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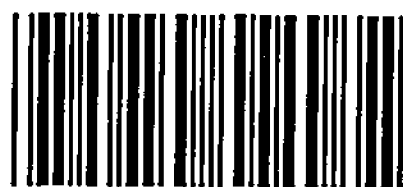
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DESCRIPTION:

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Witnesses:

Israel Cohen

12 1/2 Baxter St

8. Bunker

7. Baxter St

Officer

Archibald Craig

6. Precinct

Counsel,

Filed, 20 day of June 1887

Pleas,

Chattel - (21)

THE PEOPLE

vs.

Penal Code]

Giuseppe Crisosi

July 14. 1887

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

District Attorney.

A True Bill.

Foreman.

Verdict: Life for

Court of General Sessions,

People

v.

Giuseppe Brusca.

Murder.

City & County of New York:-  
Israel Cohen, being duly sworn, de-  
poses & says: I am a clothes by trade, & reside  
at c/o. 12 1/2 Baxter Street, I was in Baxter Street on  
the night of May 18th, at the time of the shooting in this  
case.

Israel Cohen's Statement:-

I heard the report of a pistol, and I looked towards  
the direction <sup>of it. I saw two men standing</sup> They stood on the roadway about two feet  
from the sidewalk, in front of No. 17 Baxter Street.

Not this.

My attention was called to the two men by the noise of  
the first pistol shot. I then turned around and looked  
at them, when they were in the situation described.

When I saw the two men, they were not further apart than  
arms length, as the defendant had the deceased by the  
collar of his coat or shirt. At the time the first  
shot was fired I was buying an orange at a stand corner  
of Baxter & Worth St. After I had purchased the orange  
and had it in my pocket, I was going towards the spot  
where the men were standing. I saw the defendant fire  
two shots at the deceased while he had him by the collar  
as above described. The two shots followed each other  
in quick succession, apparently as quickly as the pistol  
could be discharged - there was not, to the best of my  
recollection, five seconds between the two. I do not  
remember the position of the deceased at the time the  
first shot was fired. I am positive that the defendant  
kept hold of the deceased in the way described, until

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after the second shot was fired. Between the two shots and at the time the second shot was fired, I did not notice the position of the deceased. I did not, at the time the shots were fired, notice the effect upon the deceased of either. I saw deceased subsequently at the Station House, and I then saw a wound in his side. His head and face were all blood. As soon as the second shot was fired the deceased staggered forward for a short distance, and was about falling when he was caught and supported by the bystanders. There were two people who helped him in this way, I don't know either of them or their residence.. Immediately after the second shot was fired, defendant released his hold upon deceased and ran through Baxter towards Worth St., and <sup>I think</sup> entered a house in Baxter Street, in the neighborhood of No. 12 Baxter.

( No. 12  $\frac{1}{2}$  is on the South side, the shooting took place on the South side)

Immediately after the shooting I ran across the street to between 16 and 18 Baxter. I ran across because I was afraid. At the time the first shot was fired I was coming from Worth Street and approaching my house. The time was after ten in the evening when the shooting took place. I turned around when I had crossed the street. The first I saw was the deceased being supported by the two bystanders. About a minute afterwards, I saw the Police arrive and take the deceased in the direction of the Station House. I informed the Police Officer of the direction in which the defendant had run, and I sub-



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sequently went to the Station House in company with an  
officer. At the Station House the <sup>man at the desk</sup> ~~Sergeant~~ took my  
statement.

Sworn to before me  
this 11th day of July  
1887.

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W. Barker  
Notary Public  
Wm. Co.

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Sworn to before me  
this 11th day of July  
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*E. Mahony*  
Statement of Dr. ~~E. Mahony~~

At the autopsy, myself and other doctors thought that the wound, in the axilla, were stab wounds, but from what I have since learned from the officers, namely, that the defendant had no knife, and had two pistols, and from the accounts I have heard of the shooting, I am satisfied, that the wounds, although very clean cut, and leading at first to the impression that they were knife wounds, were, in reality, pistol wounds. I believe that the bullet is lodged in the lungs of the deceased. There was a small wound in the apex of the right lung of the deceased: The wounds in the axilla were carefully examined, and there was great difficulty in finding the wound in the lung. It was the wound in the axilla, which produced death. The wound in the head was not necessarily fatal. I think, however, that in this case the wound in the head, would, of itself have produced death, as there was incipient meningitis which, in my opinion, was the result of the head wound.

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City & County of New York:  
Samuel Banna, being duly sworn, deposes  
says

~~Statement of Samuel Benner:~~

I did not see the defendant arrested, I only saw him at the Station House. I did not come out of the store at all. I heard the two shots. I saw nothing of the shooting. When I saw the deceased, he was in the middle of the street between 16 and 17 Baxter Street, apparently staggering and trying to get on. There was a great crowd collected about. I went to the Station House before the Officers took the deceased there. I saw defendant when he was brought into the Station House.

I did not find any knife  
at or near the scene of the quarrel, nor did  
I hear of any such weapon being found.  
Sworn to before me  
this 8th day of July  
1887.

Attest  
Notary Public  
C. J. Co.

Samuel Banna

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City & County of New York:

Samuel Burke, being duly sworn, deposes  
says:

~~Statement of Samuel Burke.~~

I am thirteen years old. I live with my parents at 7 Baxter Street. After ten o'clock in the evening of this shooting I was playing jumping rope with my brother aged eight and my sister aged six, in front of No. 13 Baxter St. When I looked towards No. 17, and I saw, at about the end of No. 17, furthest from me, on the road-way of the street, about a yard from the sidewalk, as near as I can tell, two men, one tall and of medium build and the other short and rather stout standing close together. The tall one had the short one by the collar. They were facing each other. The tall one I saw pull a pistol from his clothing and shoot at the little stout man. The little one stooped over low and screamed. I do not remember whether he put his hands to his head to ward off any further attack or not. But immediately after the first shot was fired, and while the short man was stooping over as above described, the tall man shot at him again, pointing the pistol downwards. The short man was so much stooped over that I think the second shot must have struck him either in the side or entered in the back. As soon as he fired the second shot, the tall man let go of the short man, and walked fast on the same side of Baxter Street towards Worth. The short man, after the second shot was fired and after he was let go of by the tall man, staggered and jumped around the sidewalk, "like crazy". Then I saw two men come and take hold of him by his arms and support him. Then there came



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a great crowd around. I do not know who the two men were who supported him. In about a minute or two, I saw Police Officers come and take away the man who was shot. I saw Policeman Mahoney come into Baxter Street, when a great many people pointed out the man who did the shooting. The officer arrested the man who did the shooting. The policeman came and asked me if I saw the shooting, and I said that I did.

Sworn to before me this } Samuel Burke.  
11<sup>th</sup> day of July 1884 }  
Jm H. H. }  
Hon. J. H. H. }  
Notary Public (47)  
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City & County of New York:  
Louise Madine, being duly sworn, deposes &  
says: ~~Statement of Louise Madine~~

I am the step-daughter of the defendant. I was about two years old, when my mother married the defendant. His trade was that of a shoe-maker. During my mother's married life with him she has had frequent quarrels. It was his habit to beat her often - he beat her constantly. It was his custom to beat her whenever he was annoyed. He would frequently throw at her whatever missile he happened to have in his hand. I have seen him throw a fist of a shoe at her. He often threatened to kill her. I have seen him threaten her with a shoemaker's knife, and make motions as though he was going to stab her. I have often heard him say to her, that he was going to kill her some day. I have seen him threaten her with a knife on a few occasions. He has always had a very bad temper. He would swear at my mother and call her bad names. He never beat me intentionally, so far as I recollect. I have been beaten by him <sup>accidentally</sup> when I interposed to save my mother. My mother was afraid of her life on his account and used to express herself to me. I used to attend different public schools in this city. I am between fifteen and sixteen years of age. I do not know the deceased. I never met him. I never saw the deceased that I can remember except on one occasion in the restaurant on the ground floor of 17 Baxter Street. I was living at the time at 55 Park Street with my cousin. My mother and father were living at the time at 20 Prince Street. This was three days before the shooting. I had sometime before that

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left my mother and went to live with my cousin, on account of the constant trouble between my parents, as I could not have any rest or peace. Three days before the shooting, as above stated, my mother sent a boy to the house where I lived, stating that my father had put her out of the house, and that she was lying sick at 17 Baxter Street, and wished me to come and see her. I visited 17 Baxter St. and in the restaurant ~~as~~ aforesaid, was shown a man whom I was informed, after the shooting by the proprietress of the restaurant, was the man whom my father had shot. I don't know anything about the feeling between my father and the deceased, and never heard him make any remarks about him or have any conversation with him.. He was not in the restaurant at the time I went there, but had been conversing with deceased a little while before, as I was told by the land-lady.

*Sworn to before me  
this 11<sup>th</sup> day of { Elouisa Kardine  
July, 1887.  
A. D. Barker  
Notary Public,  
N.Y.C.*

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*Officer Mahoney's statement. On night of question was walking  
towards Park Row, about 10:45, and did not  
locate it - heard another immediately after that  
he had been shot - heard it in Baxter*

Officer Mahoney's Statement.

