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DESCRIPTION:

Wallace, Edward

DATE:

02/16/83



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W. J. 377
Counsel,
Filed 16 day of Feb 1883
Pleads

THE PEOPLE
vs.
Edward W. D. D.
Grand Larceny, Receiving Stolen Goods,
Degree, and

JOHN McKEON,
District Attorney

A True Bill.

William H. Phelps
Bar 2 Feb 16. 1883
Pleads G. L. & D.
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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

Edward Wallace

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

Edward Wallace

of the CRIME OF GRAND LARCENY in the ~~second~~ degree, committed as follows:

The said Edward Wallace

late of the First Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York, aforesaid, on the ~~seventh~~ day of ~~January~~ in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-~~three~~, at the Ward, City and County aforesaid, with force and arms
two pairs of trousers of the value of three dollars each pair, one ring of the value of two dollars, one vest of the value of one dollar, one watch of the value of five dollars, two coats of the value of one dollar and fifty cents each, three promissory notes for the payment of money, the same being then and there due and unpaid: ~~signed~~ of the kind known as United States Treasury notes, of the denomination and of the value of five dollars each, three promissory notes for the payment of money, the same being then and there due and unpaid: ~~signed~~ of the kind known as Bank Notes of the denomination and of the value of five dollars each, and one promissory notes for the payment of money, the same being then and there due and unpaid of the kind known as United States Treasury notes of the denomination and of the value of two dollars

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one Samuel

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

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

_____ of the CRIME OF RECEIVING STOLEN GOODS,
committed as follows:

The said Edward Wallace

late of the First Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York
aforesaid, on the ~~seventh~~ day of ~~February~~ in the year of our Lord
one thousand eight hundred and eighty-~~three~~, at the Ward, City and County
aforesaid, with force and arms

two pairs of trousers of
the value of three dollars each, one ring of
the value of two dollars, one vest of the
value of one dollar, one watch of the
value of five dollars, two coats of the
value of one dollar and fifty cents each,
three promissory notes for the payment
of money the same being then and there
due and unsatisfied, of the kind known
as United States Treasury notes of the denomination
and of the value of five dollars each,
three promissory notes for the payment
of money the same being then and there
due and unsatisfied, of the kind known
as bank notes, of the denomination
and of the value of five dollars each, and
one promissory note for the payment of
money the same being then and there due and
unsatisfied, of the kind known as United
States Treasury notes of the denomination
and of the value of two dollars

_____ of the goods, chattels and personal property of Samuel Helver

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

Helver

unlawfully and unjustly, did feloniously receive and have; he the said Edward Wallace

then and there well knowing the said goods, chattels and personal property to have
been feloniously stolen, taken and carried away, against the form of the Statute in
such case made and provided, and against the peace of the People of the State of
New York, and their dignity.

JOHN McKEON, District Attorney.

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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,
No. 5, by _____
Residence _____ Street,
No. 6, by _____
Residence _____ Street,
No. 7, by _____
Residence _____ Street,
No. 8, by _____
Residence _____ Street,
No. 9, by _____
Residence _____ Street,
No. 10, by _____
Residence _____ Street,

Police Court District. 3

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

David Holmes

Wm. Baker

Edward Wallace

Grann Lersey

Offence,

Dated *July 8* 1883

Justices Magistrate.

Boyle Officer.

Ward Clerk.

Witnesses, *David Holmes*

No. _____ Street,

No. _____ Street,

No. _____ Street,

No. 1000 Street,
James J. J.
RECEIVED
FEB 10 1883
CLERK'S OFFICE

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 Edward Wallace

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

Dated *July 8* 1883 *A. M. Patterson* Police Justice.

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

Dated _____ 188 _____ Police Justice.

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

Dated _____ 188 _____ Police Justice.

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Sec. 198—200.

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District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY }
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

Edward Wallace 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. Edward Wallace

Question. How old are you?

Answer. 26 years

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. New York

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

Answer. I have no home

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. Baker

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

Edward Wallace

Taken before me this

day of

February

1883

at

New York

by

John J. Parsons

Police Justice.

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CITY AND COUNTY }
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

Edward H Doyle

aged 34 years, occupation Police officer of No.

17 Precinct

~~Street~~ being duly sworn deposes and

says, that he has heard read the foregoing affidavit of Louis Kebres

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

Sworn to before me, this 8th

day of February 1883

Edward H Doyle

J. M. Patterson

Police Justice.

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3rd District Police Court.

Affidavit—Larceny.

CITY AND COUNTY }
OF NEW YORK } ss
of No. 487 3rd Avenue Street

Louis Kehres 30 years

being duly sworn, deposes and says, that on the 7 day of February 1883

at the City of New York,
in the County of New York, was feloniously taken, stolen and carried away from the possession
of deponent, at night time

the following property, viz:

Two pair of Pants, one pair of said Pants containing good
and lawful money of the issue of the United States
consisting of three notes of the denomination and value
of five dollar each, and one note of the denomination
and value of two dollars, and one gold Ring of the
value of two dollars, and one Vest containing one
Silver Watch of the value of five dollars and
Two Coats of the value of three dollars
said property being in all of the value of thirty-
four dollars,

the property of deponent

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

from the fact that deponent is informed by
officer Edward H. Doyle of the 17th Precinct Police
that he arrested said Edward Wallace with the
above described property in his possession
of Louis Kehres

Sworn before me this

8

day of February

1883

POLICE JUSTICE.

