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O'Connor, Lawrence

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Day of Trial

Counsel,

Filed 3 day of Dec 1879

Pleas, Voluntary (-)

THE PEOPLE

vs.

Lawrence Olmstead

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Burglary—Third Degree, and Receiving Stolen Goods.

BENJ. K. PHELPS,

District Attorney.

A True Bill.

M. W. Coffin
Foreman.

Pen 2 1/2 years.

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Police Office, First District.

City and County
of New York,

ss: *Benjamin Krumelitch*

of No. *42* *Mulberry* Street, being duly sworn.

deposes and says, that the premises No. *42* *Mulberry*
Street, *6th* Ward, in the City and County aforesaid, the said being a *Store*

and which was occupied by deponent as a *Store for the Sale*

of clothing and dry goods, were **BURGLARIOUSLY**
entered by means of forcibly breaking a pane

of glass in a window of said premises

on the afternoon of the *28th* day of *Novr* 187*9*

and the following property, feloniously taken, stolen and carried away, viz.:

*One Shawl, one Woolen Jacket, one
White Shirt, one pair of drawers
and one undershirt in all of
the value of five dollars*

the property of *deponent*

and deponent further says, that he has great cause to believe, and does believe, that the aforesaid

BURGLARY was committed and the aforesaid property taken, stolen and carried away by
*Lawrence Connor now present
and others not arrested*

for the reasons following, to wit:

*That deponent is
informed by Isaac Krumelitch that
at about six o'clock on the said
afternoon he saw the prisoners and
said others standing in front of
said premises. That he heard a
noise of glass breaking and saw
the prisoners and said others breaking*

Said Window. That Said Isaac
ran up stairs to inform this deponent
and when Isaac returned with
deponent he saw the prisoner having
said shawl under his arm
That upon the approach of deponent
the prisoner and said others
all ran away -

(Sworn to before me this
29th day of Novr 1844
at New York
John H. Miller
Justice

Isaac Kraveltch
City and County
of New York

Isaac Kraveltch of No
10 Mulberry Street being sworn
says the statement contained
in the foregoing affidavit to
have been given on the information
of this deponent is true to deponents
own knowledge

Isaac Kraveltch
Mark.

(Sworn to before me this
29th day of Novr 1844
at New York
John H. Miller
Justice)

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Police Court—First District.

CITY AND COUNTY
OF NEW YORK, ss.

Laurence Connor being duly examined before the undersigned, according to law, on the annexed charge, and being informed that he was at liberty to refuse to answer any question that may be put to him, states as follows, viz:

Question. What is your name?

Answer. *Laurence O. Connor*

Question. How old are you?

Answer. *15 years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. *England*

Question. Where do you live?

Answer. *22 West Street*

Question. What is your occupation?

Answer. *Reddler*

Question. Have you anything to say, and if so, what—relative to the charge here preferred against you?

Answer. *I am not guilty,*

Laurence O. Connor

Taken before me, this *29* day of *March* 1879
Moses A. Sturtevant
POLICE JUDGE.

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COUNSEL FOR COMPLAINANT.

Name, _____
Address, _____

COUNSEL FOR DEFENDANT.

Name, _____
Address, _____

Form 40.

Police Court—First District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Benjamin Muelitch
72 Mulberry St
vs
Lawrence Carter

BAILED.

No. 1, by _____

Residence _____

No. 2, by _____

Residence _____

No. 3, by _____

Residence _____

No. 4, by _____

Residence _____

No. 5, by _____

Residence _____

No. 6, by _____

Residence _____

Offence, _____

Dated _____ 187

Magistrate.

Officer.

Clerk.

Witnesses.

Anthony Lynch
Grace Muelitch
72 Mulberry St



\$ *5.00* to answer

Sessioⁿs.

Received in Dist. Atty's Office,

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The People
 vs.
 Lawrence O'Connor } Court of General Sessions. Before
 Judge Cowing, December 4, 1874
 Indictment for burglary in the third degree and
 receiving stolen goods. Benjamin Krugelitch, sworn
 and examined, testified. I keep a dry goods
 and clothing store at 72 Mulberry St.; on the
 afternoon of the 28th of November about six
 o'clock I was up stairs, I live up stairs; I had
 closed my store on five o'clock which was the
 beginning of the Sabbath. My boy was up stairs
 by the window and said, "Father, the boys are
 stealing the goods. When I came down they stay-
 ed there for a little while and then they ran away.
 It was dark and I did not see anything in
 their possession; the shutter, the iron bar and
 the glass in the window was broke. I had in
 that window shirts, undershirts, jackets, stockings,
 hosiery and dry goods. When I went up stairs
 I had secured everything. Cross Examined. There
 were three boys there and one of them was this
 prisoner. I did not see him have any of my
 goods; the same boy tried several times to
 Isaac Krugelitch, sworn and examined, tes-
 tified. I am twelve years old. I am the son of the
 last witness. Where were you at the time these
 shutters and this glass was broken? I was
 up stairs in the window. I saw the boys pick-
 ing up sticks and they all went to the shutters.