*Officer attached to 6th Precinct*

When I turned the corner into Baxter Street, about ten feet from the corner, on the North side, opposite No. 234, I met the prisoner walking pretty fast towards Worth St.. Somebody, I don't know who, shouted, "that is the man who done it". I arrested him.. When I first saw him he had his right-hand under the breast of his coat. When I took hold of him I put my hand on his hand under his coat and felt a pistol. He was concealing the pistol under his coat. I took the pistol away from him. It was a six shooter, self-acting pistol. I put it in my pocket. I stood there for a minute or so holding the prisoner when Officer Craig came up through Baxter St. on the other side of him, and saw him with his right-hand in his coat pocket, and having hold of a pistol in his pocket. This pistol proved to be a five ~~barrel~~ chamber revolver. Somebody then shouted that there was a third party involved in the affray, who had gone into No. 15 Baxter. Officer Craig, started in that direction, having the five chamber pistol in his hand, I called out to him to bring it back to me, which he did, and I put it in my pocket also. I then walked with the prisoner towards where the deceased was. I found him on the sidewalk in front of No. 19 Baxter Street staggering about, holding his hands to his head and groaning - his head was bloody. Officer Craig came over with me towards the deceased. I then started for the Station House with the prisoner,

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leaving the deceased in charge of Officers Craig, Hoolihan Mitchell and Nugent. On the way to the Station House, I asked the prisoner why he did the shooting, he said it was because deceased had taken his wife away. I had no further conversation with him. He made the same statement at the station house that he did to me. Deceased arrived at the Station House in charge of the officers, walking himself and being supported by them. A few minutes after my arrival he was taken into the back room of the Station House, and sat on a chair. I ~~made a complaint against the prisoner in the station house~~ brought the prisoner in front of the deceased, and asked deceased whether prisoner was the man who shot him, ~~deceased~~ <sup>deceased</sup> said he was.

Sometime previous to the Coroner's inquest in this case, I called at No. 182 High Street with a subpoena for Henry Johnson and was informed by the land-lady that he had never lived there, and that she had already contradicted his statement made in one of the Brooklyn papers to that effect; that she knew him, however, and directed me to the Marine Mission cor. Catharine and Madison Streets in this City. I called there subsequently and was informed that while the people connected with that institution knew him they could not tell me as to his whereabouts. I have not seen him since.

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Langdon told the effect that when prisoner was questioned by him in the station house as to reason for deed, he said he said he took his wife away. Asked again if that was why he shot him, he said yes.



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Officer Craig's Statement

*Officer attached to 6th. On night of 1st. in 1933.*  
I was standing in Worth Street about ten feet from

Baxter, when I heard two shots in Baxter Street. I did not pay much attention to them, as they were firing off fire works. Then I heard one in Baxter Street cry, a man has been shot, and a man, whose name I afterwards learned was Henry Johnson, came running around into Worth Street, and cried out to me, "it aint me, it aint me". I, however, took hold of him and led him into Baxter Street, where I saw Officer Mahoney having hold of defendant.

I led Johnson up to where Officer Mahoney stood. I saw Mahoney take the large six chamber pistol from the defendant. He had it in the breast of his coat, so it could not be seen from the outside. I went on the other side of defendant and saw his hand in his right-hand sack coat pocket, grasping a pistol, which I took away from him - that is the five chamber revolver. I had hold of Johnson all this time. I twisted the pistol out of defendant's hand. The five chamber revolver was hot yet, and had two chambers recently discharged. The caps of the cartridges discharged being still in the chambers. Those caps I have permitted to remain, the other cartridges I have taken out. Then I heard somebody say, there is a third party involved in the shooting and that he had gone into 15 Baxter Street. Then I left Johnson in charge of Mahoney, and started with Officer Hoolihan to No. 15 Baxter Street. Officer Mahoney called me back and asked me to give him the five chamber pistol I did so.

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I then went and covered the door of No. 15 Baxter Street. Upon inquiry, however, I ascertained that the supposed third party was no other than the Henry Johnson, whom I had at first arrested, and who had been dodging around the post in front of those premises, to escape being shot himself. Then I came back to where Officer Mahoney was standing, taking Johnson in charge, and went with Johnson towards where the wounded man was. Officer Mahoney started off towards the Station House with the prisoner. Officers Hollihan, Mitchell and Nugent and myself went with the deceased.

In addition thereto, Johnson made a statement in the Station House, as follows:- That he was close by the combatants at the time of the shooting and saw the whole affair. Johnson was held in the Station House as a witness and next morning was taken to the Tombs Police Court, before Justice Gorman and there testified substantially as he had in the station house. The justice was about committing him to the House of Detention, when he stated that he was a cook in a restaurant, he did not give his place of business, but stated that he lived at No. 182 High Street Brooklyn, and that he was honest and worked for his living, and that it was necessary to be at his business that day, and, that if permitted to go he would appear at any time he was wanted. The justice after deliberation acceded to his request and permitted him to go. Officer Mahoney subsequently endeavored to serve Johnson at the address given, but failed, and as will

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be seen from his statement, was not able to find him.  
He is, in my opinion, a most important witness for the  
People in this case.

While standing by Officer Mahoney, in Baxter Street,  
defendant, in reply to my inquiry as to why he had done  
the shooting, stated that the deceased took his wife  
away from him, and that she had been away from him for  
ten days. I did not see deceased identify defendant, in  
the Station House, as the man who shot him, because I was  
sent to arrest the wife.

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City & County of New York ss:  
Augustine Grace, being duly sworn, deposes  
and says: ~~Statement of Augustine Grace.~~

I live at 12 $\frac{1}{2}$  Baxter Street with my parents.  
About fifteen minutes to eleven o'clock, <sup>on the night of the shooting,</sup> I think, I was  
down near the <sup>a</sup>wagons in front of No. 14 jumping rope, a  
little boy named Burke and his sister were with me. I  
was standing in the street, I heard one shot and turned my  
head that way, and I saw a man shoot another one. I looked  
towards Worth Street, I saw two men, in the street, I think  
between No. 17 & 19, I could not tell what they were doing  
One man was bleeding, and leaning over. The other man held  
him by the neck, and shot him. The short man was the one  
that got shot, the tall man did it.  
When I turned around I saw the tall man holding the  
short man by the clothes, and the short man was leaning  
down bleeding, somewhere on the face, ~~and while he was--~~  
The second shot I saw fired by the tall man at the short  
man, while he had hold of him. Then I saw the short man  
was bleeding, and the tall man went away. The short man  
was crying some words in Italian, and bleeding. He was  
leaning over and staggering. I went in the house. I  
afterw<sup>ards</sup> went to the Station House. I did not see the  
defendant arrested, nor hear him say anything.

I am going on fifteen years old.  
Sworn to before me this } Augustine Grace  
11<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1884. }  
J. H. Van Dusen  
Notary Public (42)  
N. Y. Co.



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City & County of New York:  
Ida Nava, being duly sworn, de-  
poses says: ~~Statement Samara Nava~~

I live and do business at No. 127 South Ninth Avenue  
I keep a restaurant there. On the 18th day of May, I  
lived at 17 Baxter Street, and did business there.  
I first met the deceased during the same week in which he  
was killed. He came twice to my restaurant during that  
week. The second time he came he was shot: The first  
time he came with the defendant, He did not eat or drink  
except that they, in company with several other Italians, had some beer  
while he was there. On the first occasion there was

nothing more than conversation between the dead man and  
Grifasi began telling his troubles to these men, & kept asking the men to help him, his wife  
who was then living with him for two or three days, having come from some place where he had been ill-treated  
& some home people. Grifasi's wife came into the restaurant, could be seen with Grifasi, saying  
those in the room. At that time I discovered no evi-

ence of ill feeling between defendant and deceased. They  
appeared to be friendly. On this occasion I came into the

the saloon sometime between three and five and found them

in the restaurant when I came in. <sup>(I have frequently had occasion to notice</sup>  
<sup>that Grifasi's wife had a habit of coming back to him, & I have</sup>  
<sup>often seen her in the restaurant, & I have seen her in the</sup>  
frequently that I cannot recall all the instances. I saw it in the afternoon of the day of the shooting I went

about four o'clock to defendant's house No. 20 Prince St.

to tell him that his wife, who was with me was sick, and  
asked him to come around. When I called at the defend-

ant's house I saw defendant and the deceased together.

They said they would come to my house shortly. They

had supper ready and they would take it first. I waited

there, and all three came to my house. The deceased

remained in the restaurant, I went with the defendant

to the room where his wife lay sick, in the rear of the  
restaurant. The husband came to her bed. There they

agreed that they should go home. Defendant then came back

to the restaurant where deceased was, when he came back

to the restaurant where deceased was, he said,

it appeared all right to  
me, & I went with all  
this was Wednesday or Thursday  
or the week, on the following  
Saturday he came again, & I  
to see him from his house  
& I went in again.