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FOLDER:

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DESCRIPTION:

Walter, Joseph

DATE:

02/28/83



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Day of Trial,

Counsel,

Filed

day of

1883

Pleads

THE PEOPLE

vs.

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Joseph W. Warden

14/1/93

JOHN McKEON,

District Attorney.

A TRUE BILL.

William W. Warden

Dec 1/03

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Pen 60 days

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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

Joseph Walter

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

Joseph Walter

of the CRIME OF *Cruelty to an animal*
committed as follows:

The said Joseph Walter

late of the City and County of New York, on the *16th* day of *February*
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty *three*, at
the City and County aforesaid, with force and arms

a certain animal,

*to wit: a certain horse, the property of some person
to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown, with a certain
whip-stick did then and there unlawfully and
cruelly beat, against the form of the Statute
in such case made and provided, and against
the peace of the People of the State of New York
and their dignity.*

John McKeon

District Attorney

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129th No 246

Police Court District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Alman & Co.

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Joseph Waller

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Offence *Security to Criminals*

Dated *Feb 16* 1883

Morgan Magistrate.

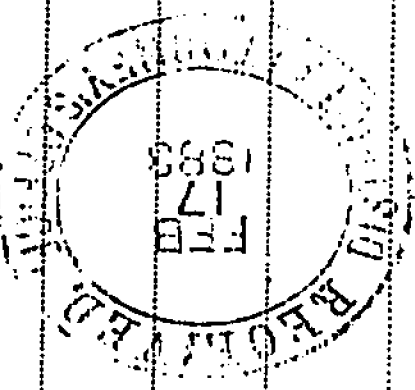
Officer.

Prerinct.

Witnesses

No. Street.

No. Street.



No. Street.

\$ *100* to answer *JS*

Waller

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 Waller*

guilty thereof, I order that he be held to answer the same and he be admitted to bail in the sum of *100* Hundred Dollars, and be committed to the Warden and Keeper of the City Prison of the City of New York, until he give such bail.

Dated *Feb 16* 1883 *P. J. Morgan* Police Justice.

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

Dated _____ 188 _____ Police Justice.

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

Dated _____ 188 _____ Police Justice.

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Sec. 198-200.

5 District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY }
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

Joseph Waller 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 Waller

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

34 years.

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

Ireland

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

Answer.

409 East 113th Street, about 2 1/2 years.

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.

Driver

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

Answer.

I didn't not know that I was doing anything wrong. the horses were standing in a line. they would not move either way - and I struck the high horse with the butt end of the whip on the blinds - I did not mean to do them any harm.

Joseph Waller
Mark

Taken before me this

day of

1888

John Morgan
Police Justice.

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

Police Court, 9 District.

*Alonzo S. Evans*of No. *100 East 2nd* Street, being duly sworn, deposes andsays, that on the *16* day of *February* 18*83*

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

On Joseph Waller (nowhere) did willfully, unlawfully and wickedly torture and torment a certain living creature, to wit: a horse, by then and then lashing and beating said horse over the head with the buttend of a whip. Wherein and whereby unjustifiable physical pain and suffering to the said living creature was by the said Joseph Waller caused and permitted in violation of the Statute made and provided wherefor the complainant prays that the said Joseph Waller may be dealt with according to law.

Alonzo S. Evans

*Taken before me this 16th
day of February 1883*

P. S. Morgan Police Justice.

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DESCRIPTION:

Walters, Thomas

DATE:

02/08/83



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Day of Trial,
Counsel,
Filed, *J. E. Kelly* 1883
Pleads

Assault in the First Degree.

THE PEOPLE

vs.

R
Samuel Watson

JOHN MCKEON,
District Attorney.

A TRUE BILL.

William H. Kelly
Foreman.

Feb 2/83.
Wm. H. Kelly

Pen one year

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Form 10.

Police Court—~~Sixth~~ District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Alonso Roberson

vs.

Thomas Waters

~~John McArthur~~

Dated

Dec 26 1882

M. J. Power Justice.

Roberson Officer.

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Ex Feb 1st 9 am

Dec 26-1882
Committed to
await the remedy
of injuries to John
O'Keefe.

Alldavit—Carneyway
injured & John O'Keefe

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Form 10.

POLICE COURT - ~~SIXTH~~ DISTRICTSTATE OF NEW YORK,
CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, } ss.

Alfonzo Roberson aged 31
years -
of No. a police officer of the 28th Precinct Police
Street,

being duly sworn, deposes and says,
that on the 26th day of December 1892 at the City
of New York, in the County of New York, between the hours of 12. midnight

And one o'clock a.m. deponent arrested
Thomas Waters (now present) on the
complaint of John O'Keefe, and said
O'Keefe informed deponent in the presence
of said Waters, that he said Waters
had feloniously and grievously
assaulted and beat him said
O'Keefe by striking him O'Keefe on the
head with a beer glass. deponent
further says that said O'Keefe is
now confined to his bed in the Presbyter-
ian hospital suffering from the injuries
inflicted on him by said Waters. deponent
says that said Waters may be held to await
the result of the injuries of said O'Keefe.

