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Counsel,

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day of

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Pleads

THE PEOPLE

vs.

Frank King

and

Thomas Smith

JOHN R. FELLOWS,

District Attorney.

A True Bill.

Wm. Woodruff  
Foreman.

Edw. Dwyer  
Each 8 yrs.

Witnesses:

James Smith  
Off. Shelly

Bu. glary in the  
and 621 2nd degree.  
[Section 496, 506, 528 and 532]

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Police Court—H District.

City and County } ss.:  
of New York,

of No. 237 East 44th Street, aged 40 years,  
occupation Laborer

deposes and says, that the premises No. 237 East 44th Street, 19th Ward,

in the City and County aforesaid the said being a four story brick

tenement house  
and which was occupied by deponent as a dwelling

and in which there was at the time a human being, by name deponent

were **BURGLARIOUSLY** entered by means of forcibly prying open  
the window and entering therein  
with intent to commit a  
felony

on the 8th day of January 1888 in the night time, and the  
following property feloniously taken, stolen, and carried away, viz:

One Quince Albert Coat and

a plated watch chain

together of the value of ten dollars

(\$10.00)

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

Frank King and Thomas Smith  
(both now here)

for the reasons following, to wit:

that at about 2 O'clock  
on the above date while deponent  
was lying asleep in bed he was  
suddenly awakened by the  
said defendant King who deponent  
saw in his bed room and felt  
him fumbling about deponent's  
bed and then said defendant.  
King asked deponent for the



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prior of adjourn when defendant  
replied him. said King then went  
to the kitchen which was the adjoining  
room where he joined said defendant  
Smith and defendant saw said  
defendants jump out of the window  
of said kitchen and run away.  
Defendant therefore prays  
that each of said defendants  
be held to answer and be dealt  
out as the law directs.

Summons before me  
this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May 1888 J. James Smith  
J. M. Brown  
John Tucker

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 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.

Police Court, District,

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
on the complaint of

Offence—BURGLARY.

vs.

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Dated

1888

Magistrate.

Officer.

Clerk.

Witness.

No.

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\$ to answer General Sessions.

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Sec. 198-200.

H. District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

*Thomas Smith* 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 Smith*  
✓

Taken before me this

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Police Justice.



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Sec. 198-200.

H District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

Frank King 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 to 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 in the trial.

Question. What is your name?

Answer.

Frank King

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

23 years

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

New York City

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

Answer.

No. 237 East 44<sup>th</sup> St (Rear) Manhattan

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.

Long Shaverman

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

Frank King  
mark

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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

Henry Street  
House of Detention

Frank King

Thomas Smith

Offence

Burglary

Dated

February 13 1888

Residence

Magistrate

Residence

Officer

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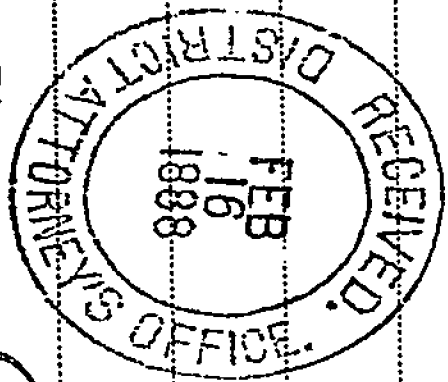
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It appearing to me by the within depositions and statements that the crime therein mentioned has been committed, and that there is sufficient cause to believe the within named

Frank King and Thomas Smith 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 February 13 1888 Henry Street 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 h to be discharged.

Dated 1888 Police Justice.

(Complains to House of Detention)  
is released by \$100 bail  
(Don)



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CITY AND COUNTY  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

POLICE COURT, 4 DISTRICT.

of Michael Shelly  
the 23rd Precinct Street, aged 43 years,  
occupation Police Officer being duly sworn deposes and says,  
that on the        day of        188  

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

James Smith is an important  
and material witness in a  
Complaint of Burglary against  
one Frank King and on Thomas  
Smith. Dependent has reason  
to believe that the said James  
Smith will fail to appear to  
prosecute said Frank King and  
Thomas Smith and therefore he  
prays that said James Smith  
be committed to the house of detention  
as a witness  
Michael H. Shelly

Sworn to before me this

of

Police Justice.

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Police Court, 14 District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Michael Shelly  
vs.  
James Smith

AFFIDAVIT.

Dated

Feb 13 1888

Magray Magistrate.

Shelly Officer.

Witness,

Disposition

\$100 - Bail to  
appear as a witness  
when called upon



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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

*Franka King and  
Thomas Smith*

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

*Franka King and Thomas Smith*

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

The said *Franka King and Thomas  
Smith both* —

late of the *fourteenth* Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York  
aforesaid, on the *eight* day of *January*, in the year  
of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-*eight*, with force and arms, about the  
hour of *two* o'clock in the *night* time of the same day, at the Ward,  
City and County aforesaid, the dwelling house of one *James Smith* —

there situate, feloniously and burglariously did break into and enter, there being then and there  
some human being, to wit: *The said James Smith* —

within the said dwelling house, with intent to commit some crime therein, to wit: the goods  
chattels and personal property of the said *James Smith* —

in the said dwelling house then and there being, then and there feloniously and burglariously to  
steal, take and carry away; *each of them the said  
Franka King and Thomas Smith  
being then and there assisted by a  
confederate actually present, to wit:  
each by the other; —*

against the form of the statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace of the People  
of the State of New York and their dignity,

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SECOND COUNT—

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

*Frank Hurley and Thomas Smith*

of the CRIME OF *Robbery* LARCENY, —

committed as follows:

The said *Frank Hurley and Thomas Smith* —

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, in the *night* time of the said day, with force and arms,

*one coat of the value of nine dollars*

*and one watch chain of the value*

*of one dollar,*

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one *James Smith*, —

in the dwelling house of the said *James Smith*, —

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

*John R. Helms,*  
*Attorney*

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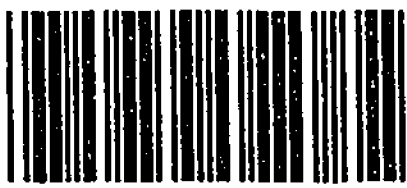
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Bail fixed at \$1500.  
P.B.M.

Witnesses:

Capt. Grant

Counsel, *W.C. Brady*  
Filed *10* day of *Feb* 188*8*  
Pleads, *Chargedly - (13)*

THE PEOPLE,

vs.

*Patrick H. King*

*May 15, 1888*  
*James W. King*

JOHN R. FELLOWS,

RANDOLPH B. MARSH,

District Attorney.

*At motion of Mr. Parry this case*  
*is fixed for trial on 2nd Monday*

A True Bill.

*Det. H. B. Rappaport is counsel*

*G. K. Carter*

Foreman.

*Part III, October 12, 1888*

*Tried and Acquitted*



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STENOGRAPHER'S MINUTES.

INQUEST IN THE MATTER

Before

OF THE

HON. JOHN R. NUGENT,

Coroner,

DEATH OF PATRICK MEAGHAN.

and a Jury.

NEW YORK CITY, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6th, 1888.

*affidavit*  
*16th Precinct*  
I N D E X.

JOHN J. BANNON	1
Dr. GEORGE E. STEEL	5
JOHN KIRKWOOD	8
GEORGE W. BREEN	16
THOMAS COAKLEY	19
" " (Recalled)	26
" " (Recalled)	45
JOHN LOGAN	22
JOHN CAREY	28
HERMAN SMIDT	31
JOHN LOUGHRAN	35
PATRICK H. KING	38
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*Dr. Hake New York Hospital*  
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Reported in full by H. H. ALEXANDER, 31 & 33 Broad Street, Room 17.

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IN THE CORONER'S COURT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

IN THE MATTER

of the

DEATH OF PATRICK MEAGHAN.

Before

HON. JOHN R. NUGENT,  
Coroner

and a Jury.

New York City, Monday, February 6th, 1888.

11 A.M. Mr. James A. Brady and Mr. Werner Bruns appeared as counsel for the prisoner.

THE CORONER: Gentlemen, the inquiry will be into the cause of death of Patrick Meaghan.

J O H N J. B A N N O N,

sworn and examined as follows:

BY THE CORONER:

Q. You are a police officer of what precinct? A. The 16th precinct.

Q. Did you know the deceased, Patrick Meaghan? A. Yes, sir.

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Q. How long had you known him ? A. About three years and a half.

Q. Do you know the defendant, Patrick H. King ? A. Yes, sir.

Q. How long have you known him ? A. About the same time.

Q. What is his business ? A. Liquor business.

Q. Just state what you know about the fracas ? A. On the night in question I was doing patrol duty on 26th Street.

Q. Do you recollect the day and the month ? A. Yes, the 30th of January.

Q. You were on duty where ? A. On 26th Street from 7th to 10th avenues.

Q. About what time ? A. About a quarter past seven.

Q. Your attention was called to it how ? A. My attention was called by a citizen to some trouble in this man King's store .

Q. You are sure about the time of evening ? A. That was about the time. It may have been a little later. It may have been half past. I didn't look at the time.

Q. You were informed by a citizen that there was some trouble in King's store ? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Do you recollect the number of King's store ? A. Yes, 413 West 26th Street.



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Q. Proceed. A. I went there to investigate it and I found King standing at his door. I asked him what the trouble was in his place and he told me that he had had some trouble with Meaghan and had shot him--with Paddy Meaghan; that was the way he put it. I went into the place and took King from the door with me. I went to the back room and found Meaghan lying there in the back room shot, as I would say, in the abdomen. I asked Meaghan who shot him. He told me it was Patrick King. King was in the presence of Meaghan at the time. I also asked him what he shot him for. He said he didn't know. King answered and told me that Meaghan had tried to rob a friend of his in his place. After I received this information I asked Meaghan if he had had any trouble with King. He told me yes, he had had a little muss over some money matters. King speaks up again and says that the money matters was about a friend of his named Breen opposite across the street, that Meaghan had attempted to take some of this money Breen had from him. I placed King under arrest in the meantime, and procured the revolver with which he had done the shooting. I took him then down to the 16th Precinct Station house and he gave further testimony down there and admitted to my Captain, in the presence of two Ward Detectives, X Detectives Perry and Logan, that he did the shooting. Then I went back to the saloon again where this thing occurred with the Captain and with these two detectives and procured sufficient evidence, which I have got here.



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That is about as far as I got with the case.

Q. When King, in answer to your query, said the deceased had been trying to rob a customer in his store, did the deceased deny it ? A. The deceased said he picked this five dollar bill up on the floor. He told me so.

BY MR. BRUNS:

Q. At the time King was there ? A. At the time; yes, sir.

BY THE CORONER:

Q. Did you search the deceased ? A. Yes, sir.

Q. In the store ? A. In the store I searched him and he had fifty-five cents in his pocket and a small pocket knife.

Q. Did the prisoner say that the deceased had attempted to assault him ? A. Yes, he said that the deceased had attempted to go behind his bar to assault him.

Q. Did he say he made any motion or demonstration as though he would draw a weapon ? A. King said he did.

Q. Did he say so at the time ? A. Yes, he did; he said that he put his hand on his hip pocket.

Q. At the time that you went to the store and saw him ?

A. Yes, sir.

BY MR. BRADY:

Q. Did you know this man Meaghan, the deceased ? A. Yes, sir.

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Q. What do you know of his character ? A. Well, he was a pretty rough character. He has done time a couple of times in the Penitentiary.

Q. Do you know anything of his character for peace and quietness; was the deceased an orderly citizen ? A. He was not a very orderly citizen; if he had been he would not have been convicted and sent to prison a couple of times.

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D R. G E O R G E E. S T E E L,

sworn and examined as follows:

BY THE CORONER:

Q. Where do you reside ? A. At the New York Hospital.

Q. Just state your official position there ? A. I am House Surgeon.

Q. State what you know about this case ? A. I went out on the Ambulance the night that this patient, Meaghan, was shot and found him in the back of the saloon.

Q. That was the night of January 30th , A. Yes, sir.

Q. What time did you receive the notice or call ? A. At

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8.30 P.M.

Q. The Ambulance was summoned from the Hospital and you went out with the Ambulance ? A. Yes, sir.

Q. What time did you reach the store ? A. I guess about 8 minutes <sup>after</sup> ~~before~~ I left the Hospital .

Q. About 8.35 you reached King's place ? A. 8.38; I should say about that.

Q. Proceed, Doctor ? A. I entered and passed through the saloon into the room behind it and found Meaghan lying on a bench. I examined him and found a wound in the abdomen. I dressed the wound, had him put in the ambulance and brought him back to the Hospital. I then summoned the attending surgeon.

Q. Did you attend to him right along until his death ? A. Yes sir.

Q. Just describe the process of treatment ? A. On admission I ordered him some whiskey and morphine. About an hour after he was admitted Dr. Bull performed laparotomy. The Coroner was summoned and took his antemortem statement before the operation. At the operation we found five penetrating pistol shot wounds in the intestines.

BY MR. BRADY:

Q. Produced by one bullet though ? A. Yes, produced by one bullet.



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BY THE CORONER:

Q. How long did he live after the operation ? A. He lived during the next day and the next night and died about quarter to seven the second morning after coming in.

Q. Was it possible for him to survive the wound that he had ?

A. No, sir.

Q. Laparotomy is only resorted to in extreme cases ? A. Yes, sir.

Q. What time did he expire ? A. At quarter to seven in the morning.

Q. How often has the operation of laparotomy been performed to your personal knowledge ?

THE WITNESS: For penetrating pistol shot wounds of the abdomen

THE CORONER: Yes.

A. I have only seen it performed once.

Q. Have you known of any case where the patient has survived ?

A. Yes, I believe that Dr. Bull has two cases that survived that he operated on at the Chambers Street Hospital.

BY MR BRADY:

Q. Will you describe the operation of laparotomy ? A. Well, it consists simply in opening up the abdominal wall and seeking for the wounds in the intestines, stitching them up, replacing the intestines and sewing the abdominal wall up again.

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Q. It is one of the most dangerous operations known to surgical science, is it not ? A. I should not say that, sir.

Q. I do not say the most, but one of the most dangerous operations ? A. It is rather a dangerous operation.

Q. You have told us there were five penetrating pistol shot wounds of the intestines caused by this pistol shot; consequently, you were able to trace the direction of the wound. Was its tendency upwards, or downwards, or backwards ? A. The tendency of the direction of the wound was downwards and backwards.

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J O H N   K I R K W O O D,

sworn and examined as follows:

BY THE CORONER:

Q. Where do you reside ? A. 300 West 52nd Street.

Q. What is your occupation ? A. Plumber.

Q. Did you know the deceased, Patrick Meaghan ? A. Yes, sir.

Q. When did you last see him alive ? A. I seen him alive about half past six or seven o'clock Monday night week, the 30th of January.

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Q. Where did you see him then ? A. I came into the saloon owned by Patrick King.

Q. In West 26th Street ? A. Yes, 413 West 26th Street.

Q. He came into the saloon ? A. I came in.

Q. Was he there when you got there ? A. Yes, sir.

Q. How many were in the saloon ? A. I think there were about four or five.

Q. Do you recollect their names ? A. No, sir. I recollect Mr. Meaghan himself and a man named Mr. Breen and there was a man named Flanagan--John Flanagan.

Q. Is he present here now ? A. No, sir.

Q. Where does he reside ? A. I couldn't tell you.

Q. Well, just tell us what occurred when you were present ?

A. When I went in I went in to have a glass of lager and these people were there at the time. So I had my glass of lager and was going into the back room to read the Evening News. As I was going in there this Mr. Breen asked me to have a drink, which I did; and they were drinking for quite a while, so this Mr. Breen's wife came over and she took him home, told him he had better go home and he went along with her. After he went I was in the back room.

Q. Were you in the bar when Mrs. Breen came and took her husband away ? A. Yes.



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Q. And you went to the back room afterwards ? A. Yes.