On the way, I met a  
with me to the house, for  
for her house. I saw  
a restaurant with  
a certain restaurant  
I saw that it is kept by  
because there was a cook  
try on, & I thought he  
taking to eat. Myself  
and paid for the dinner,  
but when it was finished,  
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The girl left the table after the dinner  
because of the deceased's wife mentioned



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"look here Bartoli, it was in confidence, I told you that,  
"and you have told it". That was the first thing I heard  
him say that I remember. Then the deceased denied it,  
and said, I did not say anything. Then ~~defendant~~<sup>deceased</sup> said  
to ~~him~~<sup>defendant</sup> in a dialect used by ~~brigands~~<sup>brigands</sup>, "You are a ~~brigand~~<sup>ascal</sup>, if you say so".  
Then there appeared to be ill feeling between them.  
Defendant seemed to be angry when he uttered these words.  
Defendant then got up as if to go away, when I took him  
by the arm and said; take your wife along, it is not  
necessary to quarrel. Defendant then opened the door  
leading to the street and went out. The deceased remained  
sitting in my room for a quarter of an hour. Then he said  
he is not coming back, I will go. This was after ten  
o'clock in the evening. After he went out I locked the  
doors - I live in the rear of the restaurant, the rest -  
aurant was then empty, except <sup>for the presence of</sup> Mrs. Grefassi, myself and a  
servant girl employed by me. <sup>the put who had come with me to the prison</sup> My husband generally  
comes home at midnight. He is a cook in the Torino Rest-  
aurant in Blecker Street, No. 148. About ten minutes  
after deceased left I heard ~~the~~<sup>his</sup> report of a pistol in  
the street. <sup>in close succession</sup> As soon as I heard the pistol shot I went  
to the front door, <sup>opened it</sup> and looked out in the street. It was  
dark, I saw a man coming towards my door, he was leaning  
forward. <sup>with his face full of blood. The servant, who was by, said, "That is Bartoli". I said "It must be. Why should he be full of blood?"</sup> As soon as I saw him approaching the door, I  
quickly shut my door, I was afraid. Then I <sup>locked</sup> ~~shut~~ the door  
and prepared to go to bed. About ten minutes after I  
shut the door I heard a knock at the door, I went to the  
door and asked who was there, and somebody answered, the

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police. When I opened the door there was a policeman and a man in citizens clothes. They asked whether Mary Grifassi was there. I said yes, and Mary Grifassi went with the policeman.

I knew Grifassi about nine years ago in Montreal,, Canada, he was then married to his present wife Mary Grifassi. Defendant and his wife sometimes come to take meals in my restaurant, but never lodged there. But the woman, whenever they had a quarrel remained with me. I became acquainted with both husband and wife at the same time. in Montreal. They kept a shoe store in that city, and lived there for five years. She came to me so frequently and stayed with me on account of quarrels with her husband, that I cannot remember the number of times. It happened on an average, once a week, during her residence in Montreal. He acted at times, as though he was crazy. He would one moment be very peaceable and friendly with her, and then break out into a quarrel and ill treatment without any provocation or cause. I have, very often personally seen him ill treat his wife without cause.

Three years ago, I was employed as cook at Mr. Ramacotti's, a piano manufacturer in 19th Street, and while there, I was permitted two or three times a week to go and see my husband, who had hired a room of Grifassi in Third Ave. between 19th and 20th streets, and it was on those occasions that I witnessed the ill treatment of Grifassi towards his wife.. I have seen him find fault

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with her work, at the shoe making business, tear it to pieces and beat her. I was always afraid of Grifassi and my opinion was that he was a man of very bad temper. I never saw the deceased talking to Mrs. Grifassi. I don't know whether he ever persuaded Mrs. Grifassi to leave her husband. I never heard Mrs. Grifassi speak of him, because for a year previous to her stay at my house, at the time the shooting took place, I had not seen either husband or wife, as they had been living at New Haven. I never heard anybody say that there was any improper relations between Mrs. Grifassi and deceased. I do not know what Grifassi meant by saying to deceased, that he had told him something in confidence, and that he had told it; nor do I understand to whom this thing told in confidence, had been disclosed.

I was not sent by Mrs. Grifassi to defendant's house to have him stay there for the purpose of having an injury done him. Deceased was not there when I arrived.

I never saw any weapon on the deceased, nor heard of any being found, in his possession or of his ownership.

Sworn to before me this 5th day of July, 1887. } Lola Garrone Clerk

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

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City & County of New York:  
Mary Grifasi, being duly sworn, de-  
poses:  
~~Statement of Mary Grifasi.~~

I have heard what the former witness has said, I know nothing further than what she has said. Because he was beating me, and I was afraid of him, I went to her house. The statement made by Mrs. Nava is true so far as I know. When my husband came into the back room where I was, he <sup>asked whether</sup> ~~said~~ he should take a carriage to take me home. I said no; it was not necessary. He says, what ails you? How is it you are sick? I said it was not necessary to get a carriage. I explained to him how I got sick, then he said, dress yourself, I will take you home, and wait in the restaurant till you are dressed. There was nothing further said. I never spoke to the dead man <sup>except on one occasion - that of the day when the dead man, several others, asked me to go back to his home. This was on the Friday preceding the shooting.</sup> in my life. He was a great friend of my husband's, so far as I could see. He was invited by him to dinner on Sunday. I did not speak to him on that occasion. During all my married life, I sustained a great deal of ill treatment from my husband, especially during the last two months, when I was afraid of my life. Sometimes in the middle of the night he would dress himself and take me by the throat and say, "get up; we have to die." "The world is at an end. There is nothing to be done in this world any more". He would then scratch around on the floor with his feet like a hen. I always thought when he acted so that he was crazy. At the time of the conversation between him and me, on the day of the shooting, as above described, I did not think he was in his right mind. His father died crazy. There is a taint of

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insanity in all his family. His father died in a lunatic asylum in Italy. His brother's mind was also affected, It is rumored that he committed suicide in Italy.

Sworn to before me <sup>by</sup> Mary X Griffin  
this 11th day of July 1887. Mark

A. D. Barker  
Notary Public,  
C. P. G.



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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF  
NEW YORK,

against

*Giuseppe Enfan*

*Homicide.*

*Statements of witnesses.*

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

DISTRICT ATTORNEY,

No. 32 CHAMBERS STREET,

NEW YORK CITY.

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

POLICE COURT, 1 DISTRICT.

Eugene Mahoney  
of No. The 6<sup>th</sup> Precinct Police Street, being duly sworn, deposes and says,

that on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of May 1887

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

of 10.53 harrested Joseph Gipsie  
for the reason that deponent learned  
that said Gipsie had shot and stabbed  
my Barshotomew Carisi, now confined in  
Bellevue suffering from wounds as  
per certificate attached, and that  
said Carisi identified said Gipsie  
as his assailant in deponent's  
presence and stated that said  
Gipsie had shot and stabbed  
him. Deponent asks that said Gipsie  
be held to await the result of injuries inflicted

Sworn to before me, this

of

May

1887

day

John J. Williams Police Justice.

Eugene Mahoney

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

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POLICE COURT— DISTRICT.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

*Joseph Gysin* vs.

Dated *May 19* 188

*Goeman* Magistrate  
*Mahoney & Co.* Office

Witness,

*Louisa Nardine*  
*55 Park Street*  
*Bartholomew Carosi*  
*died May 25th 1888*

Disposition

*Held to await*  
*the result of injuries*  
*the defense*

AFFIDAVIT.

*Arrest on Part. 1000*

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

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# STATE OF NEW YORK.

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, SS.

## AN INQUISITION,

Taken at the ~~house of~~ *Coroner's Office*  
No. 67 *Park Row* Street in the *4th* Ward of the City of  
New York, in the County of New York, this *10* day of *June*  
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and *87* before  
*John R. Nugent* Coroner,

of the City and County aforesaid, on view of the Body of  
*Bartholomew Canachola* lying dead at  
*his* 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

upon their Oaths and Affirmations, say: That the said *Bartholomew*  
*Canachola* came to his death by

*fatal shot wound of face and a*  
*stab wound of side, inflicted by*  
*Joseph Crasfas in front of 18 Baxter St*  
*on May 18-1887. at 10.40 am*  
*Joseph Crasfas*

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.

*Edward M. Dally 651. 3rd Ave*  
*Ernest J. Schwan 637. 3 Ave*  
*Mark Davis 671. 3rd Ave*  
*August G. Gaefer 653 3rd Ave*  
*Mark Newman*  
*625. 3rd Ave*

*John F. Schuch 68 1/2 Ave*  
*Ch. Meyerfeld 643. 3rd Ave*  
*William Seebach 647 3rd Ave*  
*Frederick W. 639. 3rd Ave*  
*H. Schuch 637 3rd Ave*

*John R. Nugent*

CORONER, L. S.

CORONER'S OFFICE.

TESTIMONY.

Isaac Cohen being sworn says &  
reside at 12 1/2 Baxter St and  
a clothier. I did not know the  
deceased. I have a son living  
in Chatham St who keeps a  
clothing store. Jacob Cohen —  
was by my son who keeps  
a clothing store in Chatham St  
went to 15 1/2 Baxter St  
and I saw this man shoot  
was on my way to my  
home 12 1/2 Baxter St when  
I reached 15 1/2 Baxter St  
I saw the prisoners shoot  
the deceased. I do not  
know his name but identify  
him as the man who fired  
the shots. I was at the stand  
near 15 1/2 Baxter St lying on  
my back when I heard the  
shot fired. After the  
shooting the prisoners ran  
up to Baxter St  
the deceased was  
taken to Slater House  
by police. I cannot say  
who saw it. I was afraid  
and went away, my self.

Taken before me

this

day of

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CORONER.



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CORONER'S OFFICE.

TESTIMONY.

I did not know the deceased  
or person - but fully  
believe the person a  
Mr. Dulan who shot  
I saw a pistol in the  
prisoner. I do not think  
prisoner have a pistol in  
his hand - I saw  
~~the~~ After the second pistol  
shot I saw the prisoner have  
a pistol in his hand but  
could not see what the  
prisoner had. I did not  
hear what the prisoner said  
at the station house I saw

James L. Larkin  
M/L

Sworn to before me this  
13th day of June 1887  
John B. Nugent  
Coroner

Taken before me

this 10 day of June 1887

John B. Nugent

CORONER.

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CORONER'S OFFICE.