Alfonzo Roberson

Police Justice.

Sworn to, this

26th

day of December

1892

before me, W. J. Van

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Police Court—4 District.

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

of No 1105 1st Avenue

John O'Keefe, aged 23 years
Street,

being duly sworn, deposes and says, that
on Tuesday the 26 day of December
in the year 1882, at the City of New York, in the County of New York,

and grievously
he was violently **ASSAULTED** and **BEATEN** by Thomas Waters (now present)
who struck deponent several blows
on the face and head with a
beer glass which he then held in
his hand cutting and injuring deponent
severely

without any justification on the part of the said assailant.

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

Sworn to before me, this

day of

Jan
1883

John O'Keefe

[Signature]
POLICE JUSTICE.

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City and County of New York, ss.

Police Court 4 District.

THE PEOPLE

vs.

On Complaint of

For

Thomas Waters

John O'Keefe
Assault & Battery

After being informed of my rights under the law, I hereby demand a trial by Jury, on this complaint, and demand a trial at the **COURT OF ~~GENERAL~~ SPECIAL SESSIONS OF THE PEACE**, to be holden in and for the City and County of New York.

Dated February 1st 1883.

[Signature]

POLICE JUSTICE.

Thomas Waters

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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, 4 District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,

OR THE COMPLAINANT OF

Alfred Street

1105 1st Avenue

Thomas Waters

1 _____
2 _____
3 _____
4 _____
Offence, *Assault & Battery*

Dated *February 1st* 1883

Thomas Waters Magistrate.

A. Robinson Officer.

Clerk.

Witnesses, _____

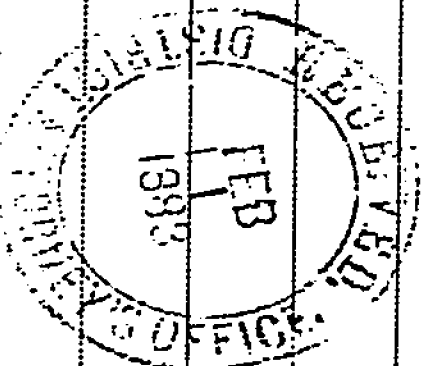
No. _____ Street,

No. _____ Street,

No. _____ Street,

\$ _____ to answer

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

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

Dated *February 1st* 1883

[Signature] Police Justice.

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

Dated _____ 188 _____ Police Justice.

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

Dated _____ 188 _____ Police Justice.

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Sec. 198-200.

CITY AND COUNTY }
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

District Police Court.

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

Question. What is your name?

Answer. Thomas Waters

Question. How old are you?

Answer. 21 years

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. New York

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

Answer. 342 East 63rd Street, five years

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. a laborer

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

Answer. I struck the complainant in self defence. the complainant and two other men were beating me at the time

I have nothing to say

Thomas Waters

Taken before me this

day of

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at

Police Justice.

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DESCRIPTION:

Watson, Frederick

DATE:

02/27/83



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Bail fixed at \$2500
 Date W. Mch 8th 1883
 Refr Bloom
 City La. 492

~~Refr Bloom~~
~~City La. 492~~
~~W. Mch 8th 1883~~

Bail in the sum of \$2500 may be taken in this case on giving of sure bond

Candolph S. Martine

~~Refr Bloom~~
~~City La. 492~~
~~W. Mch 8th 1883~~
~~Refr Bloom~~
~~City La. 492~~
~~W. Mch 8th 1883~~

[Signature]
 Counsel
 Filed day of Feb 1883
 Pleads Not Guilty 28.

THE PEOPLE
 vs
[Signature]
 (at Law the)

Let Bench warrant issue for
 John McKeon,
 District Attorney

[Signature]
 A True Bill
 Passed May 8, 1888
 Tried and convicted
 May 11, 1888

May 10, 1888
[Signature]
 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

Frederick R. Watson

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

Frederick R. Watson

of the CRIME OF GRAND LARCENY in the *first* degree, committed as follows:

The said *Frederick R. Watson*

late of the First Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York, aforesaid, on the *16th* ~~on the~~ day of *February* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-*three*, at the Ward, City and County aforesaid, with force and arms in the night time of said day, one pocket book of the value of one dollar, two promissory notes, for the payment of money the same being then and there due and unsatisfied, of the kind known as United States Treasury notes, of the denomination and of the value of five dollars each, and two promissory notes for the payment of money, the same being then and there due and unsatisfied, of the kind known as Bank notes, of the denomination and of the value of five dollars each

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one *Peter Schmitt*, on the person of the said *Peter Schmitt* then and there being found, then and there feloniously did steal, take and carry away, against the form of the Statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace of the People of the State of New York, and their dignity.

John McLean
District Attorney

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July 16/83 - Debt was
this case and the
examination therein, be
admitted to January 20/83
at 9 1/2 A. M.
Thomas White
Conceded the debt
Bond received \$2,000
BAILED, May 22, 1888
No. 1, by Isaac Shafford Adams
Residence 445 East 87th St.
No. 2, by _____
Residence _____
No. 3, by _____
Residence _____
No. 4, by _____
Residence _____
Witnesses for People
J. M. M. M. M.
J. M. M. M. M.
J. M. M. M. M.