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They broke the window shutter and this boy stole a shawl out of the show case; when we went down he had a shawl in his arms and he ran away with it. I had seen the boy before and I knew him. I knew that the shawl he had belonged to my father. The prisoner was arrested about half an hour afterwards. My father and I went up to the Station house first. Then I saw these boys breaking the window I ran up and told my father and we came down and saw this boy running away with the shawl; he was standing in the hall; when we came out they all commenced to run. Cross Examined. I was looking out of the window on the second floor; it was a little dark; it was about six o'clock in the evening. I was looking out of the window because we had to receive goods and the store was locked; when I looked out of the window I saw three boys. I could tell their faces; they were bigger and taller than the prisoner; I did not see the other boys stealing anything out of the show window; they were close together and had sticks. They were pulling goods out of the show window with the sticks; there was half a window pane broke. I know that the shawl which the prisoner had belonged to my father, for I knew it by the fringe.
Lawrence O'Connor, sworn and examined

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in his own behalf testified. I am 15 years old and live in 22 West St. I peddle for a living. At six o'clock on the evening of the 28th of Nov. I was after coming down from Mott St. I went into a store where a boy was selling a shawl for the purpose of getting 25 cents changed. This was about six or half past six o'clock. I used to live in that neighborhood and I went up Mott St. to see a lady up there I know. I was peddling that day combs and brushes. I live on the corner of Morris and West sts. I did not go out of the store, I got arrested in the store where the boy was selling the shawl; this was about a block and a half from where the place was that was broken into. Did you have anything to do with taking this shawl? No sir. I did not know the boy who was selling the shawl, I was not in his company; the officer arrested that boy; he ran away and got away from the officer, he slipped off his coat I believe; the officer caught hold of the two of us in the store. Cross Examined. I don't know where the boy got the shawl he was selling; it was in an Italian liquor store, I believe the number of the place is 41 Mulberry St. I went from one end of the store to see what he had to sell; he was alone; there were no other boys in the store but us two. I wanted change to buy something to bring home. This is the second time I have been

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arrested. I was in this Court once before; they discharged me; a woman charged me with stealing fifteen cents off her. I took it out of her hand. I was taken from the traps to this Court and the lady did not appear against me; this was about three months ago. I have been in the store 72 Mulberry St. once before, but they did not charge me with stealing anything. I did not see that little boy in there, it was a girl that was there. Michael Lynch, an officer, sworn and examined testified. It was seven o'clock when I arrested the prisoner. I was just after coming from the station house with a prisoner. I arrested him in a Lager beer saloon 41 Mulberry St. There was another boy there at the time. I could not tell whether the other boy had a shawl or not; the other boy slipped me and got away while I was searching this one. This prisoner did not tell me at the time that he had nothing to do with the other boy; he did not tell me that he went in there for the purpose of getting change. I searched him and found no money on him; if he had 85 cents I could have found it. The parties in the store did not tell me that the other lad brought the shawl in there. I have not seen the shawl. The complainant's little boy pointed out the prisoner to me in the store and said he was one of the boys who stole a shawl from his father's store. A verdict of guilty was rendered. He was sent to the Penitentiary for two years and six months.

CITY AND COUNTY }
OF NEW YORK. }

THE JURORS OF THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,
in and for the body of the City and County of New York,
upon their Oath, present :

That *Lawrence O'Connor*

late of the *Sixth* Ward of the City of New York, in the County of
New York aforesaid, on the *Twenty Eighth* day of *November*, in the
year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-*nine* with force and
arms, at the Ward, City and County aforesaid, the *Store* of

Benjamin Strauss Litch
there situate, feloniously and burglariously, did break into and enter, the same being a
building in which divers goods, merchandise, and valuable things were then and there kept for
use, sale and deposit, to wit: the goods, chattels and personal property hereinafter described,
with intent the said goods, chattels and personal property of the said

Benjamin Strauss Litch
then and there being, then and there feloniously and burglariously to steal, take and carry
away, and

one shawl of the value of one dollar
one jacket of the value of one dollar
Two shirts of the value of one dollar each
one pair of drawers of the value of one dollar

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

Benjamin Strauss Litch

so kept as aforesaid in the said *store* then and there being, then and
there feloniously did steal, take and carry away, against the form of the Statute in such case
made and provided, and against the peace of the People of the State of New York and their
dignity.

