRIEF OF FACTS.

For the District Attorney.

Dated *January* 1888.

*Wm. H. H. Jones*

Deputy Assistant.

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ORIGINAL

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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 Curtis*

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

*Michael Curtis*

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

The said

*Michael Curtis,*

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

*one gun case of the value*  
*of Twenty dollars, and seven coins*  
*of the French Republic of a number,*  
*kind and denomination to the Grand*  
*Jury aforesaid unknown, of the*  
*value of seventeen dollars.*

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one

*Richard Adams,*

then and there being found, then and there feloniously did steal, take and carry away,  
against the form of the statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace of  
the People of the State of New York, and their dignity.

*John A. Adams,*  
*District Attorney*



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**BOX:**

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**FOLDER:**

**2773**

**DESCRIPTION:**

**Curtiss, Charles A.**

**DATE:**

**01/12/88**



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Witnesses:

John Muttan  
Louise Muttan

Counsel,

Filed 12<sup>th</sup> day of June 1888

Pleads

THE PEOPLE

vs.

Charles A. Curtis

(5 cases)

JOHN R. FELLOWS,

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

District Attorney.

A True Bill.

*James L. Brown*

June 30, 1888 Foreman.

True & Convicted

Petition for  
with recommendation to the mercy  
of the court.  
11<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1888

Grand Larceny, 2<sup>nd</sup> degree  
(MISAPPROPRIATION.)  
[Sections 528 and 531, of the Penal Code].

Count of General Sessions of the Peace  
of the City and County of New York

The People of the State

of New York,

against

Charles A. Ruffin

The Grand Jury of the City  
and County of New York, by this  
Indictment accuse Charles A. Ruffin  
of the Crime of Grand Larceny in  
the second degree, committed as  
follows:

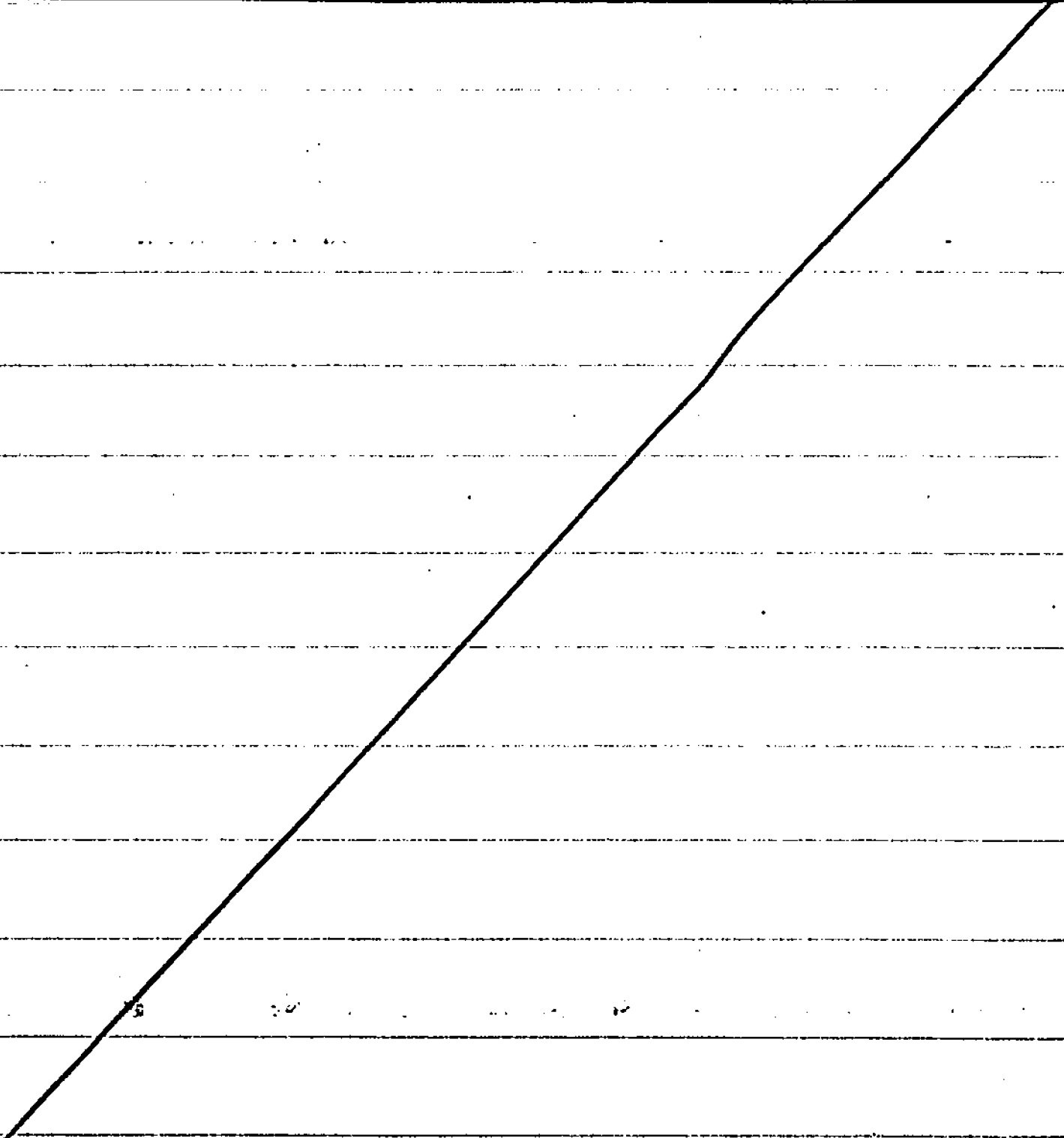
Wetfore, to wit: on the fifteenth  
day of November in the year of our  
Lord one thousand eight hundred  
and eighty seven, at the City of New  
York, in the County of New York,  
aforesaid, there was depending in the  
Court of General Sessions of the Peace  
of the City and County of New York  
an indictment against one John Nuttall  
charging him the said John Nuttall with  
the crime of Grand Larceny in the second  
degree, for that the said John Nuttall  
on the eighteenth day of August in the  
year aforesaid, at the City and County  
aforesaid, with force and arms, the  
sum of one hundred and thirty six