Q. Can you tell us at what time that was ? Just as near as you can locate it . A. It was about quarter to seven.

Q. Then you went in the back room, you say ? A. Yes. I was reading the paper and this Meaghan, I believe, was in the back room and came out and went to the bar and he asked for a drink. Then he called me out from the back room and I had a drink. So then he says to Mr. King, he says, "Pat," like that, "lend me a couple of dollars." Mr. King said he would providing he would pay it back to him. So Mr. King took two dollars out of his wallet from his breast pocket and gave it to him and Mr. Meaghan went out then. He wanted more, but he couldn't get it. So he went out and came back again. It seems he went away and spent it some place and came back again and he wanted more.

Q. How much time intervened; how long was he away ? A. I guess about a quarter of an hour.

Q. Well, you remained in the store all the time, did you ?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. He came back again and wanted some more money ? A. Yes, he wanted some more and Pat told him he couldn't have it, it didn't belong to him, that he had returned it to the man that owned it. So, of course, Mr. Meaghan---

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Q. (Interposing) What language did Meaghan use when he asked him for the money ? A. I didn't hear him say exactly. He said he would have to have it, he was bound to have it. He went to Mr. King and took him by the shoulder and shoved him back about a foot or so, pulled his pipe out of his mouth, took off his coat, threw it on the floor and rushed for Mr. King. Mr. King was right at the end of the bar, about 18 inches or two feet from the end behind the bar.

BY MR. BRUNS:

Q. You mean on the inside of the bar ? A. Yes. This Meaghan ran between the bar and the ice box to get in behind the bar and commenced to shove him and pull him backwards and forwards. Finally the shot went.

BY THE CORONER:

Q. Where were you all this time; were you in the bar ?

A. Yes, I was at the other end of the bar.

Q. You were looking on and saw what you are describing ?

A. Yes, sir. I was kind of excited at the time.

Q. The deceased went behind the bar, did he ? A. Yes, right near the bar towards the end and grabbed Mr. King.

Q. Suppose this was the bar, (illustrating) What was the position of deceased ? A. (Illustrating) Here is the ice box

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and here is the bar and Mr. King was about here and he reached over here for him. He went around, turned the corner of the bar.

Q. Did he have his hand on Mr. King when the shooting occurred ? A. Yes, sir.

Q. How did he have him ? A. He held him somewheres around the shoulder.

Q. Did King have a pistol in his hand at the time the deceased took hold of him by the shoulder ? A. No, sir.

Q. Did you see him get the pistol ? A. Yes, he took it from behind the bar when he was getting shoved, about the centre of the bar where it was.

Q. The pistol was about the centre of the bar ? A. Yes, underneath.

Q. And did the deceased follow him back; did he still have hold of him ? A. Yes.

Q. What was their position when King fired ? A. He had hold of him.

Q. He had hold of King when he fired the shot ? A. Yes.

Q. Then he must have gone behind the bar to the centre ?

A. Well, Mr. King reached from him to where it was.

Q. Well, when King fired what occurred then ? A. He says,

★ "Oh Patsy, you have shot me." Mr. Meaghan walked from behind



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where he was shot right to the bar and he says, "Patsy, you have shot me," and Mr. King says, "I know I did, I know it," like that. And then Meaghan went from the bar right into the back room and laid down.

Q. What else transpired ? A. That is all I saw. I went out then.

Q. Were you there when the police arrived ? A. No, sir; I was on the outside.

BY MR. BRADY:

Q. Did you know the deceased, Meaghan ? A. Yes, I did /

Q. Did you know anything of his character ? A. Well, I tough knew that he had a pretty ~~xxxx~~ character. He was a pretty ~~xxxx~~ tough ~~xxxxxxxx~~ man.

Q. A man who was liable to do violence at any time ? A. Yes, sir.

Q. A dangerous man ? A. Yes, sir.

Q. That fact was well known, was it not ? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Was he in the habit of carrying a pistol ? A. Well, I have seen him once or twice with one.

Q. Didn't you know as a matter of fact that Mr. King had once paid a fine for him when he was arrested by the police and found with a pistol and fined for carrying a weapon ? A. I have heard of that.

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BY A JUROR:

Q. You said that after Meaghan got the \$2 he went out ?

A. Yes.

Q. When Meaghan came in the second time where were you ?

A. I was at the end of the bar.

Q. You were in the bar at this time ? A. Yes, sir.

Q. And when he came in you heard the conversation ? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Was Meaghan drunk or sober ? A. He seemed to be intoxicated.

Q. Did I understand you aright ? Meaghan and King were behind the counter when the shooting occurred, or were they in front of the counter ? A. About behind it.

Q. Both behind the counter ? A. Yes, right at the end.

BY THE CORONER:

Q. You were looking on. Now did the action of Meaghan convey to you the impression as though King was in any danger of his life ? A. Well, I couldn't say about that; I was excited.

Q. When deceased said, "Patsy you have shot me," what reply did King make ? A. He says, "I know it."

Q. Did he say anything further ? A. That is all I heard.

BY MR. BRADY:

Q. Do you know where Mr. King kept the pistol behind that bar?

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A. Why he kept it about the centre.

Q. Now is it not a matter of fact that Meaghan had pushed, jostled him certainly at least half the length of the bar in order for him to be able to get that pistol ? A. Yes, he put him within reach of it.

Q. So that the shooting must have occurred at least half way up on the inside of the bar ? A. Yes, sir.

BY A JUROR:

Q. How long is the bar ? A. About ten or twelve feet. I haven't measured it.

BY THE CORONER:

Q. Is it as long as from here to that railing (Indicating) A. About from where I am to that railing (About twenty feet. Steno.)

BY MR. BRADY:

Q. You having seen the whole matter, assuming that Mr. Meaghan was offering King violence, could Mr. King have retreated farther than he did ? A. No, sir; he could not.

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sworn and examined as follows:

BY THE CORONER:

- Q. Where do you reside ?    A. 418 West 26th Street.
- Q. And your occupation ?    A. Truck owner. I drive one.
- Q. Did you know the deceased, Patrick Meaghan ?    A. Not to speak to him, sir.
- Q. You were in his company on the night of the shooting ?
- A. At the time I went in he was in there, as far as I hear.
- Q. You knew him by sight ?    A. Yes, sir.
- Q. He used to frequent that locality ?    A. Yes, I used to have my stable right across the street and I used to see him.
- Q. You know the prisoner ?    A. I don't know him to speak to him.
- Q. You know that he was in business there on 26th Street ?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Did you frequent his place ?    A. No, sir; I was only there once before.
- Q. State what you recollect about what transpired there on the night of the 30th of January ?    A. Well, I took sick three

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weeks ago to-morrow and people advised me to take a drink or two ~~and~~ and I got a drink the Saturday before that and it was the first ~~time~~ time I suppose in twelve years. I got to drinking and I was pretty full when I went into Mr. King's house.

Q. Do you recollect about the time you went into Mr. King's premises ? A. No, sir. I couldn't say what I drank nor what I didn't in there.

Q. You recollect you went in there ? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Between six and seven in the evening ? A. I ~~u~~ guess it was earlier than that. That is what my wife says.

Q. Tell us to the best of your recollection what happened ?

A. That I can't say. That is, I don't remember anything from the time I went in until the next morning when my wife told me that I was in King's and there was a man shot there. Says I, "Was I there when the man was shot ?" She said, "No."

Q. Would you have known you were in King's at all if your wife had not informed you ? A. No, sir; I don't suppose I would, for I didn't remember being in another house a couple of doors down.

Q. Your wife went after you ? A. She went after me and Mr. King handd her \$20--four five dollar bills.

Q. When she took you away did Mr. King give her the money

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that night ? A. Yes, sir.

Q. When she took you home ? A. Yes, sir. When she came in the door she called me and Mr. King called her over and handed her the money. He handed her four bills and she says when I came outside I asked her for some of it. She says Mr. Loughran gave her five dollars more that Mr. King came down and gave him that he said belonged to me.

Q. When was that ? A. I couldn't say.

Q. Next morning or that night ? A. That night she got the \$25.

Q. And the first you learned of the shooting was the next morning ? A. Yes, sir. They got me home to bed. I have never had any words with, never spoken to either one of the gentlemen that I know of, except once before I was in Mr. King's place.

Q. And not since ? A. Not since until that Monday.

BY MR. BRADY:

Q. Did you know the deceased, Meaghan ? A. No, sir; not to speak to him.

Q. Did you know of him ? A. No, sir; I didn't know anything at all about the gentleman only just to see him around there. I never spoke a word to any one of them.

Q. Do you know anything of his character ? A. No, sir; only



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as I heard.

Q. That is what I ask; do you know what his reputation was ?

A. Only what I heard. I heard Monday morning. I saw it in the paper; and that is all I read about his character. That is the first I ever knew about the Man's character.

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T H O M A S      C O A K L E Y ,

sworn and examined as follows:

BY THE CORONER:

Q. Where do you reside ? A. 413 West 26th Street.

Q. What is your occupation ? A. Bleacher.

Q. Did you know the deceased, Patrick Meaghan ? A. Yes, I knew him.

Q. Do you know the prisoner, Patrick H. King ? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Did you frequent his place ? A. I would go in there once in a while .

Q. Were you present when this shooting occurred ? A. Yes, sir.

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Q. How long were you there that evening ? A. About ten minutes.

Q. Before the shooting ? A. Yes, sir.

Q. State what you saw there ? A. Well, I came in there to have a glass of ale and there were two friends of mine there and they treated.

Q. Did they accompany you to the place ? A. No, sir; they were there when I went in.

Q. Were you working that day ? A. Yes, sir.

Q. And after work you went in there to have something to drink ? A. Yes, just came from my supper.

Q. Who were the two friends that were there ? A. One was Jack Kirkwood and the other was John Logan.

Q. They were in there when you got there ? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Just state what transpired ? A. This Meaghan came walking in and he was just come in time and this young man Logan asked him would he have a drink and he said yes and he had a flat of beer. He drank that and then he went over by the stove and he said something to Mr. King, asked him for something to drink, and Mr. King said no. Anyhow they got to talking there. I couldn't tell what they were talking about. It was pretty quiet, and we were on one end of the bar. Then the first thing I heard

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was talking "Yes you will," "No I won't," and the first thing I knew Meaghan grabbed Mr. King and knocked the pipe out of his mouth and it fell under the bar. Then he ran away and ~~xxx~~ jerked his coat off. Then Mr. King took the pipe up again and put it in his mouth and this Meaghan ran behind the bar after him about two feet or two and a half and there they were wrestling behind the bar until the pistol went off.

Q. Did King come from behind his bar at any time during the melee ? A. No, sir.

Q. You recollect distinctly when the shot was actually fired ?

A. It was around seven o'clock.

Q. But what were the positions of the parties when the shot was fired ? A. Meaghan had King by the two shoulders.

Q. And where were they ? A. Right behind the bar.

Q. Near the centre of the bar ? A. (Illustrating) Say this was the bar. Then there is a space here and here comes the ice box, and they were right in between there, right about here.

Q. Was Meaghan actually behind the bar ? A. Yes, sir.

Q. When the shot was fired what happened then ? A. All this did Meaghan was to let go of Mr. King and he says, "You have shot me." He walked around to the front of the counter and says, "Well, you have shot me." King says, "Yes, I did." That is all he said.



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Q. Then what did Meaghan do ? A. Meaghan went into the back room.

Q. What did you and your friends do then; did you leave the premises ? A. No, not then; not for a while after.

Q. Did you think the man was hurt seriously; did you think of going for medical relief ? A. No, sir. They sent for a priest. They sent for the ambulance. Mr. King himself sent for them. He sent for the officer and the officer sent for the ambulance.

Q. Mr. King did not attempt to leave or run away, did he ?

A. He did not.

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J O H N   L O G A N,

sworn and examined.

BY THE CORONER:

Q. Where do you live ? A. 331 West 26th Street.

Q. What is your occupation ? A. I am in a wall paper factory.

Q. Are you at work now ? A. Yes, sir.

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Q. Did you hear the testimony of the previous witness ?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. And you corroborate what he said ? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Is there anything that you know of that has not been stated by him ? A. No, sir.

Q. You were present when the shooting occurred ? A. Yes, sir.

Q. What were the positions of the parties when the shooting actually occurred ? A. Mr. King was behind the bar and Meaghan was behind the bar.

Q. Did Meaghan have hold of King ? A. Yes, by the two shoulders.

Q. When the shooting occurred what happened ? A. Well, Mr. Meaghan said, "you have shot me." Mr. King said, "I know it."

Q. Did he add anything further ? A. No, sir; nothing further.

Q. And what did Meaghan do then afterwards ? A. He came from behind the bar.

Q. And went in the back room ? A. Yes. I didn't see him go in the back room.

Q. Did you wait there ? A. No, sir; I went out.

Q. How long had you known Meaghan ? A. About six or seven

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years, I guess.

Q. Do you reside in that locality ? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Do you frequent Mr. King's store ? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Did you ever know Mr. Meaghan and Mr. King to have any trouble before ? A. No, sir.

Q. You knew both of them ? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Intimately ? A. Yes, sir/.

Q. What were their relations ? A. Friendly.

Q. You never knew them to have any quarrel ? A. No, sir.

BY MR. BRADY:

Q. You said in answer to the Coroner's question that you knew Meaghan for six or seven years ? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Did you know his character ? A. Yes, sir.

Q. What was his general reputation as a peaceable citizen ?

A. I heard he had a bad character .

Q. In that respect ? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Did you ever know of his carrying a weapon ? A. No, sir; I did not.

Q. What was the general reputation of Meaghan ? A. It was bad.

Q. He was known to be a violent, dangerous man, was he ?

A. Yes, sir.



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BY A JUROR:

Q. You saw everything that went on there from the time Meaghan came in until the shooting occurred ? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Did Meaghan hit King at all ? A. Not as I saw.

Q. But he had hold of him by the two shoulders ? A. Yes, sir.

Q. And pushed King behind the bar and then King shot him ?

A. Yes, sir.

BY MR. BRADY:

Q. Didn't he knock the pipe out of Mr. King's mouth ? A. Yes he ~~knocked~~ knocked the pipe out of Mr. King's mouth .

Q. Didn't he strike him in the mouth with his fist ? A. Not as I saw; no, sir.

BY A JUROR:

Q. Did he make any attempt that you know of, or do anything that would lead you to believe he was going to draw a weapon ?

A. I saw his two hands on his shoulders and I saw one hand drop. I couldn't say where it went to.

Q. Are you sure of that now ? A. Yes, sir.

BY MR. BRADY:

Q. It was just before the firing that you saw the hand drop?

A. Yes, sir.

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BY A JUROR:

Q. It has been stated that Mr. Meaghan was in the Penitentiary twice. Do you know what it was for? A. No, sir; I couldn't say what for. I heard he was there.

MR. BRADY: May I recall Mr. Coakley a moment?

THE CORONER: Certainly.

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T H O M A S C O A K L E Y,

recalled and examined as follows:

BY MR. BRADY:

Q. You knew the deceased, Meaghan, did you not? A. Yes, sir.

Q. How long did you know him? A. I had known him this last six years.

Q. You know other people that knew him? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Well now, what was his reputation? A. He had a pretty hard one.

Q. Did you ever know that he carried a pistol? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Habitually? A. He always carried one.



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BY THE CORONER:

Q. Did you ever see him with a weapon ? A. Yes, sir.

BY A JUROR:

Q. Do you know what he was in the Penitentiary for ? A. No, sir; I can't tell that.

Q. You were in the saloon from the time Meaghan came in until the shooting occurred ? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Did Meaghan hit King ? A. He hit him and knocked the pipe out of his mouth.

Q. And then after that they commenced to scuffle behind the bar ? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Did Meaghan make any attempt as though he was going to draw a weapon ? A. I could only see the one hand here (indication ) and one hand drop.

Q. You said a while ago he had a hold of King's two shoulders. One man can't hold another man's two shoulders with one hand. Did you see him let go and let one hand drop ? A. Yes, sir.