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And the Jurors aforesaid, upon their oath aforesaid, do further present

That the said

Lawrence O'Connor

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

*One shawl of the value of one dollar -
One jacket of the value of one dollar -
Two shirts of the value of one dollar each -
One pair of drawers of the value of one dollar -*

of the goods, chattels, and personal property of *Benjamin Krauelitch*

by a certain person or persons to the Jurors aforesaid unknown, then lately before feloniously
stolen of the said

Benjamin Krauelitch

unlawfully, unjustly, and for the sake of wicked gain, did feloniously receive and have (the said

Lawrence O'Connor

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

BENJAMIN K. PHELPS, District Attorney.

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Rail
Geo W Woodward -
317 West 19th St
Personal property
(\$2500)
Jan 6/79

Dec 14/74

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THE PEOPLE
23 vs. 2
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James J. ...
William O'Brien }
Assault and Battery, - Felonious,
Firearms.

BENJ. K. PHELPS,
District Attorney.

A True Bill.

M. W. Cooper
Foreman.

Part. Tro. Jan. 23rd 1880.
Tried & convicted Assault.
Batter. J. P. ...
Jan 26. 1880.

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Police Court—Second District.

RECOGNIZANCE TO TESTIFY.

CITY AND COUNTY }
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

the 24th day of December BE IT REMEMBERED, That on
in the year of our Lord 187 9

of No. 340 Ninth Avenue Street, in the City of New York,
and

of No. 439 West 16th Street, in the said City,

personally came before the undersigned, one of the Police Justices in and for the City of New York, and acknowledged themselves to owe to the PEOPLE of the STATE OF NEW YORK, that is to say: the said

the sum of William B James five Hundred Dollars,
and the said James Hannan

the sum of five Hundred Dollars,
separately, of good and lawful money of the State of New York, to be levied and made of their respective goods and chattels, lands and tenements, to the use of said People, if default shall be made in the condition following, viz:

The Condition of this Recognizance is such, that if the person first above recognized shall personally appear at the next COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS of the Peace, to be holden in and for the City and County of New York, and then and there Testify and give such evidence, in behalf of the People of the State of New York, as he may know concerning an Offence or Felony said to have been lately committed in the City of New York aforesaid by William B James

And do not depart thence without leave of the Court, then this Recognizance to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

Taken and acknowledged before me, U.S. }
day and year first above written. }

[Signature] Police Justice.

[Signature]
James Hannan

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CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, ss.

James Hamman

the within-named Bail, being duly sworn, says that he is a *free* holder in said City, and is worth *ten* Hundred Dollars,

over and above the amount of all his debts and liabilities; and that his property consists of *a House and lot of land situated at No. 439 West 164th Street in said City being paid property being of the value of twenty five hundred dollars overall Encumbrances*

Sworn before me, this *10th* day of *April* 187 *4*
John W. Moore Police Justice.

New York General Sessions.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,

Recognition to Testify.

Magistrate.

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Police Court—Second District.

RECOGNIZANCE TO TESTIFY.

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, ss.

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on the 29 day of November in the year of our Lord 1879

Adolphus Nicolett of No. 441 West 26 Street, in the City of New York,

and William B Putnam of No. 274 Ninth Avenue Street, in the said City,

personally came before the undersigned, one of the Police Justices in and for the City of New York, and acknowledged themselves to owe to the PEOPLE of the STATE OF NEW YORK, that is to say: the said

Nicolett

the sum of five Hundred Dollars,

and the said Putnam

the sum of five Hundred Dollars,

separately, of good and lawful money of the State of New York, to be levied and made of their respective goods and chattels, lands and tenements, to the use of said People, if default shall be made in the condition following, viz.:

The Condition of this Recognizance is such, That if the person first above recognized shall personally appear at the next COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS of the Peace, to be holden in and for the City and County of New York, and then and there testify and give such evidence, in behalf of the People of the State of New York, as he may know concerning an Offence or Felony said to have been lately committed in the City of New York aforesaid by

William O'Brien

And do not depart thence without leave of the Court, then this Recognizance to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

Taken and acknowledged before me, the day and year first above written.