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and sixty six cents in money  
and money of the United States  
and of the value of one hundred and  
thirty six dollars and sixty cents of the  
goods, chattels and personal property  
of one James J. Finnegan. Then and  
there being found, then and there  
afterwards did that Kate and carry  
away.

And she said that she A. F. F. F.,  
that of the F. F. and F. F. F. F.,  
well knowing the premises, of F. F. F.,  
to wit: —





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ORIGINAL

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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~~

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

~~of the CRIME OF~~  
~~committed as follows:~~

~~LARCENY~~

~~The said~~

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the *said fifteenth*  
day of *November*, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and  
eighty-*seven*, at the City and County aforesaid, with force and arms, with intent to  
deprive and defraud *the said John Rutledge and*  
*Samuel Rutledge his wife,*

of the proper moneys, goods, chattels and personal property hereinafter mentioned, and of the  
use and benefit thereof, and to appropriate the same to *his* own use, did then and  
there feloniously, fraudulently and falsely pretend and represent to *the said*

*John Rutledge and Samuel Rutledge*

That *the said Charles A. Curtis* was  
a lawyer and had been duly admitted to practice in  
the courts of this State, that in order to reduce the  
expense so charged against the said John Rutledge  
in the said indictment from grand larceny to petit  
larceny, it was necessary that the sum of twenty  
seven dollars should be paid; that by the payment  
of said sum the said charge could and would be  
reduced from grand to petit larceny; that the  
said sum was requisite and necessary then and  
there for the court costs in the matter, and that  
the same was required in the due and regular  
course of things in the matter of the proceedings  
upon said indictment; that it was then and there  
necessary that the said sum should be paid to him  
the said Charles A. Curtis, in order that he might  
advise in a manner agreeable to the requirements of  
the law, and most beneficial to the interests of the said  
*John Rutledge;*

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By color and by aid of which said false and fraudulent pretenses and representations, the said *Charles A. Furber* -  
did then and there feloniously obtain from the possession of the said *Samira*

*Mitchell* the sum of twenty seven  
dollars in money, lawful money  
of the United States, and of the  
value of twenty seven dollars.

of the proper moneys, goods, chattels and personal property of the said

and *Samira Mitchell*, with intent to deprive and defraud the said  
*John Mitchell* and *Samira Mitchell*  
of the same, and of the use and benefit thereof, and to appropriate the same to his own use.