Police Court - 2nd Div.
X THE PEOPLE, &c.,
ON THE COMPLAINT OF
Peter Schmidt
vs. Frederick R. Watson
Offence: Lying from person in the night
Dated February 17 1888
Hugh Gardner Magistrate.
Witnesses:
No. 1, by _____
Residence _____
No. 2, by _____
Residence _____
No. 3, by _____
Residence _____
No. 4, by _____
Residence _____
Witnesses:
No. 1, by _____
Residence _____
No. 2, by _____
Residence _____
No. 3, by _____
Residence _____
No. 4, by _____
Residence _____
J. M. M. M. M.
J. M. M. M. M.
J. M. M. M. M.

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

Frederick R. Watson

guilty thereof, I order that he be held to answer the same and be committed to bail in the sum of

~~Twenty Dollars~~, and be committed to the Warden and Keeper of the City Prison of the City of New York, until he

give such bail. *be legally discharged*

Dated February 17 1888 *Hugh Gardner* Police Justice.

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

Dated _____ 1888 _____ Police Justice.

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

Dated _____ 1888 _____ Police Justice.

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Sec. 198-200.

CITY AND COUNTY }
OF NEW YORK, } ss.3rd

District Police Court.

Frederick R. Watson 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. *Frederick R. Watson*

Question. How old are you?

Answer. *Thirty-eight years of age*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. *New York*

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

Answer. *428 Broome St. 6 months*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. *Summer*

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

Answer. *I am not guilty*

F R Watson

Taken before me this 17th
day of January 1888

George H. Gardner
Police Justice.

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District Police Court.

Affidavit—Larceny.

CITY AND COUNTY }
OF NEW YORK, } ssPeter Schmitt, aged 64 years,
of No. 52 Montman Street, Brooklyn, C.D.being duly sworn, deposes and says, that on the 16th day of February 1883
at the City of New York,

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

of deponent, and from deponents persons, in the night time,
the following property, viz:One pocket-book containing gold and
silver money of the United States,
consisting of two notes or bank bills
of the denomination and value of
five dollars each

the property of deponent

and that this deponent
has a probable cause to suspect, and does suspect, that the said property was feloniously taken,
stolen, and carried away by Frederick R. Watson,now here, from the fact that at the
noon of 6th March on the night of
said day deponent stood on the rear
platform of a Grand Street Railroad
Car. That said pocket-book and money
was then contained in the left side
pocket of the pantaloons then worn
upon deponents person. That the said
defendant then stood on said platform
close to and in front of deponent.

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That another man stood behind deponent and pushed deponent against said defendant. That deponent felt a hand in said pocket and immediately seized hand of it and found it was one of the hands of said defendant. That deponent seized said defendant and attempted to hold him but he broke away from deponent and jumping off said Car ran away and deponent then discovered the loss of said property.

That deponent felt said pocket back in his pocket about fifteen minutes previous to detecting the defendant with his hand therein.

Sworn to before me this } Peter Schmitt
17th day of February 1883

Hugh Farmer
Police Justice

District Police Court.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,

ON THE COMPLAINT OF

vs.

AFFIDAVIT—Larceny.

Dated

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Magistrate.

Officer.

WITNESSES:

DISPOSITION

0260

DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE,

New York, 188

The ~~Penny~~
vs
Fred. R. Watson }

This prisoners real name is
Fred Lawther. He is a pro-
fessional pickpocket, and
has been arrested many times.

Picture in R.G.

McAllen

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Law Department.
Office of the Counsel to the Corporation.

Staats Zeitung Building,
Tryon Row.

New York, June 10th 1885

Hon Randolph. D. Martine

Dear Sir.

I am an examined
employed in the office of the Counsel to the Corporation. I have
known the Defendant F.R. Watson, (right name Frederick Lawther)
and all his family for 25 years. His family are all very
respectable people. I know his Sister Maggie is dying with
a lingering disease and appears to need his presence ^{or}
assistance, it is she who has requested him to come to N.Y.
He used to keep an oyster Saloon ^{or} restaurant on 8th Ave
between 49th & 50th St. Since his trouble in 1874 to which he
pleaded guilty at the time he has tried to lead an
honest ^{or} respectable life up to the date of his trouble in '83
when he left town ^{or} as I am informed made over his
property to his bondman. He was keeping a restaurant
at No 412 North 11th St. St. Louis until April 9th 1885. ^{or} he
is anxious to come back to N.Y. ^{or} his dying Sister. His
Father Mother ^{or} two Brothers are all dead. I saw the
Complainant ~~request~~ himself and he was perfectly willing
to withdraw the charge ^{or} did so after consultation
with his attorney. He is an old man and an invalid
and he tells me he has been confined to his home
for 10 months.

Very Respectfully Yours.
James G. O'Brien
No 120 East 112th St.

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Hon. Randolph B. Martin.