[Signature of Police Justice]

Police Justice.

A. Nicolett
W. B. Putnam

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CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK

William B. Putnam

the within-named Bail, being duly sworn, says that he is a House holder in said City, and is worth Ten Hundred Dollars,

over and above the amount of all his debts and liabilities; and that his property consists of

Stock and furniture of a store situated at no 294 North Avenue in said City and is of the value of Two thousand Dollars free and clear of all incumbrance

W B Putnam

Sworn before me, this 20 day of December 1879
Police Justice

New York General Sessions.

THE PEOPLE, et al.

Recognition to Testify.

Adolphus Heerich

Magistrate.

W B Putnam

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GLUED PAGES

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New York Hospital,

West Fifteenth Street,

New York, January 6th 1880

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John Hauck - 31 - U.S. Single - Mechanic
was brought to hospital, in ambulance from
29th Precinct Station House by me on the
morning of November 23^d 1879 at 4.54 AM.
suffering from penetrating wound of neck
in median line just below the Prominence
or prominent portion of the Thyroid Cartilage
of the larynx - When first seen was
suffering from considerable dyspnea
(difficulty in breathing), Upon arrival at
the hospital this dyspnea became extreme,
countenance becoming intensely cyanotic
(blue), almost no air apparently entering
the lungs - The House Surgeon having
been summoned, immediately performed
Laryngotomy - an operation wh. consists
in opening the larynx & inserting a
silver tube - The introduction of this
tube, together with artificial respiration
relieved almost immediately the dyspnea

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^{West Fifteenth Street}
... was removed from the larynx
on Dec 12th when it was found that
~~voice~~ & respiration was normal &
the voice but slightly impaired -
His recovery since that date has
been rapid. The condition of the patient
during the first week was very serious.

Francis H. Markoe
Sen Asst Surgeon
N.Y. H.

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on Dec 12th when it was found that
was removed from the hospital

West Fifteenth Street.

New York, Dec 23rd 1874

of New

Street, being duly sworn, deposes

remember 187 -
was violently
assaulted by
(nowhere
and feloniously
argued a
to powder
all striking
neck

has been in
see he was
and was
in danger
subsays
placed his
pocket, nor

Next District Attorney Russell -

Dear Sir -

I beg to

you will not detain the witness John Barrett
any longer than is absolutely necessary, as
his condition is such that he is not
like to have been remain away from
the hospital for any length of time

Yours truly

Alexander S. Peiser
House Surgeon
City Hospital

and he interfered with his
person or property.

Deponent charges that he
was shot as aforesaid by
saw O'Brien with the felonious
intent to take deponent's life

Sworn to before me this 18th day of December 1874
John H. Smith

Notary Public

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

Comer John Hancock of 8th Avenue & 12th Street, being duly sworn, deposes

and says that on the 23rd day of November 1879 -

at the City of New York, in the County of New York, he was violently and feloniously assaulted by William O'Brien (nowhere who wilfully and feloniously fired and discharged a pistol loaded with powder and ball. the ball striking deponent in the neck

That deponent has been in the Hospital since he was shot as aforesaid and was for a long time in danger of death - Deponent says that he did not place his hand in O'Brien's pocket, nor did he interfere with his person or property.

Deponent charges that he was shot as aforesaid by saw O'Brien with the felonious intent to take deponents life

Sworn to before me this 18th day of December 1879 John Hancock

John Hancock

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New York Hospital
December 9th

The condition of John Barrett is such that I do not
apprehend any immediately bad result in his case.

Alexander M. Fisher
House Surgeon
N.Y. Hospital

Wm. Butler H. Bixby
2nd District Court

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New York Hospital,

West Fifteenth Street,

New York, November 28 1879

The condition of John Hancock is
at present good, but he is not yet
out of danger, and is liable to
develope bad symptoms which will
peril his life, at any moment.