Whereas, in truth and in fact, the said *Charles A. Furber*  
was not a lawyer, and had not been duly  
admitted to practice in the courts of this  
State:

And whereas in truth and in fact  
it was not necessary in order to reduce the  
expense so charged against the said *John*  
*Mitchell* in the said indictment from grand  
larceny to petit larceny, that the sum of  
twenty seven dollars, or any other sum  
should be paid, and the said charge could  
not and would not be reduced by the  
payment of such sum.

And whereas in truth and in fact  
the said sum was not requisite and necessary  
for the cost of the matter, and the same  
was not required in the due and regular  
course of business in the matter of the proceedings  
against said individual; and it was not necessary  
nor was it proper or required in any manner  
required that in order the said sum should be  
paid to him the said *Charles A. Furber* in  
order that he might appear in a manner  
agreed to the requirements of the law and  
not prejudicial to the interests of the said  
*John Mitchell*.

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And Whereas, in truth and in fact, the pretenses and representations so made as  
aforesaid by the said *Charles A. Furber*, —  
to the said *John Mitchell and Louisa Mitchell* was and were  
then and there in all respects utterly false and untrue, as *he* the said  
— *Charles A. Furber* —  
at the time of making the same then and there well knew.

And so the Grand Jury aforesaid do say : That the said  
— *Charles A. Furber* —  
the day and year first aforesaid, at the City and County aforesaid, in the manner and form  
aforesaid, and by the means aforesaid, with force and arms, the said proper moneys, goods,  
chattels and personal property of the said *John Mitchell and*  
*Louisa Mitchell*, —  
then and there feloniously did STEAL, against the form of the Statute in such case made and  
provided, and against the peace and dignity of the said People.

JOHN R. FELLOWS.  
**~~RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,~~**  
District Attorney.

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No 136

Counsel, \_\_\_\_\_  
Filed 12 day of Jan, 1888  
Pleads Guilty (13)

THE PEOPLE

vs.

Charles A. Curtis

(Is read)

JOHN R. FELLOWS,

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

District Attorney.

A True Bill.

*Conrad E. M.*

Foreman

Witnesses:

John Nuttall

Louise Nuttall



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PRICE TWO CENTS.

### HOW CURTIS WAS CROOKED.

AN INSURANCE AGENT ACCUSED  
OF FRAUD AND FORGERY.

He Cheats a Widow Out of Her Insurance  
and Deceives His Company by Mak-  
ing False Representations Re-  
garding the Payment.

Charles A. Curtis, a tall, light complexioned young man of 23 years, who has been working in this city for several months past, as an agent of the Metropolitan Life Insurance company of New York, is wanted on charges of forgery and fraud and as only a few preliminaries remain to be effected, it is expected that his arrest will occur within a very few hours. Several weeks ago the TELEGRAPH related the manner in which Curtis endeavored to swindle Mrs. Bridget Sexton of this city, but as he promised amendment and honest conduct in the future, he was allowed to retain his position by B. G. Munroe, manager of the Hartford district, and who has an office in the Charter Oak Bank building on Asylum street.