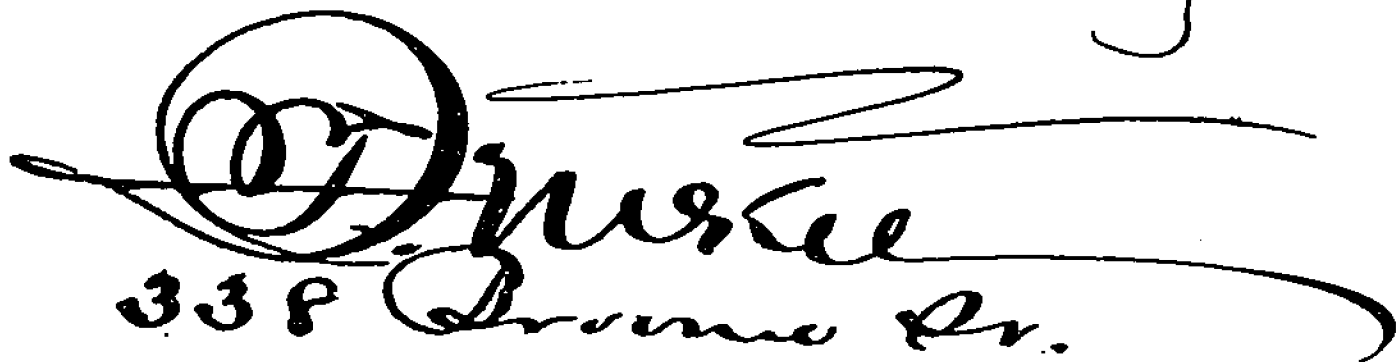
You can rely upon any representa-
tion made by Frances G. O'Brien, -
I know him well.

Thomas Allison

59 Liberty St.

John H. Strahan

Tribune Building


338 Duane St.

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Dr. M. M. Duntun,

OFFICE HOURS:
8 to 9 A. M. 1 to 3 P. M.
6 to 8 P. M.

37 SEVENTH ST.,
Betw. 2d & 3d Aves.

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June 11th - 1885

This certifies that
Miss Maggie Sawtles
is suffering from
Chronic Diarrhoea
or Phthisis Pulmonalis.

She requires proper
care & nourishment.
as she is liable to die
at almost any period.
I am attending her some
4 months, M. M. Duntun M.D.

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People of the State of New York
F. R. Watson ^{against}
City of Brooklyn County of Kings &c.

Peter Schmitt being duly sworn says:
I reside at present at No 176 Evergreen
Avenue. On the night of the 16th of Febru-
ary 1883 and after Watson had been
searched in the Station House of the
10th Precinct in Eldridge Street the pocket
book which I lost and the money was
not found on the person of said Watson.

Sworn to before me this } Peter Schmitt
second day of July 1885.
John L. Westwood,
County Clerk.

The People of the State of New York }
 against
 F. R. Watson. }

City & County of New York, ss:

Terence G.'Brien being duly sworn says: That on Friday July 3rd 1885 he went to the 10th Precinct Station House and examined the blotter under date of Friday February 16th 1883 and that the following entry is a true copy as contained on said blotter.

P.M. 6²⁰

Fred^l. R. Watson. 38. W. U. O. M. yes. 328 Broome
 "Lar. from Person" Peter Ochini at 52 Fronten and
 St. Bklyn. "Coleman" Comt without Bail

Charged with stealing a pocket book contain-
 ing \$10.00 Cash while riding on Car 126 of the
 Grand Street line in Grand near Chrystie St.
 Not recovered) That he inquired then for officer
 Coleman^{sr} was informed by the Sergeant at
 the desk that officer Coleman was dead
 the time of day was 10⁴⁵ A.M. July 3^d 1885.

That he then with the permission of the
 Sergeant examined the receipt book of
 the Station house and under date of February
 17th 1883. there was a receipt signed by Fred^l.
 Lawther of which the following is a true &
 correct copy as contained in said receipt
 book.

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February 17th 1883.

Received from Sergt. Timothy J. Creedon, my watch & chain value \$75.00 2 Pins value \$5.00 Knife, Key, match box ²⁴ \$32.75 Cash and a pawn ticket for two Diamond studs value \$100.00 taken from when arrested for Lar. from Person by Officer Dennis Coleman on Complaint of Peter Schmidt of 52 Troutman St Brooklyn.

Fred. Lawther (Exd).

That deponent firmly believes from statements made to him ~~from~~ by James J. O'Brien, a brother of deponent, James Hogan the Conductor of Car 126 of the Grand Street line on Friday February 16th 1883. and from the defendant (Matson) better known to deponent by his proper name Fred^d. Lawther that he is entirely free, blameless, and innocent of the crime that he is accused & charged with having committed on said 16th day of February 1883 and also knows of his own knowledge that his Sister Maggie Lawther is dying in New York and needs his presence and assistance that he has conversed with the doctor and that he says it is utterly impossible for said Maggie Lawther to recover and that she may live for a week or a month but cannot live much longer that she is slowly but surely wasting away from Consumption of the

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bowels ^{the} chronic diarrhea and that one
of her lungs is fatally affected and that
in deponents humble opinion the case of
The People agst Watson, the Complainant
having withdrawn the Complaint and
recommended ^{that} said Watson be discharged
from further prosecution is one in which
the demands of justice would be best sub-
served by his discharge from further prosecution.

Sworn to before me this
sixth day of July 1885.

Terence G. O'Brien.

James M. Valler.

Notary Public
N. Y. C.

The words "Committed without Bail" ^{the}
"Not recovered" are written in Red Ink.