Alexander M. Fisher

House Surgeon
New York Hospital

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New York Hospital,

West Fifteenth Street,

New York, Nov 23rd 1879

This is to certify that John Hauck
was bro't to this hospital in
ambulance fr 29th Precinct
Station House at 5 A.M. this day
suffering from Pistol shot wound
of neck & that he is in an
exceedingly precarious condition

A. M. Fisher
House Surgeon
fr F. W. M.
D. A. S.

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T New York Hospital,

West Fifteenth Street,

New York, December 1879

Dr. Kistner -

Judge Buller No. 21st St -

The condition of John Hawk is such that I consider him out of all danger, and in my judgement it is only a question of a few days as to when he will be able to appear in court -

Alexander M. Fisher M.D.
House Surgeon N. Y. Hospital

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City & County of New York ss.

John Downes, being further sworn and examined says that he was present on the morning of the 23^d inst, when John Hauck was shot in the neck by William O'Brien. Deponent saw said O'Brien shoot said Hauck with a pistol. O'Brien was drunk at this time and so was Hauck. The shooting took place about four o'clock in the morning, in 25th street about one door East of 7th Avenue.

At the time it occurred James Forryth, Adolphus Niccollety, William B James, and James P Haughey were present and within full view of the occurrence.

Deponent says that just before Hauck was shot, O'Brien said you have been down in my pocket, when this was said Hauck being drunk staggered against O'Brien saying I am a friend of yours, At this moment O'Brien shot Hauck -

Deponent says that Hauck

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did not place his hand in
O'Brien's pocket -

Deponent says that O'Brien
went immediately away
as to after the shot was
fired. He went away with
Forsyth

John Harvey

Sworn to before me

29th day of Nov^r

1879 -

J. V. Ripley

Police Justice

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City & County of New York
District Attorney's Office

Nov 26th 1879

Hon Butler N. Dixby

Dear Sir!

I am ordered by the District Attorney to call your attention to the case of Alfred Nicollet a witness detained in the House of Detention in the case of the people vs William O'Brien which is under examination before you. He begs leave to say that the Rev. Dr White has called upon him and states ^{he is informed that} that the boy Nicollet does not know about the case and is not therefore a material witness

Will you kindly make the examination

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as speedy as possible and if you
find such to be the case over
his discharge.

Yours respectfully,
Moses S. Clark

Chief Clerk
per [Signature]

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POLICE COURT SECOND DISTRICT.

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

James K. Price

an officer of the 29th Precinct Police ~~Station~~, being duly sworn, deposes
and says that on the 23rd day of November 1879
at the City of New York, in the County of New York. at about the hour of

4 O'clock A.M. one John Hauck of St. Ann + 12 Street
was violently and feloniously assaulted by William
O'Brien (now here), who shot said Hauck in the
neck that at the time of said shooting
James Forsyth, Adolphus McCollett, William B. James
and James P. Haughey (all now here) as deponent
is informed were present and witnessed said
assault, and deponent believes that from
conversation had with them they are necessary
witnesses for the prosecution and verily believes
that they are unwilling witnesses and that
they will not appear and testify as such
witnesses unless required to give surety,
deponent therefore prays that they be ordered
into recognizance with surety for their
appearance at Court and that John Brown
who saw said occurrence may also be required
to give surety he being a material witness
for the prosecution in this case

Sworn to before me this 23rd day of November 1879 } Comes of Price
R. J. Haughey }
Police Justice

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AFFIDAVIT—FELONIOUS ASSAULT, &c.

Second District Police Court.

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

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77 1/2 33d Street, being duly sworn, deposes and says
that on the 23 day of June in the year
1871, at the City of New York, John Bank was violently and feloniously assaulted and beaten by

William O'Brien (name)
and maliciously level
at said deponent a brick
and said deponent
was struck on the head
and said deponent
was severely injured

with the felonious intent to take the life of deponent, or to do him 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 dealt with according to law.

Sworn to before me this 23 day }
of June 1871 }

B. W. Amey

Police Justice.

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John James Complainant
Com. James J. Stoutin's son
defenses of \$300 bail

Witnesses -

- 1 James Forayth - 219 1/2 mi
- 2 Raphael Sherlock 441 1/2 1/2
- 3 William B. James 300-900
- 4 James P. Thompson 208-1715

Each Committee to the
Name of detention in
defenses of \$500 bail

- 1 An - address of Capt. Williams
- 2 J. Baines -
- 4.

POLICE COURT - Second District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.

ON THE COMPLAINT OF

John James

James J. Stoutin

OFFENSE - Felonious Assault and Battery

Dated at Worcester 23 1871

Butler B. Bury Magistrate.

Officer.

Clerk.