The story of Curtis' latest escapade and the measures to be taken

arrest is as follows: Curtis is a generally appearing fellow, a little dudish in dress, and has made a great success in selling business for his company in this and surrounding towns. About the first of last month he induced James H. Tucker of 121 West street to insure his life in the Metropolitan company. Mr. Tucker died June 21, 1914, by the plans of the company's method of insurance his wife was entitled to a death benefit of \$52. Two hours after the man's death Curtis called at the house and took away the policy and receipt book from the woman's possession. In a few days he called again and informed Mrs. Tucker that her husband's death was due to an overindulgence in alcoholic liquors, and in consequence the company was not legally bound to pay any portion of the death benefit, but he realizing that her means were limited felt authorized to offer her half of the amount or \$26. Though she was very indignant at the false insinuation against her husband's character, the woman was in straightened circumstances and so took the money he proffered her. The more she thought of the matter the stronger became her conviction that she had been swindled, and last week she wrote to the main office at New York and related the affair in detail. Detective Gaston of New York was given charge of the case and he immediately came to Hartford and consulted with Lawyer Sidney E. Clarke, who acts as the firm's attorney. The company claims that a day or two after Mr. Tucker's decease Curtis forwarded them a death receipt regularly filled out and a check payable to the woman's order for \$52. Curtis forged Mrs. Tucker's name on the back of the check by indorsement, and also to a receipt for the money. The latter he sent to the company's office and the benefit was entered on the books as paid. The result of the deliberations of Messrs. Clarke and Gaston ended in the formulating of charges of fraud and forgery against Curtis on Mrs. Tucker's affidavit. Gaston returned to New York yesterday and the company will undoubtedly order Curtis' arrest immediately. It is learned that the detective investigated Curtis' mode of life in this city and found that the young man was spending large sums of money with fast women and disolute companions, which fact probably accounts for his downfall. It is also said that other instances of similar attempts at swindling by the crooked agent are constantly coming to light. Curtis comes from a respectable New York family, who have discarded him on account of his evil ways.



City of New York Recorder's Chamber

New York 188

Ans to R. J.  
He was discharged from his  
for Believing his money.  
I his mother sent R. J. to  
his father 9 and.

Receiv. Dalton arrested  
him for possession of  
Chicks

Bacon. I wanted out of  
\$50 - out Check. - He was  
arrested for this.

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Police Department of the City of Boston.

Chief Inspector's Office,

7 Pemberton Square.

Boston, Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> 1888

Respectful Sir, Attorney Fitzgerald:

Seeing  
in the paper a report of the  
examination of Charles A. Curtis  
I will inform you that is probably  
the same party I complained of  
Dec. 21/86 for several cases of  
obtaining money by false pre-  
tenses, the case is now on  
file in Superior Court.  
Enclose find cutting from  
Hartford Telegram Aug. 25/86.  
Hoping this will be of some  
assistance

Yours Truly  
James J. Collins,



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 A. Rutledge*

The Grand Jury of the City and County of New York, by this indictment, accuse *Charles A. Rutledge* — of the CRIME OF ~~Fraud~~ LARCENY, in the second degree, committed as follows:

The said *Charles A. Rutledge*,

late of the First Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the ~~second~~ day of ~~December~~, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-~~seven~~, at the Ward, City and County aforesaid, being then and there the clerk and servant of ~~agent, attorney and trustee~~ *John Rutledge*, and his wife *Sonina Rutledge*, and as such ~~clerk and servant~~ then and there having in his possession, custody and control certain moneys, goods, chattels and personal property of the said *John Rutledge* and *Sonina Rutledge*, —

the true owners thereof, to wit: *the sum of fifty two dollars in money, lawful money of the United States, and of the value of fifty two dollars.*

the said *Charles A. Rutledge*, afterwards, to wit, on the day and in the year aforesaid, at the Ward, City and County aforesaid, with force and arms, did feloniously appropriate the said *sum of money* —

to his own use, with intent to deprive and defraud the said *John Rutledge* and *Sonina Rutledge*, — of the same, and of the use and benefit thereof; and the same moneys, goods, chattels and personal property of the said *John Rutledge* and *Sonina Rutledge*, —

did then and there and thereby feloniously steal, 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.

~~RANDOLPH B. MARTINE~~

District Attorney.



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**FOLDER:**

2773

**DESCRIPTION:**

Curtiss, Charles A.

**DATE:**

01/12/88



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No 139

Witnesses:

John Nuttall

Louise Nuttall

Counsel,

Filed 12 day of Jan 1888

Pleads

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THE PEOPLE

vs.

Charles A. Curtis

(to care)

[Sections 628 and 682, Penal Code].

(False pretenses).

STATE-LARCENY, —

JOHN R. FELLOWS.

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

District Attorney.