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The People of the State of New York
 against
 J. R. Watson

This is to certify that I am employed in the office of the Grand Street Cross-town Railway Company as Clerk that on Saturday June 27th 1885 at the request of J. G. O'Brien, I examined the books of said Company under date of February 16th 1883. for the purpose of ascertaining who was Conductor on Car 126 of the Grand Street line on that date and that the name of James Hogan appears as Conductor of car 126 on February 16th 1883 and that his place of residence at the time of his appointment as Conductor appears by the Books of said Company to be at No 299 East 8th Street in said City.

Chas. H. Cooper

New York July 6th 1885.

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**POOR QUALITY
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DOCUMENT(S)**

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G. W. Turney, Stationer and Law Blank Publisher, 77 Chatham St., N. Y.

The People of the State of New York, TO

John M. Keon Dist Attorney
and Chief Clerk Dorelly

CERTIORARI
TO CERTIFY CAUSE OF
DETENTION.

We Command you, that you certify fully and at large to one of
the Justices of our Supreme Court New York
County -
at Chambers Street to be held in the Court House
on Tuesday March 6th 1883 at 10 1/2 a m of the day
the day and cause of the imprisonment of Frederick R Watson

by you detained; as is said, by whatsoever name the said Frederick R Watson
shall be called or charged; and have you then this writ.

Witness, Hon Charles Thompson Justice

the 3rd day of March 1883

James O'Brien Attorney. By the Court Patrick Keenan CLERK.

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allowed
New York March 2

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Law Department.
Office of the Counsel to the Corporation.

Senats-Leitung-Building,
2 Tryon Place.

New York, July 2^d 1885

Dear Mr. Martin:

I enclose you some affidavits
in the Watson matter. I would especially
call your attention to the James Hogan
affidavit — the conductor of the car —
He states that he told the policeman at
the time that he had the Mong man.

It says that Watson was in such a
position on the car that he could not
have taken the pocket book — I also
understand that the pocket book found
on Watson when arrested was discovered
not to be the complainant's — I am looking
this up.

Yrs. Respectfully - Francis L. McManis

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Law Department.
Office of the Counsel to the Corporation.

Platts Zeitung Building
Tryon Row.

New York, June 10th 1885

Hon. Randolph B. Martine

My dear Sir:-

I learn, in the case I spoke to you about this morning, that the man once had a little taste of Sing Sing for a short time & it seemed to cure him for for ever years thereafter he led a decent life. If you like I can get you affidavits from the two men who were with him at the time he was accused of his last offence as to his innocence

Very Respectfully Yours
Francis L. Millman

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Indictment filed Feb. 27. 1888

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS

Part III.

The People &c.
against

FREDERICK R. WATSON

Abstract of testimony on
trial May 8th 1888.

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS. PART III

The People of the State of New York

against

F R I D E R I C K R. W A T S O N.

:Before

: Hon. Frederick Smyth
: and a Jury.

Indictment filed February 27th, 1883.

New York, May 8, 1888.

APPEARANCES.

For the people, Ass't District Attorney, Goff.

For the defendant, Ambrose H. Purdy, Esq.

PETER SCHMITT, a witness for the people testified:

I reside at No. 671 Bushwick Avenue, Brooklyn, E.D.

I remember the 16th day of february, 1883. I lost my pocket book that day in a Grand street car. I remember that the car was between the Bowery and 2nd avenue.

Q Did you see the defendant there ? A He is somewhat known to me, but I cannot be exact about it, he had another heard then.

Q State what took place ? A I was standing on the rear platform of the car and there were two persons near me, one of the two persons was in front and the other behind me, and the one in front took my pocket book and they both left the car together. My pocket book was in my left hand pantaloons pocket. I caught hold of the coat of the man who took my pocket book and tore it; he broke away and ran and left a piece of his coat in my hand.

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I ran after him until we reached 2nd avenue when he was caught.

Q Do you recognize the defendant as the man? A The man had changed a great deal, I could not tell I think I know the man but he has changed a great deal.

Q What is your best belief? A I think he is the man. I had \$10. in my pocket book. I went to the station house and I saw this man searched but my pocket book was not found on him. I made a complaint against him and he was locked up.

CROSS EXAMINATION:

I think a man named Tway arrested the prisoner and brought him to the station house. The car was quite crowded, I think there was more than a hundred people on it. This occurrence took place on the rear platform. I have been talking yesterday and today with officer Lyman about this case. The substance of the conversation was that this thing had taken up so much of my time that I was tired of it. I was present in the station house when this man was searched. I saw a pocket book taken from this man's pocket.

Q Didn't you say then "That is my pocketbook" A No sir.

Q What did you say? A I said it was one like mine.

JOSEPH W TWAY, a witness for the people, testified:

I am a furniture salesman and reside in Brooklyn.

I remember one evening in February 1883 seeing this complainant Peter Schmitt on a Grand Street car. I was coming up Grand street on the right hand side of the way; I saw a struggle on the back platform of a Desbrosses st. car. I saw the complainant grab a man with a rubber coat on, and in grabbing him the coat was torn under the arm.

I saw the man with the rubber coat jump off the car and run; I ran after them and I caught the man on the corner of 2nd avenue. The complainant said "That is the man who stole my pocket book".