Witnesses, James P. Thompson

208 1715

John James

23 1871

See over

to await result

Committed in default of bail

of injuries

Bailed by

No.

Street.

City.

James Forayth
discharged from
the Name of

Detention at the
request of Capt
will issue a ho
bonds as responsible
for his

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City & County of New York &
John Downes being a witness
examined by Magistrate says.
I was alone on 15-4 o'clock
when this happened. I
mean the shooting by
O'Brien. I was with James
Vaughney & Hauck.
I was walking when I first
saw O'Brien. I saw William
Hallen Gaffney I think
that was his name. Vaughney
then said his name is not
Gaffney. It is O'Brien, then O'Brien
said to me Hallen Downes, the
Hauck was as drunk as he could be, then
he staggered up against O'Brien, then
O'Brien accused Hauck of having his
hand in his O'Brien's pocket, I will not
swear that Hauck did not have his
hand in O'Brien's pocket, then O'Brien
said to Hauck you get away from me,
when Hauck then went towards O'Brien
and said I am a friend of yours
at the same time staggering towards
O'Brien, immediately I saw a Pistol in
O'Brien's hand when he said to me you
get away from me, I told him to put
the Pistol down, then he said O'Brien

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raised the Pistol and discharged it at the person of Hauk, O'Brien was about three or four feet away from Hauk at the time the Pistol was so discharged. Hauk was staggering and bobbing backward and forward, at the time O'Brien shot him. Haughey was about 15 feet away from where the shooting took place, I might have fallen against O'Brien when I had a hold of Hauk. John Downe is my proper name. I have went under other names. I decline to give the names I went by. I went under the name of John Downey, and also under the name of John Williams, I decline to state the number of times I was arrested. The reason why I decline to answer the question is because it might tend to degrade me, at the time of the shooting James Forsyth was with the Prisoner,

John Downe

Sum to before me this
17th day of December 1879
Per J. J. Murphy
Police Justice

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State of New York
City and County of New York } ss
James P Haughey of No 208 West 35th being
duly sworn and examined says, I saw
the shooting affray which took place on
the 23rd day of November 1879 on the
corner of 7th Avenue and 25th Street - I
was standing about four feet from the
corner at the time, I was not with any
body at the time, I had been with
John Downe and nobody else, I was not
with Hauck on the night of the affray
I met him in a Saloon in 25th Street
between 6th & 7th Avenue, the Saloon
I met him in was about $\frac{3}{4}$ of a block
from the corner where the shooting took
place, I did not go out of the Saloon
with Hauck he and Downe went out
together, I went out ^{of the saloon} ~~after~~ about 15 or
20 minutes after Hauck did, the next
place I met them was on the corner of
7th Avenue and 25th Street, Hauck and
Downe was standing there talking about
five minutes after I got to the corner
A man and a friend of his came ~~up~~
out of the store on the corner and walked
toward 7th Avenue, ~~and~~ Downe and I started
to walk toward sixth Avenue, I bid them
good morning, when Downe said

0953

That was not O'Brien's name, Don O'Brien's friends said it was -

I saw the shooting - I saw the Revolver in O'Brien's hands - I heard O'Brien say that some one had his hand in his pocket. The next thing I heard was a report of a pistol - I saw O'Brien draw the pistol & have it in his hand - I was this time 10 or 15 feet away -

Hauk was 4 or 5 feet away from O'Brien when the pistol fired -

I did not see Hauk put his hand in O'Brien's pocket, Hauk was drunk. They all advised O'Brien to go home - I think Hauk staggered against O'Brien - I did not see the pistol after O'Brien was shot - I associate with Downer. I have been arrested three times, I think I never was in prison - I was arrested once for being in swimming - once by my mother for being out nights & once as a witness -

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Haughey continued

Hauck had told of O'Brien previous to the shooting. He was telling him that he was a friend of his -

To the justice

How many of O'Brien's friends were with him just before the shooting. Forsyth was with him - Niccolletti + James came out of the Saloon before the shooting. Including O'Brien + Hauck there were seven persons there at the time O'Brien shot Hauck -