A True Bill.

Edward C. Brown

Foreman

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 A. Curtiss.

The Grand Jury of the City and  
County of New York, by this Indictment  
accuse Charles A. Curtiss of the Crime  
of ~~Grand~~ Larceny in the second degree, com-  
mitted as follows:

Heretofore, to wit: on the second day  
of November in the year of our Lord one  
thousand eight hundred and eighty seven,  
at the City of New York, in the County of  
New York aforesaid, there was depending in  
the Court of General Sessions of the Peace  
of the City and County of New York, an  
indictment against one John Nuttall,  
charging him, the said John Nuttall with  
the crime of Grand Larceny in the second  
degree, for that he the said John Nuttall  
on the eighteenth day of August in the  
year aforesaid, at the City and County afore-  
said, with force and arms, the sum of  
one hundred and thirty six dollars and  
sixty cents in money, lawful money of the  
United States and of the value of one hundred

and thirty six dollars and sixty cents of the goods, chattels and personal property of one James J. Fennigan, then and there being found, then and there feloniously did steal, take and carry away.

And the said Charles A. Burtis late of the City and County aforesaid, well knowing the premises, afterwards, to wit: on the said second day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand, eight hundred and eighty seven, at the City and County aforesaid, with force and arms, with intent to deprive and defraud the said John Nuttall and Louisa Nuttall, his wife of the proper moneys, goods, chattels and personal property hereinafter mentioned, and of the use and benefit thereof, and to appropriate the same to his own use, did then and there feloniously, fraudulently and falsely pretend and represent to the said John Nuttall and Louisa Nuttall,

That, he the said Charles A. Burtis was a lawyer and had been duly admitted to practice in the Courts of this State; that in addition to the said charge of Grand Larceny, there was another charge then pending in the <sup>said</sup> Court of General Sessions of the Peace against the said John Nuttall for receiving money under false pretences, and that if he the said Charles A. Burtis were paid



the sum of sixteen dollars and fifty cents, he could have one of the said charges dismissed, and that it was necessary, in order to have one of such charges dismissed, that he the said Charles A. Burtiss should be paid the said sum of sixteen dollars and fifty cents.

By color and by aid of which said false and fraudulent pretenses and representations the said Charles A. Burtiss did then and there feloniously obtain from the possession of the said Louisa Nuttall the sum of <sup>and fifty cents</sup> sixteen dollars, in money, lawful money of the United States, and of the value of sixteen dollars and fifty cents of the proper moneys, goods, chattels and personal property of the said John Nuttall and Louisa Nuttall with intent to deprive and defraud the said John Nuttall and Louisa Nuttall of the same, and of the use and benefit thereof and to appropriate the same to his own use.

Whereas, in truth and in fact the said Charles A. Burtiss was not a lawyer, and had not been duly admitted to practice in the courts of this state:

And whereas in truth and in fact, there was not another charge then pending in the said court in addition to the said charge of Grand Larceny for receiving money under

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false pretences or for any other offence,  
and the said Charles A. Curtis could not  
have one of the said charges dismissed, if  
he were paid the said sum of money, and  
it was not necessary in order to have one  
of such charges dismissed that he the  
said Charles A. Curtis should be paid the  
said sum of money.

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ORIGINAL**

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And Whereas, in truth and in fact, the pretenses and representations so made as  
aforesaid by the said *Charles A. Curtiss*  
to the said *John Nuttall and Louisa Nuttall* was and were  
then and there in all respects utterly false and untrue, as *he* the said  
*Charles A. Curtiss*  
at the time of making the same then and there well knew.

And so the Grand Jury aforesaid do say : That the said  
*Charles A. Curtiss*  
the day and year first aforesaid, at the City and County aforesaid, in the manner and form  
aforesaid, and by the means aforesaid, with force and arms, the said proper moneys, goods,  
chattels and personal property of the said *John Nuttall and*  
*Louisa Nuttall*—  
then and there feloniously did STEAL, against the form of the Statute in such case made and  
provided, and against the peace and dignity of the said People.

JOHN R. FELLOWS.  
**~~RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,~~**  
District Attorney.