BY THE CORONER:

Q. What was your position ? A. (Illustrating) I was like that on the bar.

Q. Then the bar did not prevent you from seeing the hand drop?

A. No, sir. But the two of them were right in front of me.



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BY MR. BRADY:

Q. Their bodies ? A. Yes, their bodies.

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J O H N C A R E Y,

sworn and examined as follows:

BY THE CORONER:

Q. What is your occupation ? A. Detective, attached to  
the 16th Police Precinct.

Q. Did you know the deceased ? A. I did not, only by  
reputation.

Q. You know the prisoner, King ? A. I have known him  
since this occurrence.

Q. You knew he was in the liquor business in your precinct ?

A. Yes, sir# .

Q. Just state what you know of this occurrence ? A. I  
was in the Station House when Officer Bannon brought the prisoner  
to the Station House.

Q. Do you recollect the time; there is a divergence about  
the time ? A. It was about 7.30

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Q. About 7.30 when Officer Bannon brought the prisoner to the station house ? A. Yes, about as near as I can get at it. Captain Grant asked him if he wanted to make a statement. He said, "Yes." He said that several persons were in his saloon just prior to this occurrence. Among others was a Mr. Breen. That somebody offered to make a bet, and \$20 was placed on the bar, the money belonging to Mr. Breen. He said he took the money and gave it to Mr. Breen's wife. He said that there was another five dollar bill which he claimed Meaghan robbed Breen of. He placed it on the bar and called for drinks. King said he gave them drinks and put the money behind the bar; that Meaghan left his place, staid away a short while and came back and demanded the money and he said the money didn't belong to him and he wouldn't give it to him. He said Meaghan came to the end of the bar and he pushed him away. He came a second time, partly behind the bar, as near as I can remember about two feet, although I would not now be positive about the distance--he came partly behind the bar, and ~~sz~~ that Meaghan took hold of him and said he would fix him and that he put his hand to his pistol pocket. He said that Meaghan was a tough man, whom few would care to have anything to do with, and that he had shot him. I saw Meaghan in the back room of King's place, 413 West 26th Street, about ten minutes after

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that, took his name and address, part of his history and asked him if he robbed Breen in that place of a five dollar bill and he said no. The Surgeon was then dressing his wound and we immediately put him in the ambulance and sent him to the Hospital.

Q. Anything else ? A. No, sir; that is all.

Q. What was Meaghan's reputation ? A. Meaghan's general reputation was that of a rough character, a bad character.

Q. Do you know the offense he was guilty of when he was sent to States Prison ? A. Not of my own knowledge; only from hearsay

Q. When you say bad character do you mean a dangerous character, or a dishonest character ? A. I was informed that he was once sent for assault to the Penitentiary for a short time .

Q. Was it a simple assault ? A. Assault and battery, as I understood.

Q. Not a felonious assault ? A. I never heard that.

BY MR. BRADY:

Q. His reputation is that of being a dangerous man ? A. His reputation was rather that of a tough.

BY A JUROR:

Q. You are a detective in that Precinct, are you not ? A. Yes.

Q. What reputation has Mr. King's place ? A. Well, I



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have been only a short time a detective in that Precinct. I have always been on duty in an adjoining Precinct until about two or three weeks ago.

BY THE CORONER;

Q. How long have you been in the 16th Precinct ? A. Only since the 22nd of January, when I was transferred there. I was for six years and four months in the 19th Precinct, adjoining the 16th.

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HERMAN SMIDT,

sworn and examined as follows:

BY THE CORONER:

Q. Where do you reside ? A. 412 West 26th Street.

Q. And your occupation ? A. Tailor.

Q. Did you know the deceased, Patrick Meaghan ? A. I had seen Patrick Meaghan before. In fact he was one of my customers.

Q. And do you know King, the defendant here ? A. Yes, I know King.

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Q. Did you frequent his place ? A. I live opposite his place and generally get my daily beer off of Mr. King.

Q. Were you present on the night of the shooting ? A. I had just entered Mr. King's saloon about a minute, not even a minute---about a half a minute, before the shooting took place.

Q. What was the condition of affairs when you entered the saloon ? A. When I entered his saloon I went in to have a glass of beer. I went in after hearing some loud noise outside the door, some hard expressions. I saw this Patrick Meaghan standing in front of the counter in his shirt sleeves and saw him taking a knife off the man's counter, which is in my possession at the present time. (Produces and submits a small French Kitchen knife.) I saw the man taking this knife off the counter when I entered King's store.

Q. You saw Meaghan, the deceased ? A. I saw Mr. Meaghan taking this knife off Mr. King's counter at the time I entered King's saloon. He was taking this knife off with his left hand turning it around like this (Illustrating) which I plainly saw, and had it in this hand and he went behind the counter and he says "You Son of a bitch, either you or me." He took the knife in his hand, held it like this (illustrating) and jumped behind the counter. If I had come in about two seconds sooner I could have prevented him from doing anything of the kind. But Mr. King saw



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the man, at least I think he did. Reaching behind the counter, Mr. King jumped back a few steps behind his counter and says, "Here, stay back, keep back now." Meaghan did not stop, and I went behind him and as soon as he was going to raise his hand I grabbed his right hand, twisted it round and the knife dropped into my hand and I put the knife into my pocket and I have had it since. I didn't say anything about it because I didn't want to have anything to do with the affair if I could possibly keep out of it.

Q. You did not go out before the shooting occurred, did you ?

A. After the shooting was over.

Q. Well, you remained there ? A. Yes.

Q. You say you took this knife from him ? A. Yes.

Q. The shooting occurred almost immediately, did it ? A.

Meaghan had the knife in his hand and went behind the counter and he held his hand like this (illustrating) and I just came in in time. At the same time King hollered, "Keep away, keep back now." He went a couple of steps back and I came and held his hand and at the same time the bullet was fired about a half a second before that—a half a second before I grabbed the Man's hand.

Q. What occurred after the shooting; what did Meaghan do ?

A. Meaghan went in front of the counter and he says, "Pat, you have shot me." "Well," Pat says, "that is all your own fault."



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Q. What words did he use ? A. "It is all your own fault, I couldn't help it.

Q. What occurred afterwards ? A. I went out.

Q. You knew the police were investigating the matter . . . Why didn't you call the attention of the police to the fact that you had this knife ? A. Of course I ought to have done so, but I did not because I thought I had too much work, and I tried to get out of it.

Q. Who else was in the bar when this thing occurred ? A. Three others besides Meaghan and King.

Q. Have you seen them here to-day ? A. I have seen them; they have been witnesses a little while ago.

Q. They didn't see you take the knife from Meaghan ? A. By rights they ought to have seen it; but, in fact, they stood on the other side of the counter.

Q. You put the knife into your pocket ? A. I slipped the knife into my coat pocket.

Q. Did you see the deceased take the knife ? A. Yes, I saw Meaghan take that knife in his left hand off the counter, turn it round his back, put it in his right hand and go behind the counter.

Q. And this is the knife ? A. Yes, sir.

Q. And has it been in your possession since ? A. It has been in my possession ever since.

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Q. Are you a relative of the prisoner ? A. I am a German.  
I can't express myself exactly the way I ought.

BY MR. BRADY:

Q. You are not in any way related to him ? A. No, sir;  
he is only a customer of mine and I am living opposite to him.

BY A JUROR:

Q. What is your business ? A. I am a tailor.

JOHN LOUGH RAN,

sworn and examined as follows:

BY THE CORONER:

Q. Where do you live ? A. 417 West 26th Street.

Q. And your occupation ? A. Expressman and groceryman.

Q. Did you know the deceased, Patrick Meaghan ? A. Yes.

Q. Do you know the prisoner, Patrick H. King ? A. Yes, I  
knew both of them for years.

Q. Were you present when this shooting occurred ? A. No,  
sir.

Q. Just state what you know about it ? A. All I know about  
it is I went home about a quarter to seven, I guess it was, and Mr.



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Breen is a great friend of mine. He was in there and lost some money which King had returned, \$20 of it, to his wife, and the other \$5 was found afterwards, mislaid somewhere around on the floor, and when King come to know it belonged to Breen the minute I came home, he not being acquainted with Breen, came down and gave me the \$5 and he went back. I unhitched my horse and sent him to the stable with the young man that works for me. I went into the store and I stopped there five or ten minutes because I was talking with this lady, Mrs. Breen, concerning this affair. She told me she had received \$20 from King previously and I gave her \$5 and says, "There's \$5, he gave it to me."

Q. At what time was this ? A. About quarter to seven.

Q. That was before the shooting ? A. Yes. I went out to look after some goods that I had in my wagon and I went in again and came out and heard about the shooting.

Q. And that was after you received the money and gave it to Mrs. Breen ? A. Yes.

Q. Did you frequent Mr. King's place ? A. No, sir.

Q. You have been in there though ? A. Oh I have been in there perhaps a half a dozen times in my life.

Q. How long has he been there ? A. I have been in there when his father kept it. I have known him since he has been a boy.



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Q. Did his father keep the same place ? A. Yes, sir.

Q. How long ? A. I guess he started the place.

BY MR. BRADY:

Q. Did you know this man Meaghan ? A. Yes, I had known him for years.

Q. Will you kindly tell these gentlemen what his reputation was ? A. Well, as far as his reputation around there was concerned he had a pretty tough name.

Q. A dangerous man ? A. I never had any trouble with him myself.

Q. Oh no, but his general reputation was that he was a tough character ? A. Yes, sir.

BY THE CORONER:

Q. For being troublesome, quarrelsome, or dishonest ? A. A little of both, so far as I heard.

Q. Did you ever know anybody that Meaghan beat severely, that he assaulted ? A. Oh yes, I have heard it, but I have forgotten now. I never paid much attention to his business; I had as much as I could do to attend to my own business.

Q. Do you know what he was sent to the Penitentiary for ?

A. I really forget now.

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P A T R I C K H. K I N G (The Prisoner)

sworn and examined as follows:

BY THE CORONER:

Q. Where do you reside ? A. 413 West 26th Street.

Q. What is your business ? A. Saloon business.

Q. How long have you been engaged in that ? A. Well I have been running the place for my father since he died; that is twenty months ago. But I had been attending bar for him since

he opened it four years ago.

Q. Did you know the deceased ? A. Yes, sir.

Q. How long did you know Meaghan ? A. I knew him since I came to the City four years ago.

Q. What were your relations with him ? A. Well, we were on friendly terms. In fact, I had to be. Any time he came into the place I always had to be as moderate as possible to get him ~~xxxx~~ out without making any bother.

Q. What was Meaghan's business ? A. I never knew him to do anything.

Q. Didn't he work ? A. He worked about two weeks on the subway to my knowledge, and about four weeks in a stone yard up town. That is all the time he ever worked in those four years that I knew of.

Q. What time did he enter your premises on the 30th ? A. About half past six or quarter to seven in the evening.

Q. What was his condition; had he been drinking before he entered your place ? A. Well, he was intoxicated.



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Q. Under the influence of liquor ? A. Yes, sir.

Q. When he entered your premises who was there ? A. This George Breen was in there drinking, and two friends of his whom I don't know. They came in with him to leave him home and he wouldn't go home unless they would come in and have a drink. They did come in with him and had two cigars and left him there, and this Meaghan came in at the time and I noticed he had on a sealskin cap and it was not his own cap, because he always wore a Derby hat; and he edged in between Mr. Breen and his two friends and asked Breen did he know him. Breen says, "No, I don't know you." "Well," he says, "I am Paddy Meaghan." "Well," says Breen, "Have a drink." So he had a glass of ale and these two friends left Breen there and Meaghan got to arguing about his cap being a better cap than Breen's, a sealskin cap. He started to bet him \$5 and Breen pulled out a roll of bills, about \$28 or \$30, and he counted out \$20 on the bar and he put it back in his pocket again. Meaghan didn't have any money. Then Mr. Breen's wife came in and I called her over. She asked him, "George, won't you come home ?" I says, "Mrs. Breen come in here." She came over to the bar. I knew Meaghan was up to something by him having this strange cap on, and taking the money out of Mr. Breen's hand I says, "Mrs. Breen, you take the money home." She took the money and went to go out. Says I, "No, don't you go, stay



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and go with him. So she stays and says, "Mr. Breen, if you are going to stay I will." So I advised him to go home. At this time he asked to go to the water closet, before his wife got the \$20. He had on one of these truck driver's jackets made of leather and he put a five dollar bill in the left hand pocket and he asked for the water closet and Meaghan says, "I'll show you" and he held his arm up like that (illustrating) to show him and at the same he put his hand down and took the \$5. I saw him do that. The man went into the water closet and I says to him, "Meaghan, you leave that money back, or else give it to me and I'll give it to the man." He let the money drop out of his hand and walked about four or five feet from it and came back and picked it up and said, "Look what I have found." So anyhow I swore to him that if he didn't give me the money I should certainly make Mr. Breen have him arrested in the morning. So he handed the money around the bar to let nobody see it. He gave me the money and I put it in my pocket and he went out. Breen and his wife had gone at this time. When he went out I put on my hat and left my wife in the bar and I went over to this Mr. Breen's house and I asked was he in. There was nobody there but a little girl and she told me no. I asked was his wife, the mother, in. She said no. I said, "Where are they?" She said, "Over to Mr.

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Loughran's house. I crossed back on to my own side of the Street to go to Mr. Loughran's house and I met him and I asked him to see Breen. He says, "No, he is too drunk; he is asleep and I couldn't wake him up." I says, "Here is five dollars," and I went back to the store again and I was in there about five minutes and served about three glasses of ale when Meaghan came in and walked down to the end of the bar and says, "I would like to have some money." I says, "There aint any money here belonging to you." He says, "There is, and I want it." I didn't tell him that I had returned the money, and I saw that he was getting cross and ugly and I put my hand in my inside breast pocket and pulled out my pocket book and I took out \$2 and says, "Here is two dollars, do what you like with it, but remember that I want you to pay me back. He went away when he got the two dollars. He came back presently drunk and he says, "I want that other three dollars." I says, "You can't have it." He says, "Is that the way you are going to use me ?" And he grabbed hold of me by the left shoulder and tried to pull me from behind the bar. The pumps ~~are~~ are about two feet behind the bar. Then there is a place about two and a half feet between the ice box and the bar, a passageway to go in around the bar. When he grabbed me behind the bar, he pulled me out and at the same time he hit me in the jaw and knocked my pipe



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out of my mouth and my pipe fell on the bar. I broke loose from him then and I picked up my pipe and put it in my mouth again and I was watching the seltzer bottles on the bar, afraid he would pick one of them up and fire it at me. So he jumped back and threw his under coat and overcoat on the floor and ran for me and as he run for me he grabbed me and says, "You son of a bitch, you or me for it." As he grabbed me I was about five feet in behind the bar. The bar is only twelve feet long, and he was just arm's length away from me and still had hold of me. When he grabbed me, he grabbed me with both hands and as he grabbed me with both hands and tried to pull me I threw myself back and I was as heavy as he was. With that he says, "You son of a bitch I'll fix you." I reached down and threw up the lid of a cigar box and I grabbed at a pistol I had to fire at his legs to scare him and as soon as I fired the shot I put therevolver back in its place again. He walked around in front of the bar and unloosing his pants says, "Pat, you have shot me." I says, "I know I have, but it is your own fault." With that he walked in to the back room. I went out to the door. I don't know who was there, but I sent one to the fire house to ring up an ambulance <sup>and another</sup> to look for the officer on post. The officer was coming up from towards Tenth Avenue and I saw him at the door of 417 and I says, "Officer Bannon, I have shot a man." He says,



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"Who is it ?" I told him "Meaghan." He says, "Come along with me." I went in the store, went behind the bar and handed him the revolver. He brought me in the back room to the man and asked him, "Is this the man who shot you ?" He said, "Yes." So I went to the Station House. That is all I have to say now.

/ Q. Were you taken before a police Magistrate ? A. Yes, the next morning.

Q. What Magistrate ? A. I think it was Judge Welder.

Q. Did you ever have any quarrel with Meaghan before that ?

A. No, sir; never had a word with him. In fact, I was his friend and his mother's friend.

Q. Did he frequent your place ? A. Well, he used to come there, but it was against my wishes.

Q. He was not a desirable customer ? A. No, sir.

Q. Was his reputation, his character, such that you were afraid of him ? A. Well, I was actually afraid of him at all times. In fact, I didn't even like to tell the man to get out of the place, especially if he was in liquor.