There had not been any violence used by any one before the shooting -

J. Haughey

Summ to before me this

17th day of December 1879

R. W. Smith

Brien Justice

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City & County of New York ss
John Downes, being lawfully
examined by Magistrate says.
I was close on 10-4 o'clock
when this happened. I
mean the shooting by
O'Brien. I was with James
Haughy & Hauck.
I was walking when I first
saw O'Brien. I saw William
Haleem Gaffney I think
that was his name. Haughy
then said his name is not
Gaffney. It is O'Brien, then O'Brien
said to me Hello Downes. ~~The~~ Complainant
Hauck was as drunk as he could be, ~~that~~
he staggered up against O'Brien, then
O'Brien accused Hauck of having his
hand in his O'Brien's pocket, I will not
swear that Hauck did not have his
hand in O'Brien's pocket, then O'Brien
said to Hauck you get away from me,
when Hauck then went towards O'Brien
and said I am a friend of yours
at the same time staggering towards
O'Brien, ~~immediately~~ I saw a pistol in
O'Brien's hand when he said to me you
get away from me, I told him to put
the pistol down, then he said O'Brien

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raised the Pistol and discharged it at the person of Hauerk, O'Brien was about three or four feet away from Hauerk at the time the Pistol was so discharged. Hauerk was staggering and bobbing backward and forward, at the time O'Brien shot him. Haukley was about 15 feet away from where the shooting took place, I might have fallen against O'Brien when I had a hold of Hauerk. John Downe is my proper name, I have went under other names, I decline to give the names I went by. I went under the name of John Downey, and also under the name of John Williams, I decline to state the number of times I was arrested. The reason why I decline to answer the question is because it might tend to degrade me, at the time of the shooting James Forsythe was with the prisoner.

John Downe

Answer to before me the
17th day of December 1879
By J. J. Murphy
John Downe

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Police Court—Second District.

CITY AND COUNTY }
OF NEW YORK. } ss.

William O'Brien being duly examined before the undersigned, according to law, on the annexed charge ; and being informed that he is at liberty to refuse to answer any question that may be put to him, states as follows, viz :

Question.—What is your name ?

Answer.—*William O'Brien*

Question.—How old are you ?

Answer.—*23*

Question.—Where were you born ?

Answer.—*New York*

Question.—Where do you live ?

Answer.—*206 W 27- St*

Question.—What is your occupation ?

Answer.—*Barkeeper*

Question.—Have you anything to say, and if so, what—relative to the charge here preferred against you ?

Answer.—*I am not guilty.*
Wm O'Brien

Taken before me, this

Wm H. [Signature]

day of *Dec*

1879

Police Justice.

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Form 116.

Police Court—Second District.

THE PEOPLE, &c..

vs. THE COMPLAINT OF

John Stack
297-122 St
William O. Bruen

Officer
Thomson
and
Battry
Assault

BAILED.

No. 1, by

Residence

Street.

No. 2, by

Residence

Street.

No. 3, by

Residence

Street.

No. 4, by

Residence

Street.

Dated *Dec 18* 1879

Butler H. Bisby Magistrate.

Price 29 Officer.

Clerk.

Witness *James P. Haughey*

and John Dorris Committed

House of Detention in default
of \$300 to appear

No.

\$ 2500

Street.

to answer Committed.

Received in Dist. Atty's Office.

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O'BRIEN FOUND GUILTY.

Convicted on the Testimony of Admitted Thieves and Jail Birds.

William O'Brien was placed on trial in the Court of General Sessions, before Recorder Smyth, yesterday, charged with shooting John Hauck on the night of the 23d of November, 1879, at the corner of Seventh avenue and Twenty-fifth street. The defense admitted the shooting, but claimed it to have been done in self-defense and with no intent to injure, O'Brien having fired the shot in the air to frighten the complainant, who, it was claimed, was endeavoring to rob him.

Hauck swore that he had been innocently shot, and he was corroborated by two witnesses. He admitted that he had one or two aliases, and that he had served six months in the Penitentiary for stealing and assaulting a man, with an axe.

John Downs alias Downing, alias Williams, was next called in behalf of the people. His testimony was a mere corroboration of Hauck's. He admitted having served three or four terms of imprisonment, and when asked by Mr. Steckler, the prisoner's lawyer, if he could remember any other, he refused to answer on the ground that it would be degrading to his character.

James P. Haughey, the other witness, had been in the House of Refuge and in the Juvenile Asylum.

The defense called witnesses to prove the good character of the prisoner, and it was proved to be spotless.

O'Brien then took the stand and testified in his own behalf that Hauck had tried to rob him, and was about to strike him when he fired the shot. Two or three others who were there when the affray occurred, also testified that Hauck had his hand in O'Brien's vest pocket, and was about to strike him when O'Brien shot.