TESTIMONY. 3

Samuel Bauer - being sworn, says  
I am a brother in the camp  
about 11 pm I was at my truck  
1811 1/2 Box for I heard  
the shots I ran out and  
saw a man lying on  
the middle of the street  
when he was brought to  
the station house  
I recognized him. I saw  
some men running up Box  
I saw a few policemen - stopped  
some men some men came  
out. There is the man who  
shot him. I could not recognize  
the man. A police officer  
took me to the station  
house Samuel Bauer

Taken before me

this 10 day of June 1887

Jno B. Nugent

CORONER.

CORONER'S OFFICE.

TESTIMONY. 4

Officer Eugene Mahoney, Precinct  
Kearny Street Camp was walking  
through ~~Chatham~~ North St  
towards park 7 or 8 am about  
1040 on or May 18-1887  
I heard a shot fired and  
did not locate it  
heard another man cry  
after I ran across North St  
near Butler St and I  
met the prisoner walking  
towards me a boy cried  
there is the man and  
I arrested him. I learned his  
name to be Joseph Giffie  
I took ~~the~~ <sup>his</sup> revolver  
which he had under  
his coat - Officer Casey  
came along but he ran  
into Precinct 1st and  
I gave another pistol  
to the prisoner along  
down North St to 19 Butler  
St. I saw the deceased  
Giffie around the street  
I took the prisoner and  
another of city with  
the Coroner

Taken before me

this day of

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CORONER.

CORONER'S OFFICE.

TESTIMONY.

to the 6th Precinct  
Glatton House. Then  
I got there I made a  
complaint against the  
persons of following  
and made out a list  
from into the best work  
and as to the decision  
if this was the man  
who shot him. He  
said yes. I verified the  
prison up and sent  
the decision to  
Buller. The report  
I did not see the shooting  
at all. I was on North  
St when I heard the  
shots fired. I saw  
the prisoner when I  
took him to the law  
house. I shot him because  
he took my wife away.

Eugene Keaton

I solemnly declare this  
13th day of June 1887  
J. R. Nugent  
Deputy

Taken before me

this 10 day of June 1887  
J. R. Nugent

CORONER.



CORONER'S OFFICE.

TESTIMONY.

The Medical Examiner, New York May 25/88  
at 7<sup>30</sup> pm, this day, located in the  
of the body of a man, first to the Cor.  
Colonel Caracciola or Carac-  
ci. The body was that of a white man  
beyond middle age, size, and well  
developed. The following marks of  
violence were noted: a pistol shot wound  
of face, the bullet entering left cheek bone, just  
above canine fossa, passing obliquely backward,  
behind the nasal bones, and lodging just above  
the right zygoma. When it was cut out:  
There was ecchymosis of right eyelid,  
resulting either from wound of face, or  
contusion. There were two stab wounds  
high up in the right axilla, one of which  
had penetrated to the pleural cavity,  
and caused extensive emphysema  
cellulitis and septal suppuration,  
which required incisions for partial  
relief. The right lung was one third collapsed,  
the left bound to chest wall by old ad-  
hesions; the heart normal; the abdomi-  
nal viscera normal. The brain  
exhibited no marked change, except  
some congestion and commencing  
necrosis, at the base, right behind track  
of bullet. Death was due to exhaustion  
from general shock, emphysema, cellulitis,  
suppuration, dyspnea, resulting from  
pistol shot & stab wounds.

Taken before me

this 25<sup>th</sup> day of May 1887

John R. Nugent

CORONER.



POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

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Dr. Johnson - 3

From Bellows Hospital.

New York, May 25 1887

To Coroner

Sir:

Please hold an Inquest on the body of

Name: Burkholder Residence: 285 Elizabeth St.

Age: 45 years 1 months 1 days. Admitted Thurs day, May

Father ✓ 19<sup>th</sup> 1887, at 1<sup>10</sup> o'clock A.M.

Nativity, Italy; of

Mother ✓ By Ambulance

✓ in U. S., ✓ in City. From Chamber St Hospital

Civil Bond: Murphy Occup: Labourer Examined by Dr. Johnson

Suffering from symptoms of gunshot wd of face ball entered just above left canine fossa passing backward and inward a wd just above the zygoma of right side was said to be place where ball was removed. It had ecchymosis of right eyelids. There were two wounds high up in right axilla which looked like stab wounds they communicated with right pleural cavity. Pt. had emphysema of whole body. Pt. developed symptoms of meningitis, and cellulitis about axillary wounds and front of chest. There were small incisions were made on front of chest on May 24. Pt. is said to have been shot by person with murderous intent. 38 caliber revolver, right of admission

Death took place Wednesday, May 25 th 1887 at 4<sup>30</sup> o'clock A.M.

The Autopsy revealed beginning meningitis. Track of bullet as above described with continuation

of blood of right orbit, axillary wd perforated right pleura just below clavicle, no pleurisy, apparent. A little blood in right pleura. Cause of death, shock of above injuries, beginning meningitis, and exhaustion from septic absorption following cellulitis of chest wall

A. B. Johnson M. D.  
HOUSE SURGEON PHYSICIAN.

- Ad. I. State the day of the week.  
Ad. A. State whether by Ambulance or Friends.  
Ad. B. State whether from a Precinct or a Residence and give the name.  
Ad. C. State whether from Natural Causes or from Shock (conscious or unconscious due to Injuries, and if so, give name, place, date, number, character, and Extent of Injuries, always stating where indicated, whether right or left.  
Ad. D. State when, where, how, by what means or persons received, also whether Accidental, Suicidal or Homicidal; in falls, the distance, location and place; in Burns and Scalds the circumstances attending the same; in runaway cases, the line of Street Car, Railroad or Conveyance; in Weapons, the character of the same, &c., &c., always giving such information as will lead to an accurate knowledge of the case and facilitate judicial inquiry and justice.  
Ad. E. State name, date, place, character and results of any operation or amputation performed.  
Ad. F. Give a short resume of the Autopsy with the Pathological Diagnosis and the Cause of Death at the End.  
Ad. G. State here any important facts not embodied in the above statements.

Autopsy desired. Prisoner 6th Precinct.

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

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Coroner's Office,

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } SS.

*Joseph Crafas* being duly examined before the undersigned, according to law, on the annexed charge, and being informed that he was at liberty to answer or not, all or any questions put to him, states as follows, viz.:

Question—What is your name?

Answer—

Question—How old are you?

Answer—

Question—Where were you born?

Answer—

Question—Where do you live?

Answer—

Question—What is your occupation?

Answer—

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

*I have nothing to say  
by advice of Counsel  
Giuseppe Crafas*

Taken before me, this 10 day of June 1887

*John B. Nugent* CORONER.

POOR QUALITY  
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MEMORANDUM.

AGE. 45 Years. — Months — Days. PLACE OF NATIVITY. Italy WHERE FOUND. Morgue from May 25/87 DATE, When Reported. Bellevue Hope

2102 660 - 1887  
HOMICIDE.

AN INQUISITION

On the VIEW of the BODY of  
Bartholomew Cannella

whereby it is found that he came to  
his Death by the hands of

Joseph. Coniari

Deposited taken on the 10 day  
of June 1887  
before Joseph P. Maguire

Coroner.

Committed

Spent

Discharged

Date of death May 25/87

Archibald M. Craig seeing only  
person deposes and says

By the Court.

You are an officer attached to  
what precinct?

A 6th Precinct

What day or more of the shooting  
by the defendant?

A I heard two shots fired and I ran  
around the corner and saw officer  
Maboney had hold of the defendant  
on one side and he drove down  
into his breast like this (illustra-  
tating) and took out of it a big  
pistol and I drove down in his  
right hand side coat pocket  
and grabbed his other hand with the  
other pistol in it and twisted his  
hand and he dropped it into my  
hand and the pistol was hot yet  
and then I asked him why did you  
shoot the man and he says he  
goes with my wife and she has  
been away with him 10 to 15 days  
at a time and he was with my  
wife and I said is that what you  
shot him for and he said,

Proven before me

this 13th day of June 1887

John R. Smith

Deputy Justice

Archibald M. Craig



POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

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

POLICE COURT, 1 DISTRICT.

*Archibald Craig*  
of No. *The 6th Precinct* Street, being duly sworn, deposes and says,  
that on the *19th* day of *May* 188*7*

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

*Keely, founder of*  
*82 High Street Brooklyn*  
*of 82 1/2 Bay St. Street*  
by their own statement acknowledged  
that they had witnessed a person  
assault committed by Joseph Lepore  
upon the person of Bartholomew Carr  
on the 18th day of May 1887 and  
that they are material witnesses  
for the people and deponent asks  
that they be committed to the House  
of detention  
*Archibald Craig*

Sworn to before me, this

of

188

day

*John J. Morris*  
Police Justice.



POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0357

POLICE COURT—DISTRICT.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

*Henry James*  
*vs.*  
*Special Officer*  
*Samuel Burke*

AFFIDAVIT.

*without recognizance*

Dated *May 19* 188*7*

*Magistrate.*

*Officer.*

Witness,

Disposition *Released upon their*  
*own recognizance to*  
*appear*

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

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Bellevue Hospital  
May 14 87

This is to certify  
that Bartholomew  
Corruci, now in  
this hospital suffer-  
ing from a gunshot  
wound of the face  
and stab wounds of  
the axilla, is in  
danger of death  
from his wounds,  
A B Johnson  
House Surgeon

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0359

POLICE COURT— DISTRICT.

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

RECOGNIZANCE TO TESTIFY.