BY MR. BRADY:

Q. You knew him ? A. Yes, sir.

Q. How long ? A. Since I came to New York, four years ago.

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Q. You know other people who knew him ? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Will you kindly tell these gentlemen on your oath what was his reputation ? A. Well, his reputation couldn't be much worth.

Q. Was his reputation that of a dangerous man ? A. Yes, as a man that would use anything--

BY THE CORONER:

Q. (Interposing) On your oath, when you fired that shot did you apprehend your life was in danger ? A. So help me God, I never would have used it at all only I thought the man had a weapon of his own. I knew he carried one before.

Q. Did you know him to have it that night ? A. No, sir.

Q. (Pointing to knife produced by witness Schmidt) Did you ever see that weapon before ? A. No, sir.

Q. A witness has testified that he saw the deceased take this knife from your bar ? A. I didn't see any knife at all.

BY A JUROR:

Q. That knife is not your property ? A. No, sir.

BY MR. BRADY:

Q. Now look at the knife. Did you ever see that before ?

A. No, sir; I did not.

Q. Didn't you use a knife at your bar for cutting lemons ?



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A. Yes, sir.

Q. A knife like that ? A. No, sir.

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At this point the ante-mortem statement of Patrick  
Meaghan was read to the Jury.  
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T H O M A S   C O A K L E Y ,

recalled and examined as follows:

BY THE CORONER:

Q. Were you in King's store when Mr. Breen was there ?

A. No, sir.

Q. Mr. Breen had left before you came in ? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Did the deceased, Meaghan, invite you to drink ? A.No,  
sir.

Q. You are sure ? A. I am sure.

Q. Or your friend ? A. No, sir; only just knew one another;  
that is all.

Q. Did he invite yourself or friends to drink ? A. No,  
sir.

BY A JUROR:

Q. Did you see Mr. Smidt, that German Tailor, in there at



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at the time of the shooting ? A. No, sir; I can't remember seeing him.

Q. You saw the shooting and everything else, but did not see this man ? A. No, sir.

THE CORONER: He says he was present at the time of the shooting. Come up here Smidt . (Mr. Smidt came forward) Did you see him in the store at all ?

MR. SMIDT: At the time you stood between the window and the door ?

THE WITNESS: That is where I was.

A JUROR: (To Mr. Smidt) Did you see that gentleman there ?

MR. SMIDT: I did, sir. He <sup>was</sup> opposite to Mr. Logan and Mr. Kirkwood.

THE JUROR: How long were you in the store altogether, Mr. Smidt ?

MR. SMIDT: I don't think it was over two minutes.

THE CORONER: Logan, come up here. (Mr. Logan came forward) Do you remember seeing that gentleman, Mr. Smidt, in the store that night of the shooting ?

MR. LOGAN: No, sir; I don't recollect seeing him. I was too excited.

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THE CORONER: Kirkwood come up here. (Mr. Kirkwood came forward) Do you recollect seeing that gentleman, Mr. Smidt, in the store?

MR. KIRKWOOD: No, sir; there was great excitement, you couldn't hardly see anybody.

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P A T R I C K   H .   K I N G ,

recalled and examined as follows:

BY A JUROR:

Q. At the time that Meaghan came at you and got hold of you and says, "Now you son of a bitch," and put his hand behind his pocket and says, "You or I for it," what was his position? A. Behind the bar. I was about five feet behind the bar and he was in two and a half feet behind the bar.

Q. Have you any recollection where these three men, Goakley, Logan and Kirkwood, were at the time that Meaghan came behind the bar and made this assertion? A. They were at the end of the bar.

Q. At the other end near the window? A. (Illustrating)



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The bar comes this way, turns that way about four feet. There is a space between the end of the bar and the window. They were around there.

Q. Did he make that expression in a very loud tone; when he put his hand behind his pocket and says, "Now you son of a bitch, you or I for it," did he say it very loud, as loud as I speak now? A. No, not quite as loud as ~~xxx~~ you speak.

Q. Could it be heard any distance? A. Well, I should think the three witnesses ought to have heard it.

Q. Did you see that gentleman, Mr. Smidt, in the store at the time? A. I remember seeing him, but I don't remember whether it was before the shooting or after it.

BY MR. BRADY:

Q. He was there though? A. He was there, but I can't say whether it was before or after. The store was full that day.

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MEDICAL TESTIMONY.

WILLIAM O'MEAGHER, M.D., being duly sworn, says: I have made an autopsy of the body of Patrick Meaghan now lying dead at New York



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Hospital and from such examination and history of the case, as per testimony, I am of the opinion the cause of death is general ~~peritonitis~~ peritonitis from pistol shot wound of intestines.

(Signed) William O'Meagher, M.D.

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C H A R G E.

THE CORONER: Gentlemen, you have heard the testimony in this case. Now the evidence shows that deceased, while engaged in an altercation with the prisoner, King, received a wound which caused his death. Now it is for you to say if there was sufficient cause to justify the shooting. I do not hesitate to say that I think there was. It appears that deceased was a man of very bad reputation. Then he was engaged in an unlawful transaction and he followed that up by going behind the bar himself.

Now you understand, of course, that the prisoner did retire almost as far as to the wall. He could not retire any further, and it is questionable when he fired the shot if he intended to kill. Of course the presumption is when a man fires a weapon of that kind he does so intend. But I think under the circumstances he was justifiable in using that revolver. It is for you to say, gentlemen. We have not got the fixing of the

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degree of guilt. I believe that this matter should be submitted to the Grand Jury anyhow and they should pass upon the matter, and if they think it sufficient to indict him and send him to the proper tribunal for trial, why it is their province to do so. But inasmuch as the prisoner has already been brought before Judge Welde and the Judge has committed him to await the result of the Inquest, I will permit Judge Welde to take that course. I propose to send the papers, with your verdict, whatever it may be, before Judge Welde.

The matter is in your hands, gentlemen, and I do not wish to instruct you, but I presume from the evidence that you will take pretty near the same view of it that I do. Now I do not think that a person should draw a revolver or shoot for any trivial cause. But it appears to me that when a man is in his own premises and attending to his own business lawfully and legitimately and behind his own bar, he has a right to defend himself there, particularly when attacked by a man of notoriously bad character and when this man is the aggressor in everything and when there are no circumstances that tend in any way to justify his action in either commencing the assault or in following it up.



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Furthermore, the prisoner was engaged in protecting the property of one of his customers; And I think he had a perfect right to do so. I think it was not only his right, but his duty to do so.

Now the evidence of Mr. King here in itself would justify and ~~exonerate~~ exonerate the prisoner. Now you can attach what weight you choose to Mr. Smidt's testimony, but I believe the testimony of Mr. Smidt. I think he tells the truth. And his testimony alone would justify King in the action he took. I have no doubt if the detective here will go to Mr. Rooney's place in 9th Avenue he will find that the knife belonged to Rooney, because the deceased, in his ante-mortem statement, said he went to Rooney's place, and perhaps to other places, and no doubt he picked up this knife and carried it back as a persuader in the event of Mr. King refusing to comply with his demand for more money.

Gentlemen, you have heard the testimony. It is sufficient to base a verdict upon and I will submit the case to you without any further comment. If you wish to retire you may do so. Now, weigh the matter carefully. If there is anything you wish any special instruction upon, I will be happy to instruct you.

(At this point the Jury retired and after some time spent in deliberation returned and rendered the following:)



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V E R D I C T.

We, the Jury, find that the deceased, Patrick Meaghan, came to his death by general peritonitis from pistol shot wound of intestines inflicted by a pistol in the hands of Patrick H. King, at 413 West 26th Street, on January 30th, 1888, about 7.30 P.M.

We are of the opinion that the evidence tends to justify the action of the said Patrick H. King, but there are some doubts whether he was not over hasty, and, therefore, not fully justifiable.

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Officer Bannon says that he went in to get the pistol and saw King reach for it and said, "Hold on, give me that," and King reached over and took it off the back bar where it laid.

When I went in the back room I asked Meaghan what the trouble was or what he had done. King answered me he didn't give Meaghan a chance, that he robbed a friend of five dollars. I then asked Meaghan if he had robbed a man and he said "No sir, I did not; I picked a five dollar bill up on the floor;" and I also asked Meaghan if this was the man that shot him, and he says "Yes sir." I says, "King, that aint no reason you should shoot him; couldn't you have him arrested?" He was not inclined to answer.

I asked Meaghan in the presence of King "Did you do anything to this man?" He said "No sir, I didn't touch him." King remained silent

On being searched by this officer there was no revolver or weapon found upon him except a small pen-knife which was closed in his pants pocket.

When the officer's attention was called to the store he saw King standing at the door. I walked towards the door and met King himself and asked him what was the matter, where was the shooting, and he said he had shot Meaghan. I asked him what for, and he told me to come inside. I went inside and we had this conversation I told you about. In the meantime I found this man Coakley in the back room with Meaghan; he was the ~~only~~ man inside.



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*Court of General Sessions  
of the Peace*

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF  
NEW YORK

*In District  
Attorney*

against

*Patrick H. King*

*Manslaughter*

*Statement of  
Officer Bannon*

JOHN R. FELLOWS,

DISTRICT ATTORNEY,

No. 32 CHAMBERS STREET,  
NEW YORK CITY.



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POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK

Precinct No. 16

*Evidence in the  
Meagher Murder Case*

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Michael Burns 433 West 33<sup>rd</sup>  
was assaulted by King with  
butt of pistol and has 11 stitches on  
his head.

Jas Ryan 337. 10<sup>th</sup> ave witness  
Charles Hanley 419 W 58<sup>th</sup> st. witness

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John McCrann 423 W 26<sup>th</sup> st  
has indictment for assault on King

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John Ryan 337. 10<sup>th</sup> ave +  
Charles Hanley 419. W 58<sup>th</sup> st says  
King did attempt to shoot  
Meagan 6 weeks ago -

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Charles Gibson Cor Charles + Granville  
Filmonish assaulted by <sup>Washington</sup> King -



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Police Department of the City of New York,

Precinct No. \_\_\_\_\_

New York, July 18 1897

1.50 pm  
Park King 18 W. Ws.  
Bartman S. residing 985 Washington  
at  
Flourish Assault  
Chas Gibbon 318. W. 11 St  
Charged with cutting on  
Complainant the face on  
the face with a pocket  
knife Committed dept \$1000.

Convicted in Genl. Sessions  
& sentenced to 1 year

Recorder Hacker

Sgt Granger  
Copy from Felony blotter



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Police Department of the City of New York,

Precinct No. 16

New York, February 1st 1888

Off John J. Bannon 16<sup>th</sup> Precinct says that at 7:15 P.M. January 30<sup>th</sup> 1888. I was in front of 413 West 26<sup>th</sup> St. and was informed by a Mr. McLaughlin 417 West 26<sup>th</sup> Street that there was some trouble inside of Patrick A. King's store No 413 West 26<sup>th</sup> Street. and then met the said King and asked him what is the matter. he answered that he shot Paddy Meagher <sup>who is</sup> inside for robbing a man in my place. I took King to the back room of King's store where Meagher was. I asked Meagher who shot you and he said King shot me. who was then in his presence and whom he fully identified. I asked Meagher what King shot him for and King answered and said that Meagher took a five dollar bill from a friend of mine named Geo. Brennan 418 West 26<sup>th</sup> St. Meagher then said that he did not know Brennan and did not take any money from him but that he found this five dollar bill on the floor. I then asked King when the pistol was with which he shot Meagher he said it is behind the bar where he got it for me. which was a six chamber revolver of Bulldog pattern. 38 Calibre. I arrested Patrick A. King + took him to the 16<sup>th</sup> precinct police station. where he reported

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to Capt Donald Grant. and Detectives John Cury and George Logan. and added that Meagher came behind his bar and took hold of him for the purpose of getting the balance of the ~~the~~ Money (a five dollar bill) which he had in his possession and which King claimed that Meagher had taken from Geo. Brennan. King also said that he knew that Meagher was a dangerous man. and shot him because he was afraid of him. I afterwards accompanied Meagher to the New York Hospital very soon after the shooting. and again saw him lying dead at the New York Hospital about 11 A.M. February 1st 1888.

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Precinct No. 16

New York, February 2<sup>nd</sup> 1888

Detective John Carey 16<sup>th</sup> precinct police  
says I was in the station house when  
Patrick H King 413 W 26<sup>th</sup> street was brought in and  
made a voluntary statement to Capt Grant  
which is as follows.

Meagher and others were in my place about  
7 p.m. today (Jan 30) and a friend of mine  
named Breen who had considerable money  
with him. somebody proposed to bet \$20.  
and Breen put the money on the bar. I  
took the money and gave it to his (Breen's)  
wife. Meagher had a five dollar bill which  
he took from Breen. he put it on the bar  
and called for drinks. <sup>I took the bill and put it behind the bar</sup> and soon afterwards  
left my place. after some time he returned  
and wanted the money and took hold of me.  
I pushed him away. he then came for me again  
behind the bar. he had his hand on the back  
pocket of his pants and said I will fix you.  
I took my revolver and shot him. he was a  
dangerous man. and nobody wanted anything to do  
with him. I afterwards saw Meagher in  
the back room of King's place. and asked him did  
you rob Breen of a five dollar bill. he said no  
I did not rob anybody of any money.

John Carey



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The People

vs.

Manslaughter

Patrick H. King  
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City and County of New York SS:

John B. Kirkwood being duly sworn, says as follows:

Q. Mr. Kirkwood, just state all that occurred on the evening that Meeghan was shot from the time that you went into Kings store, who were there and just what occurred, everything that you remember from the time that you went in there. Tell who were there, who came in afterwards and every thing?

A I came from my work that night and went to that store about a quarter past or half past six. Went in there to have a glass of lager. Had my lager went into the back room to read the evening News, was invited to have a drink by Mr. Breen with several of his friends.

Q Who were with him?

A Mr. Meeghan, one was, and another man I can name is John Flanagan, the rest I don't know.

Q How many were there?

A About four or five. I had two or three drinks of them. We were there for quite a while. I went in the back room with the News. I seen Mrs. Breen, who lived across the way take Mr. Breen home, after he went home I went into the back

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room again, come out in the mean time, and seen Mr. Meaghan.

Q. That was the first time you had seen Meaghan?

A. That was the second time, he left the back room and went to the bar and called me out to have a drink.

Q. What did he do in the back room?

A. He went there, there is a sink there to urinate in, and I went out to have a drink with him, and before he went out of the place he asked Mr.

King for two dollars. He said "Pat, lend me two dollars;" he asked him to lend him two dollars.

Pat said he would provided he would give it back to him. So Mr. King took his wallet out of his vest pocket and gave him two dollars out of that.

Meaghan went away with the two dollars, stopped away a quarter of an hour and came back again.

Q. Did any one leave the same time with Meaghan; did any one go out with him? A. Yes sir, but I couldn't exactly tell you who it was.

Q. When he came back who were in the store?

A. There was I, Thomas Coakley and John Logan.

Q. Was Thomas Coakley there at the commencement that you spoke of?

A. No sir.

Q. Did Thomas Coakley come in while Meaghan was out?

A. Yes sir.

Q. Was the other man there, what is his name?



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A. Logan ?

Q. Did he come in while Meaghan was out ? A. Yes sir.

Q. And all the others left except yourself ? A. Yes sir.

Q. Breen and Flanagan ? A. Yes sir.

Q. The other parties whom you did not know ? A. Yes sir.

Q. They all left ? A. Yes sir.

Q. Did they go in company with Meaghan ? A. I couldn't say.

Q. When you went into the store after you left the back room who were there when Meaghan was out ?

A. When I went in the back room ?

Q. Yes. A. I was in there all the time.

Q. Which did Logan or Coakley come in first ?

A. I couldn't exactly tell.

Q. Both friends of yours ? A. Yes sir.

Q. Acquaintances ? A. Yes slightly acquainted.

Q. Coakley says that Logan was in there, Logan and you, is that so ? A. There might have been, the three of us were drinking at the end of the bar, three of us.

Q. When Coakley came in one of you invited him to have a glass of ale ? A. Yes sir.

Q. The three of you commenced to drink a glass of ale ? A. Yes sir.

Q. Meaghan came in then ? A. Yes sir.



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Q. One of you asked him to take a glass ? A.  
Yes sir; he came in and took a small glass of ale.