Q Do you think the prisoner at the bar is the man who wore the rubber coat ? A He looks like that man, that is my best belief.

Q What did the complainant say in the station house ?

A He said "That man stole my pocketbook". The complainant also identified him in court the next morning.

CROSS EXAMINATION:

I remember that the prisoner's overcoat was torn under the arm. Five years is a long time to recollect.

Q When did you notice the coat had been torn ? A I noticed it particularly in the station house.

Q You didn't notice it torn in any other place except under the arm ?

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A No sir. We passed a policeman on the way to the station house while I had the prisoner in custody but he did not take the prisoner from me.

Q Was the pocket book shown to the complainant in the station house and did the complainant claim it as his, and then did the prisoner say "Did you have any pawn tickets in your pocketbook"? And then did the complainant say "No that is not mine"?

A I don't remember any such circumstance.

GILES P. GLASS, A witness for the people, testified:

I reside at No. 673 Marcy Avenue, Brooklyn. I remember the evening in February 1883 of which the complainant has testified.

Q Did you see the defendant there on that evening? A I did. I was on the rear platform of a Grand street car; the complainant was alongside of me. The defendant and another man were on the car and they went through the crowd two or three times, shoving back and forth. One man in the car shouted "Look out for your pocket books". We went along for a couple of blocks and suddenly there was a shuffling and these two men who had been going back and forth in the car jumped off and the complainant grabbed the defendant and tore his coat. The two men ran and were finally caught at the corner of 2nd avenue. I was present at the station house when the complainant iden -

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tified this prisoner as the man who stole his pocket book.

I am sure this is the man.

CROSS EXAMINATION:

I was present in the station house when this defendant was searched. The sergeant handed the complainant a pocket book which he found on the prisoner and asked him if it was his and Schmitt said "It looks like mine", but it is not mine".

TIMOTHY J. CREEDEN a witness for the people testifies:

I am a sergeant of police. In February, 1883 I was on duty in the 10th precinct in this city. I recollect this prisoner being brought in. The complainant charged the prisoner with stealing his pocket book containing \$10/ while on the Grand street; the prisoner denied it and said it was a mistake. A pocket book was handed to me and I said to the complainant "Is that your pocket book" and he said "Yes, that is my pocketbook"; then he took it and looked at it and finally he said "No, that is not mine," but one just like it". Then the prisoner handed the pocket book to me and told me I could keep it. I handed the prisoner a receipt to sign for the pocket book and he signed his name "Fred Lawther"

CROSS EXAMINATION:

I had known this prisoner for a long time; he wore a full beard then. I knew him by the name of Lawther.

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I am certain that the complainant first identified the pocket book as his and afterwards said it was not his.

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JAMES J. O'BRIEN a witness for the defendant, testified:

I reside at No. 210 East 56th street and am a bar-keeper by occupation. I worked for seven years for the same man. I have known this defendant about 22 years. For the last five years I know that he has been living honestly. He is in the liquor business at 62nd street and 2nd avenue. I recollect the time he was arrested on the charge of stealing his pocket book. I was working in 42nd street for Patrick O'Neil. This man came there on this day in February and asked me to go to take a walk with him as he wanted to see a friend of his off on the Pennsylvania railroad. We took a Grand street car at half past six or seven o'clock in the evening, and when I reached as far as the Bowery and Grand St. I jumped off the car with Lowther. We had a few minutes conversation and then I took the elevated road up to the 42nd street depot.

- Q When you were on the platform of the Grand st. Car did you see the complainant ? A No sir, the car was pretty well crowded.
- Q Were you right with the defendant ? A Yes, sir, sitting together conversing.
- Q Did the defendant pick anybody's pocket, or take anything?

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A I don't believe he did that day .

Q Could he have done it without your seeing it ? A We were there together all the time and he told me he kept a place in Broome street and asked me to go and have supper with him.

Q Did you see him take anybody's pocketbook or attempt to take anybody's pocketbook ? A No sir.

Q Could he have done it without your seeing it ? A I don't believe he could. He lived at that time in Broome street.

CROSS EXAMINATION:

I got off the car on the West side of the Bowery;
I am not sure whether it was the east or the west side.
I never knew the defendant to go by the name of Campbell.
I have never been in any trouble except for a violation of the Excise Law. We got off this car at the corner of Grand street and the Bowery. I was tending bar at Lowther's place a few weeks ago.

JAMES LIVINGSTON, and LEWIS ASCHE, testified as to the good character of the defendant during the past five years.

GEORGE S. FLYNN and STAFFORD ADAMS gave similar testimony.

The Jury found the prisoner guilty of Grand Larceny in the First Degree.

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COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

The People &c,

against

Frederick R. Watson

AFFIDAVIT.

Ambrose H. Purdy,

Atty. for Defendant,

280 Broadway, N. Y.

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

The People & c ,

against

Frederick R. Watson .

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK: ss.

Ambrose H. Purdy being duly sworn says:- that he is the Counsel for the said Watson; that on the 8th day of May 1888, said Watson was placed upon trial on an indictment charging him with the crime of larceny in the first degree.