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on  
the 19 day of May in the year of our Lord 1889

of No. 182 1/2 High Street, in the City of Brooklyn

and of No.        Street, in the said City,

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

Henry Jansen  
the sum of Three Hundred Dollars,

and the said

the sum of        Hundred Dollars,

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

The Condition of this Recognizance is such That if the person first above recognized shall personally  
appear at the next COURT OF Police Court SESSIONS of the Peace, to be holden in and  
for the City and County of New York, and then and there Testify and give such evidence, in behalf of  
the People of the State of New York, as he may know concerning an Offense or felony  
said to have been lately committed in the City of New York as follows by Joseph. G. Gifford

who is charged with felony  
Assault

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

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

Henry Jansen

John H. H. H. H. Police Justice.

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0360

CITY AND COUNTY } ss.  
OF NEW YORK, }

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this  
day of May 1888  
*John H. [Signature]*  
Police Justice.

the within-named Bail, being duly sworn, says that he is a Real Estate holder in  
said City, and is worth Two Hundred Dollars,  
over and above the amount of all his debts and liabilities; and that his property consists of

House hold furniture containing  
in [illegible] 1872 High Street  
and [illegible] of the value of [illegible]  
hundred dollars

Henry Jansen

New York Sessions.  
THE PEOPLE, &c.  
Recognizance to Testify.

Magistrate

Filed day of 188

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0361

POLICE COURT—1st DISTRICT.

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

RECOGNIZANCE TO TESTIFY.

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on  
the 19th day of May in the year of our Lord 1887

of No. 12 1/2 Bayth Street, in the City of New York,

Israel Cohen personally appeared before the undersigned, one of the Police Justices in and for the City of New York, and acknowledged ~~himself~~ himself to the PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, that is to say: the said

the sum of one Hundred Dollars,

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

The Condition of this Recognizance is such, That if the person ~~above~~ above recognized shall personally appear at the ~~next COURT OF~~ 1st District, to be holden in and for the City and County of New York, and then and there Testify and give such evidence, in behalf of the People of the State of New York, as he may know concerning an Offense of Seditions Attack said to have been lately committed in the City of New York aforesaid by

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

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

Israel Cohen  
Mark

John Harrison Police Justice.



POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0362

CITY AND COUNTY } ss.  
OF NEW YORK, }

day of *May*  
*1888*  
188  
before me, the  
Police Justice.

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

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

*clothing situated at 20139 110th  
Street in said City valued  
at Three Hundred Dollars  
plus and clear*

*Israel Cohen  
Mark*

New York Sessions.

THE PEOPLE, &c.

Recognition to Testify.

ss.

Magistrate

Filed

day of

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POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

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

POLICE COURT, 1 DISTRICT.

*Eugene Mahoney*  
of No. *100 West 10th Street*, being duly sworn, deposes and says,  
that on the *19th* day of *May* 188*7*  
at the City of New York, in the County of New York, *that arrested*

*Mary Giffen* for the reason that deponent  
believes said *Giffen* to be a party to  
and implicated in a felonious Assault  
committed by *Joseph Giffen* upon one  
*Bartholomew Carisi* on the *18th* day of  
*May* 188*7*. from the fact that said  
*Mary Giffen* is the wife of *Joseph Giffen*  
who committed said Assault, and  
either by her act or inducement said  
Assault was committed and that  
deponent believes she is a material  
witness for the people and asks that

Sworn to before me this

188

day

Police Justice.

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

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POLICE COURT— DISTRICT.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

*Mary Gessie* vs.

AFFIDAVIT.

Dated *May 19* 188*7*

*Thomas* Magistrate.

*Mahoney* Officer.

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Disposition *Committed to the House*  
*of Detention in default of*  
*\$2500 bail to appear as a*  
*witness for the people.*

*She be Committed to appear when*  
*called for the people*  
*James H. Hester will be*  
*19 day of May 1887*  
*John H. Hester*  
*Police Justice*

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0365

Sec. 198—200.

District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK. } ss.

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

Question. What is your name?

Answer.

*Joseph Crapassi*

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

*40 years old*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer,

*Italy*

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

Answer.

*30 Prince Street*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer,

*Shoemaker*

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 have nothing to say by  
advice of Counsel*

*Giuseppe Crapassi*

Taken before me this

*13th*  
day of *June* 188*8*

Police Justice.

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

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

Police Court / District.

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THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Eugene M. Koney  
6th Ave.  
Joseph Guifasi

2 \_\_\_\_\_  
8 \_\_\_\_\_  
4 \_\_\_\_\_

Offence  
Homicide

Dated May 19, 1887

Justice Magistrate.

Shahoney Officer.

See 11 & 16 Precinct.

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

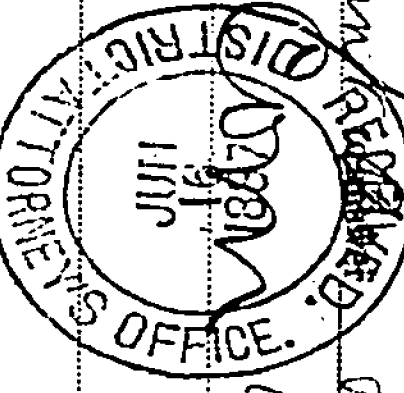
No. 2, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

No. 5, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street \_\_\_\_\_

No. 6, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street \_\_\_\_\_



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

Joseph Guifasi

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, ~~with to give such bail.~~

Dated June 13, 1887 Solomon B. Smith Police Justice.

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

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ 1887 \_\_\_\_\_ Police Justice.

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

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ 1887 \_\_\_\_\_ Police Justice.



POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

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Police Department of the City of New York,

Precinct No. 40 D

New York, July 12 1887

A D Parker,  
Chief Clerk

for: May Cressie  
committed to H. D.  
May 19 and discharged  
June 13 inst.

Respectfully

J V Holborn

By H. D.

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0368

People  
✓  
Joseph Gnjani,

14 Chambers St  
N.Y. July 14, 1887

Hon Recorder Smyth -

Respected Sir -

I deem it  
my duty to lay before you some  
facts that in the course of my  
business (as a Real Estate Dealer)  
have come before me, relative to  
the man Crifasi, whom I see  
is now on trial in your Court.

I am firmly convinced that  
the man is entitled to be defend-  
ed on the ground of Insanity,  
and probably would be if the  
Counsel he has had not accepted  
a deed of two lots Crifasi owns  
in a neighboring village.

I write this purely from a  
desire to see justice done to an  
unfortunate and ignorant  
man whom I feel certain  
is being made a prey of by  
unscrupulous lawyers. I  
have no other motive in writing.

I never met his lawyer Mr  
McFeeters until he called

at my office about 3 weeks ago to inquire as to the value of the lots, which he said he had a deed for. I stated that the lots were worth \$650 but that he had no right to receive them from Crifasi, as Crifasi was insane.

Mr. McFeters felt indignant at my remark and hastily left without replying.

I base my judgment as to Crifasi on the following facts.

After purchasing the best lots in a village (Ozone Park) on the Rockaway Beach R.R. and working several years to pay for them by \$20 monthly payments - working at his trade of shoe-making and evidently taking (with his wife) great pride in owning them and expressing strong desire to have a home erected upon them, suddenly his manner changed, he removed his place of business frequently, his appearance became altered. - Before he had been self possessed and extremely amiable in

his deportment. I noticed that he appeared dazed, his glances became very quick and flighty; for over a year past he has evidently been a very different man from the one to whom I sold the lots.

Some time ago he mortgaged his lots (his wife joining) for \$100 - Shortly after his wife called to implore me to not let him sell the lots "as he was crazy" She has always impressed me as being a respectable woman, one who seemed to be oppressed rather than with trouble; certainly I can observe nothing about her indicating immorality.

Still I have only had knowledge of the couple through a business channel.

Mrs. Crifaci informed me lately that she ~~had~~ has had her husband arrested charging him with being insane.

If this is so it strikes me that it might bear on his case.

Very respectfully

Paul W. Hitchcock



The People  
vs.  
Guiseppe Grifasi.

{ Court of General Sessions, Part I.  
Before Recorder Smyth.

July 11, 1887.

Indictment for murder in the first degree .

A Jury was empannelled and sworn.

Mr Purdy opened the case for the People.

George A. Wheeler sworn. I am City Surveyor and I drew the plan now shown me of the premises at and near 17 Baxter Street; the measurements are correct. The diagram was offered in evidence.)

Ida Nava sworn and examined. I reside at 127 South Fifth Avenue and keep a restaurant; upon the 13th of May last I kept a restaurant in 17 Baxter Street. I have known the Defendant for nine years. I saw the deceased twice in his life time; the day of the homicide I went to the Defendant's house about four o'clock, I knew the Defendant and his wife in Canada first; she was living in my house on the day of the homicide, she staid in my house that week for about two or three days; whenever they have a quarrel or that he ill-treats her she always comes and stays with me. The last time she came to my house she said that she had some quarrel in the morning with her husband, that she went to work and felt ill and then she came to my house to have some care. She stayed three days and then she went away and came back and staid about a day or two. I went to the Defendant's house about four o'clock on the day of the homicide and I saw him. I told him that he ~~is~~ shall come to my house and take his wife away because she was sick and I had no place for sick people in my house. First he

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said no he would not and then he said yes, he will come. He said he had something to do yet before going away and I waited, he said he was waiting for a friend of his which turned out to be the deceased, he came afterward; then they wanted to have something to eat and we went to a restaurant in the neighborhood, we finished our meal and came back to our place, four of us, the deceased, the Defendant, myself and a girl named Carmelia Bodge; she lives now with me but at that time she did not live with me. It was about eight or half past eight when we got back to my restaurant, or nine o'clock, I do not know exactly what time it was. AS soon as we entered I went with the Defendant to the bed of his wife in the rear of the restaurant where she was lying. He touched her on her shoulder and said, "are you sick, what is the matter with you, are you able to walk home or shall I take a carriage to take you home?" She said, "I think if you help me along I am able to walk home." Then she commenced to dress herself and he came out from the little room in the rear into the restaurant and sat down at the same table where the deceased was sitting and my servant girl and I were at the table also. Then the Defendant said to the deceased, "I told you in confidence and you told it." The deceased said, "no, I did not say anything and he said, "you said it." Then the deceased called him sbeirro, which means rascal; then the defendant got angry and he left the place, went out and that is all I know; it was about ten or half past ten when the Defendant left, the deceased remained in the restaurant with me about fifteen minutes or so; the deceased expected

the defendant to come back but when he saw he was not coming back he said he would go; then he went out and left the restaurant. I locked the doors and in about five or ten minutes I heard two shots fired in the street but I do not know where they came from or who fired them.