Q. With one of your friends ? A. I couldn't  
say whether it was with my friend or not.

Q. Didn't you hear Logan ask him to have a glass  
of ale and he said he would have a flat ? A No sir,  
I didn't hear him.

Q. He had the glass of ale there anyhow ? A.  
Yes sir.

Q. The same time that you did ? A. Yes sir.

Q. Just state what occurred; there were only the  
three of you in the store when Meaghan came in besides  
King, that made five altogether, is that so ? A.  
Yes sir, that is all I could see

Q. You, Logan, Coakley, Meaghan and King ? A.  
Yes sir.

Q. You are pretty positive there were not more  
persons in the store ? A. That was all I could see.  
He had his drink, went over then and asked Mr. King for  
more money, said he wanted more. King said no it didn't  
belong to him, he had given it back.

Q. He asked for this two dollars ? A. That was  
first.

Q. You heard him ? A Yes sir.

Q. Were you standing with Coakley at the time ?  
A. At the time he got the two dollars ?

Q. At the time he commenced to talk to King across  
the bar ? A. Yes sir.

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Q. Was it down at the end of the bar or near the window ? A. The end of the bar is right by the window; here is the end of the bar here and the window is here; it forms an L there.

Q. When you three were there between the window and the bar drinking Meaghan came around in front of the bar, did he ? A. Came in the door and stopped about three quarters the end of the bar as he entered.

Q. He was here, and as he drank his glass of ale he went around here, did he ? A. No sir, Mr. King was standing about there.

Q. Before that King had given him two dollars ? A. Yes sir.

Q. He asked him for the rest of the money ? A. For more money.

Q. Then what did King say ? A. King told him he had enough; it didn't belong to him; couldn't give it to him; he had returned it.

Q. Then what took place ? A. Meaghan said he was bound to have it and would have it and went around the end of the bar and pulled the pipe from King's mouth; commenced shoving him and struck him; I seen the pipe come out of his mouth; then he went out and got front of the ice box, took of his coats threw them on the floor and ran for Mr. King and commenced shoving and pushing him back and forwards.

Q. Didn't strike him with his fist, did he ? A. I didn't see him; pushing him.



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Q. Hustling like ? A. Kind of like that

Q. What took place then ? A. Then the shot was fired.

Q. Did you see the shot fired ? A. Yes sir; he pushed Mr. King around about the center of the bar; King reached over for the pistol and shot him.

Q. You have seen that pistol there before ? A. Yes sir.

Q. Used to keep it in a cigar box ? A. I don't know what he kept it in.

Q. Kept it under the bar ? A. Yes sir; about the center of the bar

Q. When he pushed King over towards the middle of the bar King reached over and took this pistol from the bar ? A. Yes sir.

Q. You saw the pistol in King's hand ? A. Yes sir it was as quick as a flash.

Q. Was it a self-cocker ? A. Couldn't say; I never handled it.

Q. Mr. Kirkwood, at the time that King reached over and took that pistol was Meaghan pushing him with his two hands, that way ? A. No sir, he had hold of him shoving him.

Q. Had his two hands on him ? A. I couldn't exactly say that he had his two hands on him at that time.

Q. As far as your best impression and recollection is that he had hold of him and was shoving him back



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and forward ? A. Yes sir.

Q. With his two hands ? A. I couldn't exactly say, but he was shoving him back and forwards.

Q. Did you see anything in his hands ? A. No sir

Q. At the time that King shot him he hadn't struck King with his fist, clenched fist ? A. I didn't see him strike him.

Q. When you say he reached for the pistol was there anything said by either of them ? A. I heard him say something about money.

Q. No; at the time the shot was fired ? A. I didn't hear anything.

Q. Didn't you hear Meaghan say something ? A. Not to my recollection.

Q. Didn't you hear him say that he was shot ? A. Afterwards, yes sir.

Q. Immediately after ? A. Yes sir; he walked from behind the bar and put his arm on the bar and said "Pat, you have shot me."

Q. When King fired the shot what did he do with the pistol ? A. Put it away; I couldn't say exactly what he did do, I was so excited.

Q. Didn't you see him put it on the back bar ? A. I couldn't say whether he did or not.

Q. Did you hear Meaghan threaten to fix King; did you hear him say, "I'll fix you you son of a bitch?" A. Not to my recollection.

Q. You remember what took place ? A. I don't re-

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member that, no sir.

Q. You didn't hear anything of that kind ? A. I don't believe I did.

Q. You say that Meaghan was a dangerous man ? A. Yes sir I have seen him with a pistol.

Q. Did you ever see anybody else with a pistol besides him ? A. Yes sir.

Q. You had a pistol yourself ? A. No sir; never owned one.

Q. You have seen many of your friends with a pistol ? A. No sir.

Q. Many a man ? A. Yes sir.

Q. Would you call them dangerous men ? A. Probably if they had a character worthy of taking care of themselves with one I wouldn't.

Q. Why was Meaghan dangerous ? A. Well, he would get intoxicated and fire it off at the least trifle.

Q. Did you ever know him to fire it off ? A. One occasion at 26th St., one night; it was the second time I seen him with a pistol; one Sunday night I was passing by and he must have done something to some person and three or four men got at him, and I seen him pull it out.

Q. While the three or four men were at him ? A. Yes sir.

Q. You or I would do the same thing ? A. I never carried one; if I had one I would.

Q. Meaghan did nothing but what you or I would



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have done under the circumstances. A. I seen him with the pistol there and saw him about two or three nights afterwards; saw him with one as if he was waiting to meet some of the ~~parties~~ other parties.

Q. Waiting for the people who had beaten him ? A. Yes.

Q. It is only in that transaction that you saw him with a pistol ? A. That is all.

Q. When he fired it did he hit any one ? A. Didn't hear any report.

Q. Didn't fire it ? A. No sir.

Q. They were beating him at the time ? A. Not actually beating him.

Q. Attacked him; possibly that prevented them ? A. Yes sir.

Q. They were about commencing when he drew that pistol ? A. Yes sir; I just seen the pistol and I said "I will get away or I might get shot.

Q. Did you see any knife there that night; anybody draw a knife ? A. Not that I can recollect.

Q. Do you know if Meaghan had a pistol on him that night ? A. I couldn't say.

Q. You didn't see him attempt to draw a pistol ? A. No sir.

Q. Or to draw a knife ? A. No sir.

Q. He had nothing in his hands at the time he was shoving King ? A. No sir, not that I seen.

Q. Was he a larger man ~~than~~ than King ? A. No



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sir; shorter, thickset.

Q. Had he any reputation as a fighter ? A. Kind  
of a one, Yes sir.

Q. Do you know any one he ever fought with ? A.  
Not in a prize fight.

Q. Sort of a rough and tumble ? A. What they call  
a "burly".

Q. Did you know him long ? A. I have known him  
for a number of years.

Q. You have stated all to me that you recollect ?

A. Yes sir.

*Sworn to before me } John B. Hickman  
this 30th day of May 1888 }  
J. H. Bouck  
Notary Public (46)  
N.Y. Co,*

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*Conf. of General Session  
of the Peace*

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF

NEW YORK,

*John B. Kirkwood  
District Attorney*

*against*

*Patrick H. King*

*Wassenaar*

*affidavit of*

*John B. Kirkwood*

JOHN R. FELLOWS,

DISTRICT ATTORNEY,

No. 32 CHAMBERS STREET,  
NEW YORK CITY.



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The People

vs.

Patrick H. King.

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City and County of New York SS:

John Logan being duly sworn, deposes and says:

Q I want you to tell me all that occurred the evening that Meeghan was shot, when you went into the saloon and who were there, what was done and what was said. Commence at the beginning when you got in there, who did you see, who went out, what took place and everything that you remember?

A I was standing at the bar drinking a glass of beer with Thomas Coakley, John Kirkwood and myself. Meagha came in and called for a glass of beer, went over to the end of the bar and talked to Mr. King, talked low I could not hear what he said. Then I heard Meaghan say: "I want it, and King, I believe, said: "he could not have it". Then Meeghan threw off his coat, grabbed Mr. King by the shoulders and pushed him behind the bar. With that I seen one of Meeghan's hands drop and the shot was fired.

Q What made Meaghan's hand drop?

A I don't know sir.

Q Who fired the shot?

A I believe Mr. King fired it.

Q Don't you know?

A I seen the pistol in his hand after the shot was



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fired.

Q You mean instantly?

A Yes sir.

Q Did you see him reach for the pistol?

A Yes sir.

Q How, under the bar?

A Yes sir.

Q At the time that he reached for the pistol Meaghan was shoving him?

A Yes sir; behind the bar.

Q He had both his hands upon King at the time that King reached for the pistol?

A No sir the hand was dropped, when King reached for the pistol.

Q Which hand?

A The right hand.

Q Was that on the outside or inside?

A On the inside.

Q When you say the outside was that to the back bar or to the front bar?

A To the back bar.

Q When Meaghan dropped his hand did he do anything?

A No sir.

Q Did not you see anything?

A No sir.

Q Didn't he drop his hand when he was shot?

A The instant before the shot was fired.

Q He had hold of King at the time he dropped his

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hand?

A Yes sir.

Q Took his hand off King ?

A Yes sir.

Q Kept his left hand on him?

A Yes sir.

Q What made him drop his hand?

A I don't know; it looked to me as if he was going to draw a revolver.

Q Did you hear him say anything?

A No sir.

Q When you say it looked to you as if he were going to draw a revolver, did he make a motion towards his pistol pocket?

A It looked that way.

Q Had he a revolver on him?

A I could not see, didn't see it.

Q Any words pass between them at the time he dropped his hands?

A No sir.

Q He dropped his hand the instant before the shot was fired?

A Yes sir.

Q But before he dropped his hand King had reached for the pistol?

A No sir; just after the hand was dropped.

Q After the hand was dropped?

A Just as the hand was dropped he reached for the pistol.



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Q He did at the same moment?

A Yes sir.

Q While Meaghan was dropping his hand, King was reaching for the pistol?

A Yes sir.

Q The two things occurred at the same time?

A I think Meaghan just had his hand down and Mr. King reached for the revolver then.

Q It took a very short space of time for King to get the revolver from where it was?

A Yes sir; it was done in a flash.

Q While King was getting the revolver from where it was didn't you see King cock the pistol?

A No sir.

Q Was Meaghan doing anything with his hand while King was getting the revolver?

A That was all I seen the hand drop.

Q When you saw the hand drop did he do anything with the hand?

A No sir; he made a motion to reach behind.

Q It remained there did it?

A No; I believe the shot was fired just the moment the hand was down, can't say whether it remained there, it didn't come up again.

Q After the shot was fired Meaghan left go of King and walked from behind the bar.

Q You didn't see him draw a pistol?

A No sir; didn't see him.



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Q Did you hear Meaghan say, "you son of a bitch, I will  
fix you"?

A No sir; I did not.

Q When Meaghan pushed King, did not King work himself  
towards where the pistol was under the bar?

A No sir.

Q He was pushed there ?

A Yes sir.

Q When he got to that point he stood?

A No; he went near the pistol, he was about a foot or  
so away from the pistol.

Q Reached over for it?

A Yes sir.

Q He was pushed from the end of the bar to this place?

A Yes sir.

Q Until he got within reach of the pistol?

A Yes sir.

Q Then he was not pushed any further?

A No sir.

Q All this time Meaghan hadn't struck him with his  
clenched fist?

A Knocked the pipe out of his mouth.

Q Did he knock it out once or twice?

A Twice.

Q Do you know if Meaghan had struck King with his shut  
fist?

A I would not exactly say; it looked that way when he

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made a drive for the pipe, as if he intended to strike him.

Q He hit the pipe only, didn't hit him in the face?

A No sir; not as I seen.

Q How many feet was it from where Meaghan commenced to push King to where King reached for the revolver?

A About three feet.

Q So that it didn't take very long from the time that Meaghan commenced to push until King drew the revolver?

A No sir, not long.

Q You say Meaghan had both his hands on King do you not?

A Yes sir.

Q When he commenced to push him ?

A Yes sir.

Q With both hands ?

A Yes sir.

Q And you say all at once Meaghan's hand fell to his side?

A Yes sir.

Q Did it fall down as if it was hurt?

A No sir; it was drawn down intentionally.

Q You and Coakley have been talking about this testimony have you not?

A No sir.

Q Then you had a conversation about it?

A No sir.

Q What did King say when Meaghan said, "You have shot



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me?"

A Said, "Yes, I did" I believe, or "I know it".

Q Do you remember giving your testimony before the  
Coroner's jury?

A Yes sir.

Q Do you remember this question being put to you:

"Q. Did Meehan take hold of King?"

A Yes sir.

Q Do you remember the answer?

A yes sir.

Q What was it?

"Q. He had hold of him by the two shoulders."

Q Did you say anything about Meehan's arm falling to  
his side?

A Yes sir.

Q Are you sure of that?

A Yes sir.

Q You know where that hand went when it dropped?

A Went to the side, more to the hip than on the side.

Q Do you remember saying this to the jury:

"Q. Did he make any attempt that you know of or  
do anything to lead you to believe he was going  
to draw a weapon?"

Q Do you remember that?

A Yes sir.

Q What was it?

A I think I said, "Yes".  
Sworn to before me this } John X Logan  
27<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1888. }  
Wm. H. Connelley, Notary Public, N.Y., Co.



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HOPE FOR THE FUTURE: THE CHALLENGE OF THE 21ST CENTURY

1. *Chlorophyll a* (mg/g dry weight) =  $\frac{12.7}{1000} \times \text{Absorbance at } 663 \text{ nm} \times \frac{1}{\text{Volume of sample in ml}}$

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1. The first group of variables, *demographic*, includes age, sex, and marital status. The second group, *education*, includes years of schooling, high school graduation, and college graduation. The third group, *employment*, includes employment status, occupation, and industry. The fourth group, *income*, includes household income and personal income. The fifth group, *health*, includes self-rated health, physical health, and mental health. The sixth group, *social*, includes social network, social support, and social participation. The seventh group, *psychological*, includes psychological distress, psychological well-being, and psychological resilience. The eighth group, *behavioral*, includes smoking, drinking, and exercise. The ninth group, *environmental*, includes neighborhood safety, neighborhood quality, and neighborhood resources. The tenth group, *policy*, includes public health policy, social policy, and environmental policy.

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1. *Chlorophyll a* and *Chlorophyll b* were determined by the method of Arar and Collins (1971) using a Shimadzu 1601 UV-Visible Spectrophotometer.

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1. *Phragmites* (common in the marshes of the lower Mississippi River and in the coastal marshes of the Gulf of Mexico).

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- Q. What was the intent if <sup>you</sup> he said yes?
- A It looked that way as if he was going to draw a revolver.
- Q Did you so explain to the jury?
- A Yes sir; I believe I did, I aint sure.
- Q Your answer here is "I saw his two hands on his shoulders and I saw one hand drop, I could not say where it went to". You don't say anything there about his attempting to draw a weapon?
- A I aint sure.
- Q You know what you swore to?
- A I think I said it went at the side, but I aint sure.
- Q No, you didn't say so or it would be here? You said, "I could not see where it went". Was that true when you swore to that?
- A Yes sir; I guess it was.
- Q You can't say where is hand went.?
- A I only know it fell down towrds his side?
- Q And your idea that his hand went towards his pistol pocket simply came out of your own mind?
- A Yes sir.
- Q You can't swear that the man meant to draw a pistol?
- A No sir.
- Q You simply saw his hand fall ?
- A Yes sir.
- Q You don't want to tell a lie about the dead do you?
- A No sir.



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Q Did you all see that hand drop ?

A I don' t know I seen it. I believe we all did see it.

Q Who was the first person you told that you saw his hand drop ?

A The first person was the Coroner, I guess.

Q Who else ?

A And the jury.

Q Who else?

A That is all sir , I guess.

Q Didn't you and Cookley talk about it?

A Not that I remember, no sir.

Q You know what took place, you ought to remember that if it took place?

A No sir.

Q Did you tell it in the police Court station that you saw his hand drop ?

A No sir.