The jury retired, considered the case one hour, and returned a verdict of guilty of simple assault.

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House of Detention

Mr. Collins

Sir I have been here close on two
months and you would oblige me
very much by bringing the case
up right away as it is the shooting
of John. I submit by William Brown
on the morning of the 23rd of June
and by doing so you will confer
a great favor. Yours Resp.

John Brown
James Humphrey

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STATE OF NEW YORK.



Executive Chamber.

Albany, February 27, 1886.

Sir: Application having been made to the Governor for the Pardon of William O'Brien who was sentenced on January 26, 1881, in your County, for the crime of Assault and Battery for the term of one year and _____ to the State Prison Penitentiary you are respectfully requested (in pursuance of Chapter 310, Laws 1849) to furnish the Governor with a concise statement of the case as proven on the trial, together with any other facts or circumstances which may have a bearing on the question of granting or refusing a Pardon. Be pleased also to state the previous character of the convict.

Each letter of inquiry from this Department should be answered on a separate sheet.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

Amasa Briggsall
Tarden Clerk.

To: Brig. H. Phelps Esq.
District Attorney, &c.

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We the undersigned jurors in the
Case of the Peo. v. Wm O'Brien
respectfully ask the Honorable Court
to impose the most merciful sentence
on the defendant.

Jan. 26th 1880.

Raphael Black
David Seines
Leopold Stock
John Fife
George C. Hornahrens
John W. Bratcher
William T. Miller
Thos L. Hop
Albert McIlwain
Chas. J. Park
Herr Robinson
Edw. S. W. Jones

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General Sessions

The Po
v.
Mr. O'Brien } *Mass*

Jury's Recommendations

filed July 26. 1880.

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CITY AND COUNTY }
OF NEW YORK. }

THE JURORS OF THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,
in and for the body of the City and County of New York,
upon their Oath, present :

That

William O'Brien

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York, aforesaid,

on the *twenty third* day of *November* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and *seventy nine* with force and arms, at the City and County aforesaid, in and upon the body of *John Kauck* in the peace of the said people then and there being, feloniously did make an assault and to, at and against *him* the said *John Kauck* a certain *pistol* then and there loaded and charged with gunpowder and one leaden bullet, which the said *William O'Brien* 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 *John Kauck* 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 Jurors aforesaid, upon their Oath aforesaid, do further present : That afterwards, to wit, on the day and in the year aforesaid, at the City and County aforesaid, the said

William O'Brien

with force and arms, in and upon the body of the said *John Kauck* in the peace of the said people then and there being, wilfully and feloniously did make an assault and to, at and against *him* the said *John Kauck* a certain *pistol* then and there loaded and charged with gunpowder and one leaden bullet, which the said *William O'Brien* 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 attempt to discharge, with intent *him* the said *John Kauck* 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.

THIRD COUNT.

And the Jurors aforesaid, upon their Oath aforesaid, do further present: That afterwards, to wit, on the day and in the year aforesaid, at the City and County aforesaid, the said

William O'Brien
with force and arms, in and upon the body of the said *John Kauok*
then and there being, wilfully and feloniously, did make an
assault and to, at and against *him* the said *John Kauok*
a certain *pistole* then and there loaded and
charged with gunpowder and one leaden bullet, which *pistole* the said
in *his* *William O'Brien* right hand, then and there had and held, wilfully and feloniously, and
without justifiable and excusable cause, did then and there shoot off and discharge,
with intent, then and there, thereby *him* the said *John Kauok*

wilfully and feloniously then and there to injure, against the form of the Statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace of the People of the State of New York and their dignity.

FOURTH COUNT.

And the Jurors aforesaid, upon their Oath aforesaid, do further present: That afterwards, to wit, on the day and in the year aforesaid, at the City and County aforesaid, the said

William O'Brien
with force and arms, in and upon the body of the said *John Kauok*
then and there being, wilfully and feloniously, did make an
assault and to, at and against *him* the said *John Kauok*
a certain *pistole* then and there loaded and
charged with gunpowder and one leaden bullet, which *pistole* the said
in *his* *William O'Brien* right hand, then and there had and held, wilfully and feloniously, and
without justifiable and excusable cause, did then and there attempt to shoot off and
discharge, with intent, then and there, thereby *him* the said

John Kauok
wilfully and feloniously then and there to injure, 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.

BENJ. K. PHELPS, District Attorney.