Then I went to open the door to see what was going on in the street and I saw a man, his face was full of blood coming in the direction of my door, I quickly locked my door. I did not recognize the man with the blood on his face but my servant girl recognized him and said to me who it was. A few minutes afterward two men knocked at the door and I opened it, one was in uniform and the other in civilian's dress, the man with the uniform was a policeman; they called for the wife.

**Cross Examined.**

On my way to the house of the defendant I met this girl acquaintance and she came along with me, I could not tell what time I got there and I do not remember what hour we got to the restaurant to get something to eat, I did not look at the clock but it was dark. I first became acquainted with the deceased a few days before this difficulty. I first met the defendant and his wife in Canada about nine years ago, I kept a boarding house and a bar-room and he came in and took a bottle of beer or wine. The girl now pointed out to me is the step-daughter of the defendant. They remained in Canada three or four years and left and I did not see them any more until about five years ago, I was passing along the street and they called me in. For the last year I did not see them, they were out in the country somewhere.

On this day in question his wife told me to call him,

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she was talking the whole of the day about it, she told me she was sick. I only saw the deceased twice in his lifetime, he came to my place with the Defendant two or three days before the shooting, that was the first time, and the second time was when I went to call the Defendant to take his wife away, the Defendant remained in the room with his wife it seems to me not more than fifteen minutes. When we were reaching my restaurant, the girl who was with us lived near by; she said that she was going upstairs to her home to change her clothes and she would come down afterward; she arrived about half an hour afterward. We did not have anything to eat or drink in my restaurant. We drank wine in the other restaurant; there were other people also at the table and I do not know how many bottles of wine we had. We were all friendly and in good humor, we all had some wine, I did not pay attention who paid for it. I cannot tell how many bottles of wine we had, it might have been one or two. The men did not seem to be under the influence of liquor because they did not take the wine pure, they put soda water in it. It might have been fifteen minutes after the Defendant went out of my restaurant that the deceased went out; the deceased was expecting the defendant to come back again and he said, "I think to-morrow he will take his wife home." I heard all the conversation that occurred between the deceased and the Defendant in my restaurant, I was near the table and I heard everything they said to each other; when they commenced to quarrel they both stood up when they commenced to be angry, they talked loud. I had a servant girl there, a

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married woman. I didnot hear the Defendant call the deceased a brigant and didnot hear him tell him that he had been in prison for ten years in the old country; when the deceased called the Defendant sberro he got angry, he did not answer but looked angry and went away, the deceased went away quarter of an hour afterward.

Samuel Burke sworn.

I live at 7 Baxter Street with my parents and am going on thirteen years old, I remember the 18th of May, the night of this shooting, I was playing with my sister near 13 Baxter Street and also with my brother. I saw a tall man have hold of a little man and pull a pistol and he shot him once and then he commenced to holler; the tall man held him by the neck and he pulled out a pistol from his breast and fired one shot, the little man bent down and commenced to holler and then the tall man fired another one at him, then he let go of him, he was trying to run away on the sidewalk, I halloed, stop thief and murder and then a whole crowd came around and hollered to stop the man, a policeman came running down Worth Street and caught the tall man in Baxter Street; the tall man is the prisoner: he let the deceased go after the second shot but held him until after the second shot was fired; the little man was running around the sidewalk after the second shot, halloeing, the tall man after the second shot was fired went on the right hand side of the sidewalk and was walking up pretty fast.



Cross Examined.

I know this was after ten because my father had taken in his show-case. The reason why I was up so late that night is that my father was away and my mother had to stay in the store until he came back so that my brother and sister and I stayed out later. Some people were sitting around their doors before the shooting, I was jumping a rope in the middle of the street when I saw the tall man have the little man by the neck, I was not standing far away, from the men, I never saw these men before. I did not see anything in the hands of the little man, I did not see his hands at all. The little man did not have hold of the big man when I first saw him, he wanted to try to pull away; the second shot was fired immediately after the first. The men were sideways to me; when I first saw them they were in the middle of the street. I went to the Station House on the night of the shooting with the policeman.

Augustine Grace sworn and examined.

I live at 12 1/2 Baxter Street with my parents, I am fifteen years old, I remember the night of the shooting in Baxter Street, I was opposite 14 Baxter Street jumping a rope, Sammy Burke was with me, I heard a shot and turned around and saw a tall man with a short man and then he fired the second shot; after the second shot I went into the house and when I came out I saw the short man bleeding and they said the other man went to the Station House then I saw them come and take the man who was bleeding away, I was not near enough to recognize the tall man, I

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went to the Station House of my own accord that night.

Israel Cohen sworn.

I reside 12 1/2 Baxter Street, I have no business now, I live with my daughter, I recollect the evening of the shooting but do not exactly know the date, I was in Baxter Street coming from Chatham, I bought some oranges and was putting them in my pocket and when I came near to the spot I heard the report of the pistol. I saw the prisoner hold the pistol and immediately he fired the second shot and he held the man by the collar. Then I ran over to the other side and the prisoner also ran; after the first shot was fired the deceased hallooed, I did not observe the relative position of the men, I think the deceased hallooed and ran after the second shot; the crowd came up and the Defendant ran away, I was frightened at the time, the policeman caught the prisoner and took him to the Station House. I and a man from Brooklyn whose name I do not know went to the Station House, it was past ten o'clock.

Cross Examined.

I believe No. 17 Baxter is a tenement house with three floors. My son has a clothing store in Chatham Street and I went there to visit him but it was closed, I cannot recollect if it rained that night, after I bought the oranges I was walking leisurely along and heard the pistol shot and immediately after, the second shot. The prisoner held the other man by the collar; the deceased was not so very small a man but he seemed stouter than the other. I was near by at the first shot and I could

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see them distinctly, I did not take notice of the hands of the deceased.

Eugene Mahoney sworn and examined.

I am a police officer of the 5th precinct and on the 18th of May at half past ten at night I was on patrol duty, I was in front of 175 Worth Street, about seventy-five feet away from Baxter and going towards Mulberry Street, when I heard a shot, I stood and heard the next shot and I ran across Worth Street to Baxter and just as I got around the corner of Baxter Street a boy hallooes, "there he is." I arrested the Defendant, I saw him running towards me before anybody called out, I arrested him in front of 23 Baxter Street, I made a grab for his hand, he had the revolver between his coat and his vest, I grabbed his hand and took the revolver away from him, I held it there and Officer Craig came along, I put the revolver in my pocket; it was the big pistol that I took from him which is now shown to me, he had it in his breast, all the barrels were loaded. Officer Craig came along and the prisoner had his right hand in his coat pocket and the officer put his hand into his pocket and took the small revolver now shown me out of his hand. I examined that in the Station House, there was three shots full and two empty shells, three barrels loaded and two discharged. I returned with the prisoner to the place of the shooting and then somebody hallooes to Officer Craig "there was another man in it." As Officer Craig was going away I hallooes to him to fetch me back the pistol and he returned the pistol to me and I put it in my

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pocket; he went towards 15 Baxter Street looking for the other man. On my way down I met the deceased staggering around the walk, I got hold of him and I says, "stand still for a while until the other officers come back." He was all full of blood, staggering around the walk. So I started on the way to the Station House, I asked the prisoner what did he do the shooting for. I said, "did you do the shooting?" He said, "yes." I says, "what for?" He says, "the complainant took his wife away; he said, for taking his wife away; he did not say who." I took him to the Station House and entered a complaint against him for shooting the deceased; it was entered against him there. Sergeant Langdon was at the desk in the Station House and took the pedigree of the prisoner, he gave his name, his occupation and where he lived. The Sergeant asked the prisoner what he done it for? He said for taking his wife away. The Sergeant told me to take him in the back room; the complainant was brought in shortly by two officers while the pedigree of the prisoner was being taken. I took the prisoner into the back room where the deceased was sitting in a chair. I asked the deceased did he identify this prisoner as the man that shot him and he said yes, and the prisoner said at the same time, "yes, I did the shooting." I took the prisoner out to the desk again and searched him, I found three keys and two or three cents in money and locked him up. I waited until the ambulance came and saw the ambulance doctor examine the deceased; when his coat was taken off I saw two cuts under the right arm. The doctor said he was shot through the nose, I saw the

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hole in the nose on the left hand side and I saw a mark on the right side of the head. The deceased was taken away in an ambulance, he was not searched in the Station House, I saw him a couple of days afterwards in the Bellevue Hospital, I wanted to get a certificate, I did not ask the deceased his name. I have been on the force a little over four years.

Mr Purdy offered the two revolvers in evidence.

Cross Examined.