Q You ahd better be careful there is such a thing as perjury, and State Prison, youn man?

A I know that sir.

Q There is such a thing as that and we had the pleasue of sending one man this week to State Prison for perjury, and you must be careful to simply tell the truth and nothing but the truth. I don't believe that man's hand dropped from his shoulder?

A Yes sir, I seen it.

Q One of your people who was there, says it didn't?

A I seen it.



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Q It was after he was shot that it dropped?

A No sir; before.

Q How can you explain that if his hand dropped from his shoulder, then King reached for the revolver, over the bar didn't he?

A Yes sir.

Q And while he was reaching for the revolver this hand remained by Meaghan's side didn't it?

A Yes sir.

Q And he didn't do anything with it.

A No sir.

Q This man had time to draw a revolver, take it out and fire it?

A Yes sir.

Q Did you see a knife at all that night?

A No sir.

Q Nobody draw a knife?

A No sir.

Q Nobody say anything about a knife ?

A No sir.

Q Do you know Smith?

A I know him by sight.

Q Was he there?

A No sir; I didn't see him.

Q Did you ever speak to him before?

A Only just, Helloo.

Q He has been to see you has he?

A No sir; has not been.

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Q. Have you ever met him except at the Coroner's Jury ? A. Yes sir; I live opposite him.

Q. Have you ever been talking to him about this case ? A. No sir.

Q. You know whether he was in there that night or not ? A. I didn't see him there.

Q. If he had been there you would have seen him would you not ? A. I don't know; I was excited.

Q. At the time Meaghan left to go behind the bar you say there were only five persons in the store ? A. That is all I saw.

Q. It is a very small store ? A. Yes sir; it is a small store.

Q. About the size of a full lot ? A. About that I guess.

Q. There is a hall in the center of the tenement and half a store on each side ? A. Yes sir.

Q. There is not much distance between the bar and the wall ? A. Very narrow.

Q. Not more than four or five feet ? A. Not more than that

Q. Is there any partition between this place and the door, from where you were standing ? A. No sir.

Q. You can go right around ? A. Yes sir.

Q. If any one came in the door you could see him come in ? A. Yes sir.

Q. Was there any person standing here while this pushing was going on, in front of the bar ? A. No sir; I believe we were standing at the place there,



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the three of us, Coakley, Kirkwood and me.

Q. Did you see any persons down here ? A. No sir.

Q. Is there any way of getting into the bar room down here ? A. There is a door leading from the hallway.

Q. Did you see any person standing down here ? A. No sir.

Q. Did you see any persons come into the bar room through the door ? A. No sir.

Q. The whole thing took only a few minutes ? A. Yes sir.

Q. When Meaghan said, "Patsy you have shot me" what did King say ? A. Said "Yes I did."

Q. Is that all he said ? A. That is all, yes sir

Q. Then Meaghan came out and leaned his arms on the bar ? A. Yes sir.

Q. Then went to the back room ? A. I didn't see him go to the back room

Q. Didn't you see King put the pistol away after he had fired the shot ? A. Seen it in his hand after the shot was fired; I think he put it back where he had it before.



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*Court of General Session  
of the Peace*

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF  
NEW YORK

*[Signature]*  
*against*

*Patrick W. King*

*Manalang Allen*

*Affidavit of  
John Logan*

JOHN R. FELLOWS,

DISTRICT ATTORNEY,

No. 32 CHAMBERS STREET,  
NEW YORK CITY.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK,

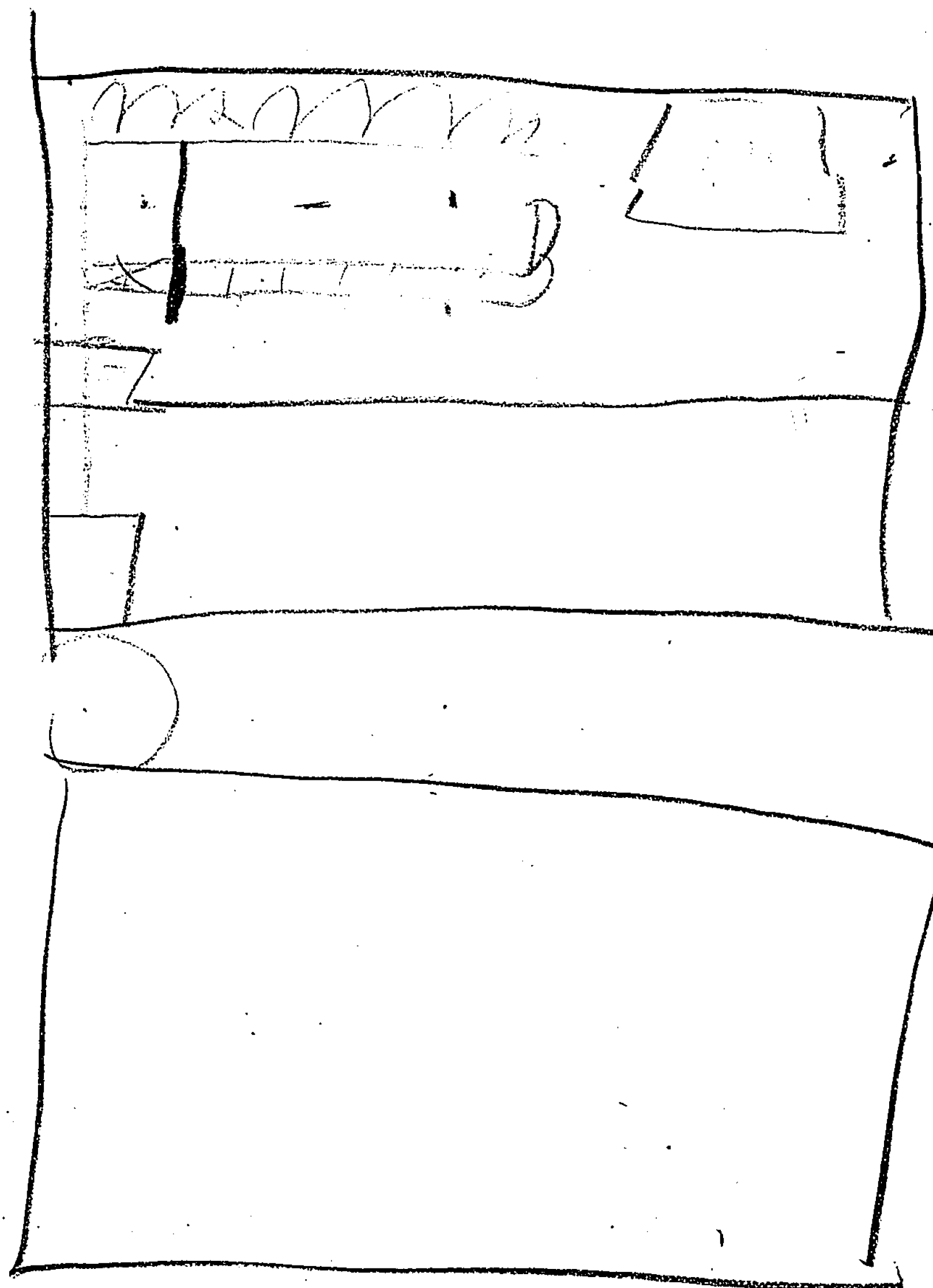
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STATE OF NEW YORK,

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, ss:

AN INQUISITION.

Taken at the Coroners Office

No. 67 Park Ave Street, in the 4 Ward of the City of  
New York, in the County of New York, this 6th day of February  
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and 88 before

JOHN R. NUGENT, Coroner,  
of the City and County aforesaid, on view of the Body of Patrick Meegan

now lying dead at

Upon the Oaths and Affirmations of  
Five good and lawful men of the State of New York, duly chosen and  
sworn, or affirmed and charged to inquire, on behalf of said people, how and in what manner  
the said Patrick Meegan came to his death, do upon  
their Oaths and Affirmations, say: That the said Patrick Meegan  
came to his death by

General Peritonitis from

Pistol shot wound of intestines inflicted by a pistol in the hands of  
Patrick H. King at 413 W. 26th St. on Jan'y. 30/88 about 7.30 PM.  
We are of the opinion that the evidence tends to justify the action of the  
said Patrick H. King, but there are some doubts whether he was not  
over-hasty and therefore not fully justifiable.

In Witness Whereof, We, the said Jurors, as well as the CORONER, have to this Inquisition  
set our hands and seals, on the day and place aforesaid.

JURORS.

William A. Brown  
872 6th Ave

Jo. H. W. 882 6 Ave

W. H. Stanley 853 6th Ave

William J. Daly 200 1st Ave

J. J. Deane

John P. Carver  
871 6th Ave

John J. 883 6th Ave

E. W. Lagervoth 8356th Ave

D. Smith 819 7th Ave

John R. Nugent  
CORONER, E. S.

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TESTIMONY.

*William O'Meara*

M. D. being duly sworn, says:

I have made an autopsy

of the body of

*Patrick Neegan*

now lying dead at

*my Hospital*

and from such

*examination*

and history of the case, as per testimony, I am of opinion the cause of death is

*General Peritonitis  
from fatal stab wound of intestines*

*William O'Meara*

M. D.

Sworn to before me,

this

/

day of *February* 1888

*Geo Ruggen*

CORONER.

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MEMORANDA.

AGE			PLACE OF NATIVITY	WHERE FOUND	Date When Reported
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AN INQUISITION

On the VIEW of the BODY of

*Frank Morgan*

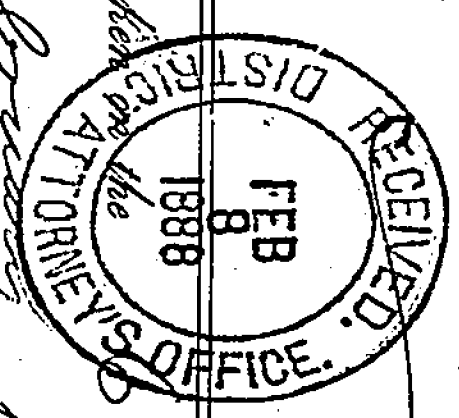
whereby it is found that he came to his death by

*General*

*Perforation from*

*Cholera about noon*

*as indicated.*



*Request taken on the day of February 1888 before*  
JOHN R. NUGENT, CORONER.

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# STATE OF NEW YORK.

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, SS.

## AN ANTE-MORTEM INQUISITION,

Taken at *New York Hospital*

No.

Street, in the

Ward of the City of

New York, in the County of New York, this *20* day of *January*  
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and *88* before

*John R. Nugent* Coroner,  
of the City and County aforesaid, on view of the Body of *Patrick Meagan*

at

*Sent* Upon the Oaths and Affirmations of  
good and lawful men of the State of New York, duly chosen and  
sworn, or affirmed and charged to inquire, on behalf of said people, how and in what manner the said  
*Patrick Meagan* was injured, do

upon their Oaths and Affirmations, say: That the said *Patrick Meagan*

is suffering from Pistol shot wounds of abdomen inflicted  
with a pistol in the hands of *Patrick H. King* at 413 W  
26<sup>th</sup> St. on Jan'y, 30/88 about 8 P.M.

In Witness Whereof, We, the said Jurors, as well as the CORONER, have to this Inquisition  
set our hands and seals, on the day and place aforesaid.

JURORS.

*A. S. Dreyfus 95 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> St.*

*E. J. Steel 150 N. Y. Hospital*

*J. J. Curtis M.D. 35 W. 35 St*

*P. J. Kunkel M.D. 160 Chambers St*

*Harry Coggeshall M.D. 63 W. 36 St.*

*John Connor New York Hospital*

CORONER, J. S.

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City and County of New York, ss.

Statement of Patrick Mcgahan now lying  
dangerously wounded at St of Hospital in the 15<sup>th</sup> Ward  
of said City and County, on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of January 1888

Question—What is your name?

Answer—

Patrick Mcgahan

Question—Where do you live?

435 W 56<sup>th</sup> New York

Answer—

Question—Do you now believe that you are about to die?

Answer—

I don't think so

Question—Have you any hope of recovery from the effects of the injury you have received?

Answer—

I hope so

Question—Are you willing to make a true statement, how, and in what manner, you came by the injury from which you are now suffering?

Answer— yes: — About 8 o'clock tonight, I was in Patrick King's liquor store, 413 W 26<sup>th</sup>, when a gentleman came in, who lives opposite, I don't know his name; he owns trucks. He began to treat the company present, and did so several times. He retired to the water closet. I looked down, and saw a bill on the floor. I picked it up and saw it was a five dollar bill. The proprietor asked me what it was, and I told him it was a five dollar bill. He said, give it to me, but I refused and put the bill in my pocket. The gentleman's wife then came in and took him away. I never saw him before, and do not know him, except by report as a truck owner. When he left, I asked all present to have a drink, and gave the five dollar bill in payment. I received my change at first but asked the proprietor for the change he gave me two dollars — that will do

you now & don't forget to pay me that  
back; I went out and went to Mr. Rooney  
Liquor store, 9<sup>th</sup> Ave & 16<sup>th</sup> St when I spent the  
rest of the money. I called back again to King  
store, after 8 o'clock. I don't know the exact  
time. I asked King for more of the money &  
but he refused, saying "you shall get nothing."  
I said what do you mean, and got excited, throw-  
ing off my coat, and said oh go show! I  
don't know this. I took hold of him by the car-  
pet jacket. Whereupon he drew a pistol  
and fired at me, wounding me in  
the abdomen. We never had a quarrel  
before; on the contrary we were quite  
intimate. I said "Pat, you have shot  
me". He replied, "I don't care if I have  
killed you." There were three other persons  
in the store, at the time, but I know the name  
of only one, John Connolly -

(Signed) Patrick J. Mcorgan  
New York



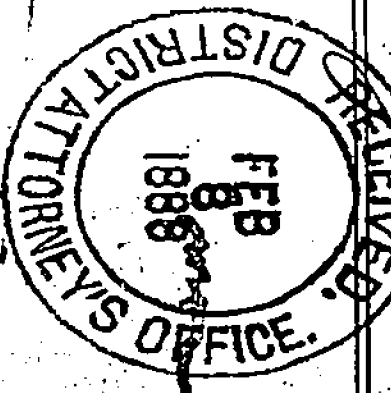
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MEMORANDA.

AGE.			PLACE OF NATIVITY.	WHERE FOUND.
25	Years.	Months.	Days.	
			US	New York Hospital

Committed  
Dated  
Discharged



John D. McArthur  
Coroner.

Taken on the 30th day  
of January 1888  
before

Derrick H. King

whereby it is found that he was  
injured by

Patrick McKeegan

On the view of the body of 190/88

AN ANTE-MORTEM INQUISITION

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The New York Court  
of General Sessions

May 29, 1888

The People vs

= vs =

Patrick H. King

It is hereby consented  
that the formal testimony of Dr. Steel given  
by him before the Coroner may be read to  
the jury <sup>on the trial of</sup> this case ~~empaneled on that date~~  
~~above written~~

John M. Bradley  
Deft's atty

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People

to

Patrick H. King

Consent to read

testimony



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The People :  
vs. : Manslaughter.  
Patrick H. King. :  
-----X

City and County of New York ss.

Thomas Coakley being duly sworn deposes and  
says:Q

Q. You reside at 14 West 26th St. ? A. I did  
then but now now.

Q. Where now ? A. 360 I believe; it is a furnished  
room I have got.

Q. What street ? A. West 26th St., the first  
high stoop as you go off Ninth Avenue; am not sure about  
the number.

Q. West of Ninth Avenue ? A. Yes sir.

Q. On the down town side ? A. Yes sir; I can be  
found at Lyall's Mills, 541 West 23d Street.

Q. You knew Patrick Meaghan ? A. Yes sir.

Q. And you know Patrick H. King ? A. Yes sir.

Q. Were you present when this shooting occurred ?  
A. Yes sir.

Q. Just tell me in your own way everything about  
that; who were there, and just tell me as if you were not  
speaking to a lawyer at all; everything that occurred  
so far as you know and saw? A. This evening that I went  
in there, I went in I guess it was about half past six.