When I laid my hand on the prisoner he was not excited, he did not seem to be nervous, I spoke to him in English when I asked him what did he do the shooting for. I do not know of my own knowledge that the deceased was searched in the Station House.

James J. Langdon sworn.

I am a police Sergeant of the 6th precinct and on the night of the 13th of May I was at the desk and while I was there the prisoner was brought in. About ten minutes of eleven that night Officer Mitchell came in and told me to telegraph for an ambulance that a man had been shot in Baxter Street, that the officers were bringing him to the Station House. I asked if the man who done the shooting was arrested and he said yes. I telegraphed for the ambulance and in the meantime the prisoner was brought in by Officer Mahoney; while the prisoner was standing in front of the desk the deceased was brought in, I saw him bleeding very much and told the officer to bring him in the back room, I then took the prisoner's pedigree and he answered all the questions.



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I then asked the officer to search him and while searching him I asked the prisoner if he had shot that man, pointing to the meantime to the back room where the deceased had been carried in. He said, "yes." I says, "why did you shoot him", and he said in broken English, I understood him to say, "I shot him because he took my wife away." I then repeated, because he took your wife away from you, and he said, yes. The ambulance arrived and the deceased was removed in it. I asked the officer to take the prisoner into the back room to have him identified by the deceased and then they returned to the desk and I asked if he was identified by him and they told me yes. But previous to that while the deceased was in the back room I saw the Roundman go in; as I was very busy at the time at the desk, I told him to get the name of the deceased and his residence and he did so. The pistols were produced by the officer that night.

**Cross Examined.**

I did not see them on the person of the prisoner, the prisoner was not excited but he was a little nervous. He spoke broken English but I understood him very plainly. I never saw him before. The copy of his pedigree from the blotter is as follows: his name is Joseph Gripsea (I wrote it by sound); forty years old; white; born in Italy; shoe-maker by trade; a married man; could not read or write; residence 20 Prince Street. On his person was found three keys, a silver watch chain and three cents, which was returned to his Counsel. He appeared to be a man about five feet seven or seven and a half, pretty stoutly built. He was stouter and more

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muscular than the prisoner but not as tall. He was taken to the Chamber Street Hospital and transferred to Bellevue.

Archibald M. Craig sworn.

I am an officer attached to the 6th precinct; on the night of the 18th of May I was in citizen's clothes in Worth Street; about half past ten o'clock on the night of the 18th of May I was standing in Worth Street and heard two pistols shots and looked around and saw them running and I followed the crowd, I turned around the corner of Worth Street into Baxter and saw Officer Mahoney with the prisoner in charge, I ran on the other side of the prisoner, he had his right hand in his sack coat pocket and I grabbed it. I grabbed this hand and this hand Mahoney had and he drew a big pistol out of the breast pocket, and I felt something in here and I pulled it out and the pistol was kind of warm yet, it was a 38 calibre pistol; the pistol now shown me is the one, it was loaded all but two chambers; the empty shells was in the chambers. I turned around then and asked the prisoner, did he shoot this man? He said, yes. I asked him then again what did he shoot him for? He said, "he was with my wife." Then I thought there was another person and I left him with Mahoney and ran down the street, I went back to search for another man and found out there was only himself there and then I came back and two officers had the deceased, I told Mahoney to go ahead and I followed him to the Station House with the prisoner.

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Cross Examined.

When I met the prisoner he had the left hand in his breast and the right hand in his pocket, he had his hand clinched on this pistol in his pocket, I had to use a little force to get his hand up, he had it grasped by the hand, I heard the shots and in about one minutes after I took hold of the prisoner, the pistol was still warm. I asked the prisoner did he shoot this man and he said yes, I asked him what he did it for and he said, for being with his wife, that is the language he sued to me.

John Burns sworn.

I am Roundsman of the 6th precinct, on the night of the 18th of May I was in the Station House; in pursuance of instructions I went into the back room and I saw a man there wounded, I asked what his name was and as far as I could understand it he said Bartholomew Carachia; I asked him where he lived and he said Elizabeth Street, he did not give any number. I was in the Station House when the wife of the prisoner came in, I did not see her go over and kiss the deceased.

William O'Meagher sworn.

I am a medical doctor and Deputy Coroner. I made an autopsy on the 25th of May, 1887 at the Morgue, Bellevue Hospital, 7.30 P. M. I made an autopsy of the body of a man said to be Bartolomeo Caracciola or Caracci. The body was that of a white man beyond middle age, in size and well developed. The following marks of violence were noted: a pistol shot of face, the bullet entering the left cheek bone just above the canine fossa,

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on the left side of the face, about here (pointing); passing obliquely backwards behind the nasal bones (the bones of the nose) and lodging just above the right zygoma, just where I point when it was cut out. There was ecchymosis of right eyelid (that is an effusion of blood under the skin) resulting either from wound on face or contusion; the bullet had been cut out before I saw the body, it was cut out I understood at the Chamber Street Hospital. There were two wounds supposed to be stab wounds, high up in the right axilla about here (pointing under the right arm), one of which had penetrated the plural cavity, (that is the cavity of the lung) and caused extensive emphysema, cellulitis and septic supuration which required incisions for partial relief, large free deep incisions. The right lung was one-third collapsed the left bound to the chest walls by old adhesions. The heart was normal, the abdominal viscera normal. The brain exhibited no marked change except some congestion and commencing meningitis at the base, right behind the track of the bullet, near the base of the brain. Death was due to exhaustion from general shock, etc. resulting from pistol shot wound. I am satisfied that the deep wound under the right arm was caused by a pistol shot wound, it looked like a stab wound at first but I am satisfied now it was a pistol shot wound and that was the cause of death; the other wound in the face was not necessarily fatal. The deceased was a finely built, muscular man.

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John J. Donovan Sworn.

I am night captain of the Bellevue Hospital and recollect receiving at the hospital Bartholomew Carracciola ten minutes after one on the morning of the 15th of May, he died on the 25th at 4.30 A. M. That is the same body that the doctor examined.

Louisa Nardine Sworn.

I know the prisoner, my mother married him thirteen years ago, as long as I can remember, I am now between fifteen and sixteen, my mother was a widow at the time she married him, I am his step-daughter, I have always lived at home with them, I was not home long in the month of May last, I do not think I was home at all then:

During the years that I have lived with them he always used to fight with my mother, he assaulted her, she did not leave him, he put her out, I do not remember how many times this occurred but it was many times, he called her bad names, he was never jealous of my mother. Sometimes he would lose a tool and he would blame my mother. I have seen the dead man but I do not know him.

Cross Examined.

My step-father provided for and supported my mother, he is a shoe-maker and always worked, he had a little store of his own but he never saved money, he had a little money when he bought those lots and paid by the month, he worked very hard from early morning till late at night and sometimes my mother worked too and I done all the house-work. Sometimes my step-father did not have money enough to pay the rent. I was living with my



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cousin in May Mrs. Canvary, 55 Attorney Street, I left my mother home with him when I left, I was away a week before the shooting occurred, I do not know when my mother left home, she sent for me before the shooting, she was in 17 Baxter Street, she sent for me on the day of the shooting, the 18th; she came to see me before this on the Sunday, the 15th, before the shooting about four o'clock at my sister-in-law's place, I did not ask her if she left home. Is it not a fact that your mother used to be running to Police Stations and to the Tombs to have your father arrested quite frequently? That is not true; she would go but she would not like to have him get arrested, she wanted to have him taken as insane. She had him arrested in New Haven and about two years ago she had him arrested also in this city, she then said he was insane and wanted to have him sent away. I am not working now, I know nothing of the shooting. I do not remember when I saw the deceased before the shooting but I saw him once or twice. I know Ida Nava who keeps a restaurant, she never told me that the deceased was a brigand in the old country. My step-father used to call my mother very bad names. I understand Italian; the word ptana means in English prostitute, he used to call her that. She never raised anything at him to strike him but he always struck her.

Archibald Craig recalled.

I judge the deceased was about five feet, seven and a half, a very stout built man and shorter than the prisoner and stouter.

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Mr Purdy: We rest the case for the people.

The Case for the Defence.

Mr Burr opened the case for the Defence after which the Court adjourned.

Thursday, July 14, 1887.

Mr Burr: After deliberation and after consultation with my associate and a careful review of all the facts in this case and an examination of the witnesses that I proposed to produce on behalf of the prisoner, I have come to the conclusion that in the performance of my duty to my client it would be for his interest and I think in furtherance of justice if a plea of murder in the second degree were accepted in this case. The prisoner I have known for some two years. Two years ago he retained me in a case where his wife as he stated, employed a man to assassinate him. I know of my own knowledge that he has lived very unhappily with his wife, that he has had great provocation to commit the deed he did; and I therefore urge upon your Honor that this plea be accepted. The man is peculiar. Sometimes it appears to me as if he were not in his proper mind, and I honestly believe that at the time he committed this deed his feelings had so far overmastered his judgment that at the time he did not know actually what he was doing.

The Recorder: Since the adjournment of the Court yesterday I have made a very careful examination of the case presented by the prosecution and I have also been placed in possession of some information which comes to me from a source which I have every reason to believe, is entirely reliable and which induced me to send for the District

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Attorney and confer with him in reference to a proper disposition to be made of this case. The case I am free to state is a very extraordinary one, even upon the evidence given here on the part of the prosecution. In none aspect of the case it appears to me to be a clear case of murder in the first degree because there appears not only to have been deliberation but premeditation and a well formed intent to kill, all the elements constituting the offence of murder in the first degree; but having looked into this case and at the extraordinary statements which were made by the witnesses yesterday, it appears that on the day of the homicide and up to the very time of committing the homicidal act, the deceased and the Defendant appeared to be on the very best of terms.