Q. To King's liquor store ? A. Yes sir, I went in  
there to have a drink of beer coming home from work, and  
a friend of mine, John Logan, asked me and Mr. Kirkwood  
to have a drink. We had a drink and then this Patsy

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Meaghan came in and John Logan asked him to have a drink. He had a flat of ale. When he drank that he and Mr. King got quarreling about something, couldn't tell what. I was working all day.

Q. Couldn't you hear the words? A. I heard them say "Yes you will" "No I won't," but I couldn't tell what it was about.

Q. It was across the bar? A. Then they got quarreling; Meaghan went around behind the bar and grabbed Mr. King.

Q. When they were quarreling where were they, about half way the bar or were they near the end of the bar?

A. I guess it was pretty near half way the bar; it is only a six or seven foot bar.

Q. Were you and Logan and Kirkwood standing on the window side? A. On the window side; the bar comes around like..

Q. And you were standing on the window side? A. Yes sir.

Q. So that when Meaghan went around behind the bar he hadn't to pass you? A. No sir.

Q. He started to go behind the bar; did he go hurriedly? A. Yes sir; he said "I want it." Mr. King said "No you won't get it." So then he chucked his overcoat off.

Q. Who did? A. Mr. Meaghan.

Q. Was he behind the bar when he chucked his coat off? A. He chucked it off and ran from behind the bar.



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Q. When King said "You can't get it," then Meaghan ran out, took off one overcoat and ran back again? A. Yes sir, just so he could get room enough to take it off and went back again and grabbed Mr. King by the two shoulders and says "I'll Have it anyhow." Says King, "No, you won't." He says "Yes I will," and knocked the pipe out of his mouth. Mr. King said nothing and picked it up again.

Q. Clay pipe? A. Wooden pipe.

Q. Did he make a blow at his face? A. Merely went like that, making a swipe.

Q. Could you say whether he meant to strike him in the face or tried to knock the pipe out of his mouth? A. Tried to make a pass at the pipe. Mr. King picked the pipe up and put it in his mouth and he knocked it out again.

Q. When King stooped down for the pipe was Meaghan standing over him? A. Yes sir, he picked the pipe up.

Q. King picked the pipe up and then Meaghan struck at the pipe again? A. Yes sir.

Q. Wouldn't it strike you that if Meaghan meant to hit him that he would have hit him? A. Couldn't tell, he picked it up so quick, and says "Hold on, Patsy, you are going too far." He says "No I aint going too far." Then he knocked the pipe out again; then they got tussling behind the bar and the pistol went off.

Q. When he knocked the pipe out of his mouth again did King stoop for it? A. No sir, not the second time;



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they got tussling.

Q. They got hold ? A. Yes sir.

Q. You saw them when they got hold ? A. Yes sir.

Q. Where were their hands as far as you can recollect ? A. On the shoulders.

Q. Each of them ? A. No sir, King's weren't.

Q. Where were his ? A. I couldn't say.

Q. You saw Meaghan's ? A. Yes sir, on his shoulders.

Q. Did they fall ? A. No sir; just tussled.

Q. While they were tussling the pistol went off ?

A. No, Meaghan dropped one hand then the pistol went off.

Q. Meaghan dropped one hand and after that the pistol went off; did you see the pistol ? A. I seen it afterwards.

Q. Before the pistol went off did you see the pistol ? A. No sir.

Q. You were standing right there ? A. It was under the bar; it was pulled so quick; the two were at the bar.

Q. Was the pistol pulled off the bar ? A. From under it.

Q. It was under the bar ? A. Yes sir.

Q. Did you see it ? A. I couldn't see him pull it, but that is where he keeps it.

Q. Did you ever see the pistol there before ? A. Yes sir.

Q. Near this place where they were struggling ? A. Yes sir.

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Q. Did you hear the pistol shot go off before Meaghan dropped one of his hands ? A. No sir it was just as he dropped the hand the pistol went off.

Q. Instantaneous, at the same time ? A. No sir, he just dropped his hand and the pistol went off.

Q. Do you know what he dropped his hand for ? A. I couldn't say.

Q. Didn't they say anything when they were struggling ? A. King says "Your'e a better man than I am but I won't give it to you."

Q. King had his right side to the bar where you were standing, you were standing at the bar ? A. The right side.

Q. Was the barroom in the middle of the block ? A. Yes sir, on the uptown side.

Q. On which side of the room is the bar, is it on the west or east side ? A. The west side.

Q. So that King had his right side to <sup>you</sup> ~~xxxxxx~~ ? A. Yes sir.

Q. And Meaghan had his left side to you ? A. Yes sir.

Q. Which hand did Meaghan drop ? A. The right.

Q. The one next the back bar ? A. Yes sir.

Q. Do you know why he dropped it ? A. Couldn't say —it went down and the shot ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ went off.

Q. You say the moment the hand went down the shot went off ? A. Yes sir.

Q. Up to the time that you Meaghan drop his hand

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did you see King do anything with his hand ? A. No sir.

Q. Up to this time you saw Meaghan with his two hands upon King's shoulders ? A. Yes sir.

Q. Shaking him as it were ? A. Yes sir.

Q. Where had King his hands up to the time the shot went off ? A. He didn't have his hands on Meaghan at all.

Q. Where were they ? A. By his side, one was up to his face, can't say where.

Q. His right hand was down ? A. Yes.

Q. Where was the pistol kept, under the bar or at the back bar ? A. Under the bar.

Q. The front bar where the water is ? A. Yes sir.

Q. Was it on a shelf ? A. Laid in a little box.

Q. About opposite where they were struggling ?  
A. Yes sir.

Q. Laid in a cigar box ? A. Yes sir.

Q. And you had seen the pistol before in that position ? A. Yes sir.

Q. Did you ever hear King say anything about having it there ? A. No sir.

Q. How did you see it ? A. When I was behind the bar.

Q. You have been behind the bar ? A. Yes sir.

Q. Did you ever say anything to anybody about it ?  
A. No sir.

Q. His hand went down, you didn't see his fingers working the trigger ? A. No sir.



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Q. You heard the shot ? A. Yes sir.

Q. What took place ? A. Meaghan just chucked his hand off King's shoulder and says "You have shot me Paddy."

Q. "Paddy"? A. Yes sir.

Q. And then what occurred ? A. Says King, "I know I have, it is your own fault," and he walked from behind around the bar to the front of the bar ~~xxxxxxx~~ to the front.

Q. Who did ? A. Meaghan.

Q. To where you were standing ? A. No, right about where they were struggling.

Q. Did you see King after Meaghan said "You shot me Paddy"; did you see him doing anything with the pistol as if putting it back ? A. He just left it on the back bar.

Q. Was it smoking ? A. I couldn't say, I was excited.

Q. You saw him put the pistol on the back bar ? A. Yes sir.

Q. What did he do when Meaghan came around and leaned on the bar ? A. Nothing only sent out for an officer.

Q. Whom did he send ? A. Some young fellow.

Q. Is he here ? A. No sir.

Q. Was the young fellow in the store during all this time ? A. No sir there were only three of us.

Q. How did he come to get this young fellow to go for the officer ? A. He came in after the shooting.

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Q. What did he say when he sent him ? A. He said  
"Go and get the officer on the post.

Q. Did he tell him what for ? A. No sir.

Q. Meaghan was lying on the bar at this time ? A.  
Yes sir; when the officer came in he was in the back  
room.

Q. How did he come to get in the back room ? A.  
Walked in.

Q. Q. Where was he shot ? A. In the groin.

Q. Did you see blood or anything ? A. No sir.

Q. Did you see Meaghan searched; was he searched  
there ? A. No sir.

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Q. Did you ~~xxx~~ Meaghan had a pistol ? A. No sir,  
not that ~~xxxxxxx~~ night.

Q. Did you see him have a knife ? A. No sir.

Q. Was there a knife behind the bar ? A. I can't  
say about that.

Q. Did you see one ? A. No sir.

Q. Can you tell why Meaghan's hand went down that  
way ? A. I can't tell.

Q. Didn't his hand go down immediately when the  
shot was fired ? A. Right before the shot.

Q. Which hand was it ? A. The right hand.

Q. The one next to the back bar, the inside ? ~~xx~~.  
The inside ? A. Yes sir.

Q. Is there an ale pump there ? A. No it is under  
the bar.

Q. Mirror there behind the bar ? A. Yes sir.



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Q. Could you see Meaghan's hand when it fell, dropped ? A. I could see it fall off King's shoulder.

Q. And immediately you heard the shot ? A. Yes sir.

Q. Before you heard the shot, did you see King's right hand moving under the bar ? A. No sir, I couldn't say how he ever got the pistol.

Q. When Meaghan said "Paddy you have shot me" did King say he wished he had killed him or something? A. No sir.

Q. Did you ever hear anybody say that King said "I am sorry I didn't kill you."? A. No sir.

Q. Have you been talking to King since ? A. Well, I have been talking to him.

Q. You go into his place ? A. Yes sir.

Q. Drink freely there ? A. Yes sir.

Q. And you have talked over this matter ? A. No sir, never a word about it.

Q. You have talked with some people about it ? A. Very little words.

Q. You have talked to some one about it ? A. They have asked me about it, and I would just tell them it would be all right; just pass it off.

Q. Who were in the bar room at this time ? A. Only three of us, five of us altogether.

Q. You remember testifying before the Coroner's jury ? A. Yes sir.

Q. Did you state before the Coroner's jury that King



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said "Yes I shot you, it is your own fault."? A. Yes sir, he said, "Yes I know I shot you."

Q. "It is your own fault," did he say that? A. I can't say.

Q. You remember what took place pretty well, don't you? A. Yes sir.

Q. And the thing was fresh in your mind when you testified before the Coroner's jury? A. Yes sir.

Q. When you say now that King said "It is your own fault" or "It is your own fault," don't you know whether he said those words or not? A. I know that Mr. King said, "Yes, I know I shot you."

Q. You won't say that he said it is your own fault? A. I can't say that I remember.

Q. Is it a fact that your testimony before the Coroner's jury "Yes I did" is all there is of it? Yes sir.

Q. He didn't say "It is your own fault"? A. No sir.

Q. Are you sure as to the number of persons that were in the store? A. Five of us altogether.

Q. Tell us the five? A. Me, Mr. Logan, Kirkwood, King, and Meaghan.

Q. That is outside of King and Meaghan there were three? A. Yes sir.

Q. You are sure there was nobody else there? A. Quite sure.

Q. Do you know Herman Smith? A. I know him, yes-

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sir.

Q. Was he there ? A. No sir, I can't remember seeing him there.

Q. Did you see him that night at all ? A. No sir, I didn't see him that night at all.

Q. You and Kirkwood and Logan were there ? A. Yes sir.

Q. Did you go in there by yourself ? A. Yes sir.

Q. You went in there by yourself ? A. Yes sir.

Q. Who were there when you went in ? A. Kirkwood and Logan.

Q. Did Meaghan come in after ? A. Yes sir, came in after.

Q. Do you remember what sort of a cap he had on ?  
A. A furry hat.

Q. Did you see Rreen there ? A. No sir; he was there i believe in the afternoon.

Q. You didn't see him at all ? A. No sir.

Q. What time did you go in there ? A. Half past six.

Q. And when you went in there Kirkwood and Logan were there before you ? A. Yes sir.

Q. You went in by yourself ? A. Yes sir.

Q. And after that Meaghan went in there ? A. Yes sir.

Q. Nobody else was in there ? A. No sir.

Q. Anybody come in with Meaghan ? A. No sir.

Q. Where was King when you went in the store ? A.



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King was behind the bar.

Q Had he his coat off? A Yes sir.

Q Were the two men your friends who were in there before you went in, were they drinking before you went in? A No sir, they was not drinking. As I walked in I said, what will we have to drink?

Q Was King in his shirt sleeves? A Yessir.

Q In his bare head? A Yes sir.

Q When Meaghan came in did Meaghan go right up to where you three were standing? A Yes sir.

Q Didn't go to the end of the bar? A No sir.

Q You were standing at the middle of the bar?

A Yes sir.

Q You got into conversation with Meaghan? A No sir. Mr Logan asked him to have a drink and he said yes.

Q Logan said "Paddy will you have a drink"?

A Yes sir.

Q What did Meaghan say? A "Yes, I will; I will have a flat of beer".

Q He drank the ale? A Yes sir.

Q Then after he drank the ale what did he do?

A He went and spoke to King about something.

Q At the end of the bar? A Yes, caught him down at the end of the bar. King says, "no you wont" and then they got quarrelling.

Q Did you hear Meaghan say he would like to have something? A No sir; I could not say. They whispered together and King says, "no you wont".



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Q Did you see King put his hand upon his breast pocket when they were talking at the end of the bar?

A No sir.

Q Pull out his pocketbook? A No sir.

Q Did you see King offer him any money? A No sir.

Q Did you watch them there? A Yes sir.

Q And if King had done so you would have seen him?

A Yes sir.

Q You are positive he didn't offer Meaghan two dollars? A Yes sir didn't offer him any money.

Q Was Meaghan drunk? A Yes sir.

Q Pretty drunk? A Yes sir.

Q Quarrelsome? A Yes sir.

Q Did the pipe fall on the floor or on the bar?

A Yes sir; the second time it fell on the bar, the first time on the floor.

Q Did you hear him say to King when he ran in behind the bar, "You son of a bitch, you or me for it".?

A No sir; don't remember hearing him say that.

Q Did you hear Meeghan say, "You son of a bitch I will fix you"? A No sir.

Q You say when he fired the revolver, you saw him lay back the revolver on the back bar? A Yes sir.

Q When Meeghan walked around in front of the bar did he unloosen his pants? A Yes.

Q Says "Pat you shot me"? A Yes sir.

Q Did you hear King say: "I know I have; but it is your own fault"?

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A Can't say about your own fault; he says, "I know I have Pat".

Q Is there anything that you wish to add now to what you have told me? A No sir.

Q That is all about you saw, all about you heard?

A That is all.

Q Did you ever hear anyone say that <sup>Meaghan</sup> ~~King~~ had a knife? A. No sir, only that Smith said he had at the Coroner's jury, but I didn't see him.

Q You heard Smith say so? A Yes sir; but I can't say nothing about that.

Q Were you present at the whole thing? A. Yes sir.

Q And the whole transaction didn't occupy many minutes? A. Three to five minutes.

Q You are pretty sure that during all that time nobody came into the store? A Pretty sure.

*Sworn to before me this } Thomas X Oakley  
29<sup>th</sup> day of May 1888 } his mark*

Court of General Session.

The People &c.

<sup>Appl</sup>  
Patrick McKeig  
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Sir Please to take notice  
that in the Annexed  
Affidavit of Deph &  
in all the proceedings  
herin & will move  
the Court at Part 2.  
at the opening thereof  
on Friday next to the 18th of  
July a return of  
bail herin

Respectfully  
A. H. Hardy  
of Counsel

L. Han John R. Fellows  
Dist atty



C O U R T   o f   G E N E R A L   S E S S I O N S .

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The People &c,

against

P a t r i c k   H .   K i n g .

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CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.   ss.

PATRICK H. KING, being duly sworn says:

That he is a resident of the City of New York, and has been  
for *thirty* years, last past; that he has a family consisting  
of a wife and *two* children; for the last *fifteen* years  
he has been engaged in business in the City of New York,  
and is still so engaged.

That in January, 1888, he was arrested, charged with  
the killing of one PATRICK MEAGAN; that the inquest on the  
body of the said Meagan was held by the coroner, and after  
all the evidence in the case had been submitted, the Jury  
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The Jury in their verdict said "The evidence tends  
to justify the action of said P. H. King, but there is some  
doubts whether he was not over hasty, and therefore not ful-  
ly justified".

Subsequently, and on the 30th day of January, 1888,  
deponent was indicted by the grand Jury for man-slaughter  
in the first degree, and it was arranged as deponent is in-  
formed by his counsel, with the district attorney, that  
Bail in the sum of Twenty-five hundred dollars would be ac-  
cepted.

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That during the period of about two months, deponent has remained incarcerated in the Tombs and during that time his wife and friends have made every effort to secure his release on said Bail of Twenty-five hundred Dollars, but have been unable to do so.

Deponent's wife ~~wife~~ during his incarceration, has been conducting his business as well as she could; but the business is suffering greatly because of deponent's imprisonment.

Deponent has no intention of leaving this jurisdiction, but his wife, his family, and his business, all being here, and he having no fears but that on a trial he will be able to entirely justify himself from said charge, he asks that the Bail herein may be reduced to such sum as he can give in order that he may be released and prepare himself for his trial when it shall be called, and also attend to his business and his family in the meantime. Deponent believes that he is able to furnish the sum of One Thousand Dollars and no more for his appearance.

W H E R E F O R E by reason of the premises, he prays the Court to fix his said bail in said sum of One Thousand Dollars,

Sworn and subscribed, :

this 13<sup>th</sup> day of March, :

1888, before me, :

*Patrick H. King*

*Herbert F. Andrews,*  
*Notary Public,*  
*N.Y. Co.*



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Court of General Sessions, City and County of New York.

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The People &c.,

vs.

: Notice of Motion.  
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Patrick H. King,-----x  
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To John R. Fellows, Esq.,

District Attorney,

Dear Sir,

Please take notice that on Monday, the second day of April 1888, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard, at a Court of General Sessions to be held in and for the City and County of New York at the Court House No. 32 Chambers street in the City of New York, Part Three of the said Court, upon the affidavit of which a copy is hereto annexed, and upon all the papers heretofore filed and the proceedings heretofore had herein, I shall move that the above-named defendant be discharged upon his own undertaking and recognizance.

Dated the 31st day of March 1888.

Yours respectfully,

Abraham Suydam,

Of Counsel for Defendant.

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 vs. : Affidavit.  
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 Patrick H. King. :

Abraham Lyman.

Jas. W. McLaughlin,  
Notary Public,  
N.Y.C.

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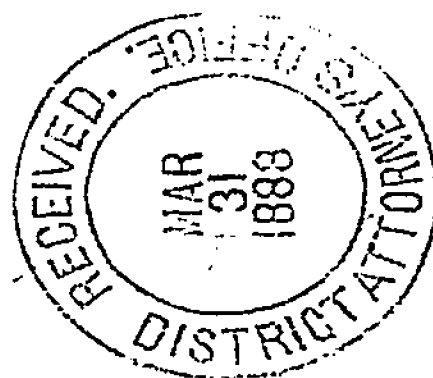
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A. SUYDAM,  
Counsellor at Law,  
32 WARREN STREET,  
NEW YORK CITY.

Of Counsel for Defendant.



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Court of General Sessions.

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    Appt. }  
Patrick H. King. }

Sir Please to take notice  
that in the annexed affidavit  
of Dep't. and on all the  
proceedings herein. I will  
move the Court at  
Part 2 on Friday Mch.  
16<sup>th</sup> at the opening thereof  
for a reduction of bail  
herein.

A. J. Purdy  
of Counsel.

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That during the period of about two months, deponent has remained incarcerated in the Tombs and during that time his wife and friends have made every effort to secure his release on said Bail of Twenty-five hundred Dollars, but have been unable to do so.

Deponent's wife ~~xxx~~ during his incarceration, has been conducting his business as well as she could; but the business is suffering greatly because of deponent's imprisonment.

Deponent has no intention of leaving this jurisdiction, but his wife, his family, and his business, all being here, and he having no fears but that on a trial he will be able to entirely justify himself from said charge, he asks that the Bail herein may be reduced to such sum as he can give in order that he may be released and prepare himself for his trial when it shall be called, and also attend to his business and his family in the meantime. Deponent believes that he is able to furnish the sum of One Thousand Dollars and no more for his appearance.

W H E R E F O R E by reason of the premises, he prays the Court to fix his said bail in said sum of One Thousand Dollars,

Sworn and subscribed,  
this 13<sup>th</sup> day of March,  
1888, before me,

*Patrick H. King*

*Herbert L. Andrews*  
*Notary Public*



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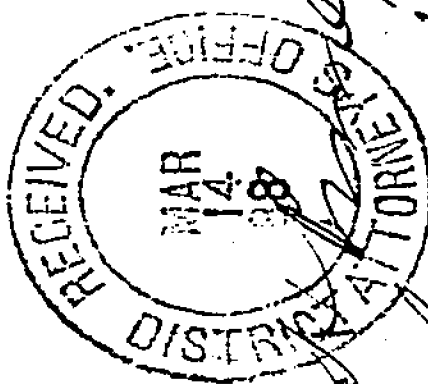
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New York May 12 '88

To Dist. Atty. Fellows

Hon. Sir

Will you let me know when  
Patrick ~~H~~ Kings trial comes  
on? He killed my son  
Patrick <sup>(Mugan)</sup> on the 38<sup>th</sup> of Jan.  
1888. I did not know he  
was out on bail till a  
few days ago. He says  
he will never come to  
trial. I was not notified  
of his arrangement or  
what he was indicted  
for. I had a conversation  
with my son the day  
before he died in the  
N. Y. Hospital. I do not  
know where to go to get

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Patrick Wiegman  
was shot by Patrick  
H. King on the 30<sup>th</sup>  
January and died on  
the 1<sup>st</sup> of February  
in the N. Y. Hospital.

Justice. Will you kindly  
inform me. The  
murdered man was  
all the child I had.  
It was a cold blooded  
murder and leaves me  
a childless old widow  
ed mother.

Respectfully yours  
Mrs Ellen Wiegman  
435 West 56<sup>th</sup> St



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New York Hospital,

West Fifteenth Street,

New York,

Feb 1 1888

Patience Meegan admitted  
here Jan 30. 1888 suffering  
from Pistol shot wound of  
Abdomen died at 6.53 o'clock  
this morning

Geo D Lusk

Supt

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New York Hospital,

West Fifteenth Street,

New York,

Jan 31 1888

8.45 Am

Pat. Meagher is a  
patient at this hospital  
suffering from a penetrating  
pistol shot wound of  
the abdomen. His  
condition is critical.

E. J. Stett



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

POLICE COURT,

DISTRICT.

of No.

300 West 22<sup>d</sup>

John B. Kirkwood  
age 24 Chamber-  
Street, being duly sworn, deposes and

says that on the

30<sup>th</sup>

day of

January

1888.

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

at premises No. 413.

West 26<sup>th</sup> Street  
Patrick King (nowhere) did  
feloniously, willfully, and intentionally  
and from a premeditated and  
deliberate design - to effect the  
death of one Patrick Meagher -  
did willfully, from and with  
discharge one shot from a revolving  
pistol then and there held in the  
hands of the said King at the foot  
of the said Meagher the ball from  
said pistol entering the body of  
the said Meagher in or near the  
abdomen - causing injuries from  
which the said Meagher died  
on the first day of February, 1888 at  
the New York Hospital as set forth  
in the annexed Certificate  
Department further says that he saw the  
said King discharge said pistol  
at Meagher. When he was advised that  
John Avery from said Meagher was  
opposed to said shooting the said King  
and Meagher took some <sup>angry</sup> words  
together and from a five dollar bill -  
Department therefore prays that the said King  
may be dealt with as the law directs  
Sworn to before me  
This 1<sup>st</sup> day of February 1888  
John B. Kirkwood  
M. J. Riddle  
Police Justice



Police Court  
Second District

The People vs  
John B. Kirkwood

Patrick King

John J. Logan being duly sworn  
deposes and says: - I am 19  
years old. I live at No 331  
West 26th Street. I am a  
wall paper maker. I was  
present in the saloon at No  
413 West Twenty Sixth Street  
on Monday January 30 1888  
when Patrick Heaphan was shot  
by Patrick King. The first  
I heard of any difficulty between  
the two was when I was drinking  
with Thomas Coakley and John  
B. Kirkwood. Heaphan came  
in and called for a flat of  
ale, and got it from King who  
was behind the bar, and Heaphan  
drank the ale. Then King and  
Heaphan got talking. The  
first words I heard were  
when Heaphan said "I want

it King. The first words I  
heard King say were "You  
cannot have it" After that  
the first I saw of the fight was  
that Meaghan threw off his  
coat, and grabbed King by  
the shoulder. Then they kept  
pulling one another. Meaghan  
took a pipe out of King's  
mouth. King put the pipe in  
his mouth again and Meaghan  
knocked it out again. Then  
King said "Stop" Then I heard  
a shot fired. I did not see  
the shot fired but I saw the  
pistol<sup>in</sup> King's hand a moment  
after the shooting. I heard  
Meaghan say "You shot me  
Pat" And I heard King  
say "I know it"

John Logan

Known to before me this  
1st day of February 1884  
Wm. H. Helder  
Police Justice

Police Court  
Second District

The People vs  
John B. Kirkwood

Patrick King

Thomas Coakley, being duly sworn deposes and says. I am 21 years old. I live at No 413 West Twenty Sixth street. I am a bleacher. I live on the top floor. There is a liquor store on the first floor of said premises. I was present about 7 o'clock on the evening of Monday January 30 1888. Those present with me were John B. Kirkwood, John F. Logan and Patrick King, the defendant and the deceased man Patrick Mcaphan. There was some dispute between the said Patrick King and Patrick Mcaphan. Mcaphan was proprietor of the place. Mcaphan came in and asked for a drink and King



refused. Then they got talking.  
The first I saw of the fight was  
that Meaphan threw off her  
coat and grabbed King  
by his shoulders and snatched  
a pipe out of King's mouth.  
Then the King said "Stop" That  
was the first word I heard.  
Then King put the pipe in his  
mouth and Meaphan snatched  
it out again. Then the two  
got wrestling. They did not  
strike one another. Then  
I heard a shot and heard  
Meaphan say "I am shot" I  
did not see King fire the  
shot. but, after the shooting  
I saw a pistol in King's hand.  
A moment after I heard the  
cry from Meaphan "I am  
shot" Meaphan said im-  
mediately after the shooting  
"You have done me, Pat"  
and King answered "Yes: I  
know it."

Sworn to before me this  
1st day of February 1942  
H. A. Hilde  
Police Judge

Thomas <sup>his</sup> Coabley  
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CITY AND COUNTY } ss.  
OF NEW YORK,

POLICE COURT, DISTRICT.

of No. 16th Precinct Police Street, aged \_\_\_\_\_ years,  
occupation Police Officer being duly sworn deposes and says,  
that on the 30th day of January 1888

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

he arrested  
Patrick King (now here) on his  
own confessing of having shot and  
wounded one Patrick Maghan of  
No 435 West 56th St. from the  
effects of which he the said Maghan  
is now confined to the New York  
Hospital and unable to appear in  
court as shown by the annexed  
Certificate. Depoent further says  
that the said Maghan fully  
identified King in Depoent's presence

Sworn to before me, this \_\_\_\_\_

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Police Justice



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as the man that had shot  
him  
Wherefore defendant prays the said  
Patrick King may be held to  
await the result of the injuries  
of the said Patrick Maghan  
Sworn to before me  
this 31<sup>st</sup> day (Jan) 1888 John J. Bannon

Police Court, District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

vs.

Dated 1888

Magistrate.

Officer.

Witness,

Disposition,



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Sec. 198-200.

CITY AND COUNTY  
OF NEW YORK

2- District Police Court.

*Patrick H. King* 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. *Patrick H. King*

Question. How old are you?

Answer. *29 Years -*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. *New York -*

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

Answer. *413 West 26<sup>th</sup> Street 4 Years -*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. *Saloon Keeper -*

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 did it in self defense*

*Patrick H. King*

Taken before me this

day of *February* 1888.

*W. J. Field*

Police Justice.

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BAILED,  
No. 1, by Thomas P. McEnany and  
Robert J. McEnany  
Residence 178 West 41 St. Street.  
No. 2, by Patrick Barker  
Residence 312 N. 26 St. Street.  
No. 3, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street.  
No. 4, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street.

Police Court 2<sup>o</sup> 190 District

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

John B. McEnany  
300 West 22 St  
Patrick J. McEnany

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Offence Homicide

Dated February 1<sup>st</sup> 188

W. A. Wilde Magistrate.

John McEnany Officer.

John McEnany Precinct.

Witnesses Thomas Barker

No. 113 West 26 St. Street.

No. 341 West 26 St. Street.

John B. McEnany

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

Patrick Barker

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 and be legally discharged

Dated February 1<sup>st</sup> 188 W. A. Wilde 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.

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To the,

HON. JOHN R. FELLOWS,

T A K E N O T I C E that on the annexed affidavit of Patrick H. King, I will move the Court at Part I of the General Sessions on the 6th day of June, 1888, at the opening of Court, that a day may be fixed for the trial of said Action or that he may be discharged on his own recognizance and have such other relief as to the Court may be just.

A. H. Purdy,

Att'y. for Defendant,

280 Broadway, N. Y.



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COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.

.....

The People &c,

against

Patrick H. King.

.....

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK. ss.

Patrick H. King, being duly sworn says:-

That on or about the 30th day of January deponent was charged with homicide in the killing of one Patrick Meaghan.

That subsequently thereto a jury was duly empanelled xx by the Coroner to investigate said homicide and that on said investigation said jury rendered a verdict exonerating the defendant.

Notwithstanding said verdict deponent was committed to the City Prison and subsequently indicted by the Grand Jury for the crime of manslaughter in the first degree.

From the 30th day of January until about the 4th of April, deponent remained incarcerated in the Tombs; his Counsel making every effort to have him tried or discharged.

On said 4th of April deponent was admitted to bail after many motions, in the sum of Fifteen Hundred Dollars.

On or about the 15th day of May deponent received notice that a day would be fixed for his trial.

He appeared in Court and asked for an early day to be fixed and it was fixed one week thereafter. On said day deponent attended in Court with his witnesses and was ready for trial. The case was then adjourned on the motion of the prosecution.

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On the adjourned day deponent was then ready and his case was again adjourned at the request of the prosecution, and went over for the term.

Since that time no day has been set for the trial of deponent. Deponent is exceedingly anxious that his case be now tried at the earliest opportunity,

WHEREFORE he prays the Court that a day may be set for his trial in order that he may be relieved from the charge now pending against him.

Sworn to before me

this 5<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1888.

} Patrick H. King

M. C. Coy  
Notary Public  
N.Y.C.

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COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.

.....

The People &c,

against

Patrick H. King.

.....

Affidavit and Notice of Motion.

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(copy)

A. H. Purdy,

Atty. for Defendant,

280 Broadway, N. Y.



Court of General Sessions of the Peace

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,

against

Patrick H. King

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

of the CRIME OF

committed as follows:

The said

Patrick H. King—

late of the ~~Ward of the~~ City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on

the *thirtieth* day of *January* in the year of our Lord one

thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight, at the ~~Ward,~~ City and County aforesaid,

with force and arms in and upon one Patrick Meaghan in the peace of the said People then and there being, wilfully and feloniously did make an assault, and the said Patrick H. King, a certain pistol then and there charged and loaded with gunpowder and one leaden bullet, which said pistol, the said Patrick H. King in his right hand then and there had and held, to, at, against and upon the said Patrick Meaghan then and there feloniously and wilfully did shoot off and discharge, and the said Patrick H. King with the leaden bullet aforesaid, out of the pistol aforesaid, then and thereby force of the gunpowder aforesaid, shot off, sent forth, and discharged, as aforesaid him, the said Patrick Meaghan in and upon the abdomen of him the said Patrick Meaghan

then and there wilfully and feloniously, did strike, penetrate and wound, giving to him, the said Patrick Meagher, then and there, with the leaden bullet aforesaid, so as aforesaid discharged, sent forth, and shot out of the pistol aforesaid, by the said Patrick H. King in and upon the abdomen of the said Patrick Meagher, one mortal wound of the breadth of one inch, and of the depth of six inches of which said mortal wound, he the said Patrick Meagher at the City and County aforesaid from the said thirtieth day of January in the year aforesaid until the first day of February in the same year aforesaid, did languish and languishing did live, on which said first day of February in the year aforesaid, the said Patrick Meagher at the City and County aforesaid of the said mortal wound did die.

And so the Grand Jury aforesaid do say: That the said Patrick H. King him the said Patrick Meagher in the manner and form, and by the means aforesaid, wilfully and feloniously did kill and slay, 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. Follows,  
District Attorney.

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