The Recorder recited the evidence of the first witness examined and continued: In addition to that, the wife of the prisoner was very carefully examined by the Assistant District Attorney who has got charge of this case and her statement was reduced to writing. She showed very conclusively that there were no improper relations between her and the deceased. She had never spoken to the deceased except upon two occasions, one of them was on the day of this homicide; that the prisoner and the deceased were on terms of intimacy, were very strong friends; that latterly the conduct of this man, the Defendant had been such as to lead her to suppose that he was not of sound mind. She does not intimate or say that he had not sufficient mind to render him responsible for what he did because as the law now stands and very properly, it is immaterial whether a person was

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insane at some particular time in his life, provided that at the time he committed the alleged criminal act he had sufficient mental capacity to understand and know the distinction between right and wrong. If he did he would be then liable to the criminal law for any act that he might perpetrate. But she says that his conduct towards her and in his home was of such a character as would lead me, if her statement is true, to believe that this man's mind was not actually in a normal condition.

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She also states that his father and brother were insane and either one or other or both of them died in an insane asylum in Italy - that there was a taint of insanity in the Defendant's family. I am inclined therefore to accept the plea of murder in the second degree that has been offered in this case, because if that evidence got before the Jury they might very well doubt as to whether there was deliberation and premeditation on the part of this man sufficient to constitute the crime of murder in the first degree; they might very reasonably come to that conclusion. If it should turn out that this man is insane, he will be committed to a place provided by the State for the care of insane convicts, and I think, on the whole case that the ends of justice will be better subserved by accepting this plea that has been offered.

A Juror was withdrawn and the plea of guilty of murder in the second degree taken.

The Defendant was sentenced to imprisonment in the State Prison during the term of his natural life.

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Testimony in the  
Case of  
Giuseppe Bripani

filed June  
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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

*Figueroa Ridgair*

The Grand Jury of the City and County of New York, by this indictment accuse *Figueroa Ridgair* —

of the CRIME OF Murder in the First Degree, committed as follows:

The said

*Figueroa Ridgair,*

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the *eighteenth*  
day of *May*, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and

*eighty-seven*, at the City and County aforesaid, with force and arms, in and upon one

*Bartolomeo Rarriada*, in the peace of the said People then and there being,

wilfully, feloniously, and of *his* malice aforethought, did make an assault, and the said

*Figueroa Ridgair*, a certain pistol then and there charged and

loaded with gunpowder and one leaden bullet, which said pistol the said *Figueroa*

*Ridgair* in *his* right hand then and there had and held,

to, at, against, and upon the said *Bartolomeo Rarriada*,

then and there feloniously, wilfully, and of *his* malice aforethought, did shoot off and

discharge, and the said *Figueroa Ridgair*,

with the leaden bullet aforesaid, out of the pistol aforesaid, then and there by force of the gun-

powder aforesaid, shot off, sent forth, and discharged, as aforesaid, *him* the said

*Bartolomeo Rarriada*, in and upon the *head* of *him*

the said *Bartolomeo Rarriada*, then and there feloniously, wilfully, and of

*his* malice aforethought, did strike, penetrate, and wound, giving to *him*

the said *Bartolomeo Rarriada*, then and there, with the leaden bullet

aforesaid, so as aforesaid discharged, sent forth, and shot out of the pistol aforesaid, by the

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said *Louisette Ridgely*, in and upon the *head* of  
the said *Bartolomeo Rannicida*, one mortal wound of the breadth  
of one inch, and of the depth of six inches, of which said mortal wound *she* the  
said *Bartolomeo Rannicida*, at the City and County aforesaid,  
from the said *eighteenth* day of *May*, — in the  
year aforesaid, until the *twenty fifth* day of *May*, in the same year  
aforesaid, did languish, and languishing did live, on which said *twenty fifth*  
day of *May*, in the year aforesaid, the said *Bartolomeo*  
*Rannicida*, at the City and County aforesaid, of the said mortal wound did die.

And so the Grand Jury aforesaid do say: That the said

*Louisette Ridgely*, —

the said *Bartolomeo Rannicida*, in the manner and form, and by  
the means aforesaid, wilfully, feloniously, and of *his* malice aforethought, did kill,  
and murder, against the form of the Statute in such case made and provided, and against the  
peace of the People of the State of New York and their dignity.

**RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,**

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY.**

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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~~

*Second Count.*

*And* <sup>*And*</sup> ~~The Grand Jury of the City and County of New York,~~ by this indictment accuse ~~Further~~ *accuse* ~~the said~~ *Figueroa*  
*Ridgway* —

of the CRIME OF Murder in the first Degree, committed as follows:

The said *Figueroa Ridgway*,

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

*Bartholomew Rannicks*, —

in the peace of the said People then and there being, wilfully, feloniously, and of  
*his* malice aforethought, did make an assault, and ~~the~~ the said

*Figueroa Ridgway*, *him*, —

the said *Bartholomew Rannicks*, with a certain *knife* —

which ~~the~~ the said *Figueroa Ridgway* in  
*his* right hand then and there had and held, in and upon the ~~right side~~

of ~~the body of~~ the said *Bartholomew Rannicks*,

then and there wilfully, feloniously, and of *his* malice aforethought did strike,

stab, cut and wound, giving unto *him* the said *Bartholomew Rannicks*,

then and there with the *knife* aforesaid, in and upon the ~~right side~~

of ~~the body of~~ *him* the said *Bartholomew Rannicks*,

one mortal wound of the breadth of one inch, and of the depth of six inches, of which said

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mortal wound *he* the said *Bartolomeo Rannido*,  
at the City and County aforesaid, from the day first aforesaid, in the year aforesaid, until the  
*Twenty-fifth* day of *May* — in the same year  
aforesaid, did languish, and languishing did live, and on which said *Twenty-fifth*  
day of *May* — in the year aforesaid, *he* the said  
*Bartolomeo Rannido*, at the City and County aforesaid,  
of the said mortal wound did die.

And so the Grand Jury aforesaid do say: That the said  
*Agnesa Ridgway, his*,

the said *Bartolomeo Rannido*, in the manner and form, and by  
the means aforesaid, wilfully, feloniously, and of *his* malice aforethought, did kill,  
and murder, against the form of the Statute in such case made and provided, and against the  
peace of the People of the State of New York and their dignity.

**RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,**

**District Attorney.**

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St. Louis COUNT.

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

- Figueras Rodriguez -

of the CRIME of Murder in the first degree,

committed as follows:

The said Figueras Rodriguez,

late of the City and County aforesaid, afterwards to wit: On the day and in the year aforesaid,  
at the City and County aforesaid, said Figueras Rodriguez did  
man, in the year of our Lord one  
thousand eight hundred and eighty  
seven, at the City and County aforesaid,  
with force and arms, in and upon one  
Castelomeo Rannicko, in the year of  
the said People of New and there being,  
with fully felonious and evil intent  
malice aforethought, did make an  
assault, and the said Figueras Rodriguez,  
a certain pistol, New and there charged  
and loaded with gunpowder and one  
leadens bullet, which said pistol the  
said Figueras Rodriguez in his right  
hand New and there had and held,  
he, at, against and upon the said



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Bartholomew Rarrick, then and there  
voluntarily, intelligently, and of his  
own free will and choice, did shoot off  
and discharge, and the said Figueroa  
Ridgway, with the loaded bullet of powder,  
out of the right of powder, then and there  
by force of the ammunition of powder,  
shot off, sent forth, and discharged, as  
of powder, from the said Bartholomew  
Rarrick, in and upon the head of  
him the said Bartholomew Rarrick,  
then and there voluntarily, intelligently  
and of his own free will and choice, did  
strike, penetrate and wound; and the  
said Figueroa Ridgway, from the said  
Bartholomew Rarrick, with a certain  
kind of, under the the said Figueroa  
Ridgway in his right hand then and  
there held and held, in and upon the  
right side of the body of the said  
Bartholomew Rarrick, then and there  
voluntarily, intelligently and of his  
own free will and choice, did strike, hit, cut  
and wound; giving into him the said  
Bartholomew Rarrick, then and there,  
with the loaded bullet of powder, as  
of powder discharged, sent forth, and  
shot out of the right of powder, from the  
said Figueroa Ridgway, in and upon the  
head of the said Bartholomew Rarrick,

one mortal wound, of the breast the of one  
inch, and of the depth of six inches, and  
then giving into him the said Bartholomew  
Rarrick, then and there, with the kind of  
force, in and upon the right side  
of the body of him the said Bartholomew  
Rarrick, <sup>then</sup> one mortal wound, of the  
breast the of one inch, and of the depth  
of six inches, of which said mortal  
wound, the said Bartholomew Rarrick,  
at the City and County of Essex, from the  
day first of April, in the year of grace,  
until the twenty of the day of May, in  
the same year of grace, did languish,  
and languishing did live, on which said  
twenty of the day of May, in the year  
of grace, the said Bartholomew  
Rarrick, at the City and County of Essex,  
did die, of the said mortal wound, as he did.

And so the Grand Jury of Essex  
do say: That the said Thomas Ridgway,  
him the said Bartholomew Rarrick,  
in the manner and form, and by the  
means of grace, with full knowledge, and  
of his malice aforethought, did kill and  
murder, against the form of the Statute  
in such case made and provided, and  
against the peace of the People of the State  
of New York, and their dignity.

Randolph B. Martin,  
District Attorney.