That after the prosecution had rested, deponent arose to begin the case for the defendant, and after proceeding a few minutes the Assistant District Attorney who was prosecuting for the people and whose seat was directly in front of the Jury, arose and seizing a paper in his hand and shaking it towards the Jury, ^{called} in a loud and excited tone of voice, "I hold in my hand another indictment against this prisoner for having in his possession burglar tools; this indictment was found about two weeks ago".

Deponent then ceased addressing the jury and asked that the stenographer take down the words of the Assistant District Attorney. This request the learned Recorder refused stating that he would direct the jury not to pay any attention to the Assistant District Attorney's words. Deponent insisted and stated ^{to the Court} that the damage had been done; that in the protection of the rights of his client he asked

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that the words be taken so that they might appear upon the record in case a review should be had by a higher Court. This request was refused by the Recorder and to such refusal deponent asked leave to object and except, and that his objection and exception might go upon the record; this also was refused by the learned Recorder, and the said record does not show anywhere anything with regard to the above transaction.

Deponent verily believes that the above statement and acts of the district attorney prejudiced and biased the said jury and affected them in coming to their verdict.

Sworn to before me this

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11 day of May, 1888.

Jas Oliver Keane
Commissioner of deeds
M. C.

A. W. Purdy

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COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

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T h e P e o p l e & c ,

against

F r e d e r i c k R. W a t s o n .

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CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK: ss.

being

duly sworn says that he is

That he has read the foregoing affidavit of Ambrose H. Purdy; that he was present in Court at the time and heard the remarks of the District Attorney and saw the whole transaction, and that the statement made in the said affidavit of the said Purdy is true.

Sworn to before me this .

day of May, 1888:

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COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

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T h e P e o p l e & c ,

against

F r e d e r i c k R. W a t s o n .

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CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK. ss.

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That he has read the foregoing affidavit of Ambrose H. Purdy; that he was present in Court at the time and heard the remarks of the District Attorney and saw the whole transaction, and that the statement made in the said affidavit of the said Purdy is true.

Sworn to before me this

day of May, 1888.

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COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

T h e P e o p l e & c ,

against

F r e d e r i c k R. W a t s o n .

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK: ss.

being

duly sworn says that he is

That he has read the foregoing affidavit of Ambrose H. Purdy; that he was present in Court at the time and heard the remarks of the District Attorney and saw the whole transaction, and that the statement made in the said affidavit of the said Purdy is true.

Sworn to before me this

day of May, 1888.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF
NEW YORK,

against

Frederick R. Watson

Affiant of
John W. Gott
An Motion for a new trial

JOHN R. FELLOWS,

DISTRICT ATTORNEY,

No. 32 CHAMBERS STREET,
NEW YORK CITY.

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COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.

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The People &c. :
agst. :
Frederick R. Watson. :
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City and County of New York ss.

John W. Goff, being duly sworn, deposes as follows: I am an Assistant District Attorney and prosecuted the above case on behalf of the People. In reply to the affidavit of Mr. Purdy, counsel for defendant, relative to the incident therein mentioned, the following is the true version.

In his opening address Mr. Purdy said to the jury: "It is five years since this indictment was found. I cannot tell what secret motives may have actuated the People in bringing it to trial now. Why or for what purpose the District Attorney should have him arrested now and brought to trial after such a long period of time I do not know." I then said: "Mr. Purdy, you know very well why he was arrested now; you know that he was arrested for having burglar's tools in his possession, and here is the indictment on which your name appears as his counsel." I was seated in front of Mr. Purdy and as I spoke I laid my hand upon the indictment and raised it about an inch from the table on which it was lying. I did not stand up, nor did I shake the paper before the

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jury, nor did I speak in a loud and excited tone of voice. I spoke in an ordinary tone and in answer to the inquiry made by the defendant's counsel.

On the argument of the motion for a new trial I made oral statement of the foregoing matter and the learned Recorder directed that I should make affidavit of the same.

Sworn to before me this

6th day of July, 1888.

Henry Herzbach

John W. Giff.
Notary Public
N. Y. Co.

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The People of the State of New
York,

against

F. R. Watson.
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State of Pennsylvania,

City and County of Philadelphia, SS :-

Frederick Lawther, being duly sworn says :
On Friday the 16th of February 1888 I left my place of
business at No. 328 Broome Street, New York between the
Bowery and Chrystie Streets at about 3.30 o'clock in
the afternoon and took the Fourth Avenue car at the
Bowery and Broome Street to No. 46 East 42nd Street op-
posite the Grand Central Depot to visit an acquaintance
of mine who I had been informed was attending bar for a
Mr. P. O'Neill. The person's name who I went to see was
James J. O'Brien; I got there about 4 o'clock after re-
maining in the store a few minutes Mr. O'Brien asked for
a leave of absence of two or three hours from his employ-
er which was granted. We then went off together and
visited several liquor stores and finally wound up on
the southeast corner of West and Desbrosses Streets where
we took a Grand Street car coming east; about 8 o'clock
P. M.; we were sitting on the dash-board of the hind
plat-form of the car. I asked Mr. O'Brien to come to
supper with me at my house; he refused saying he had to
go and relieve his employer and he left the car on the
west side of the Bowery and Grand Street getting off on

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the left hand side of the car for the purpose of taking the Third Avenue Elevated Railroad to where he was employed.

After crossing the Bowery and in Grand Street between the Bowery and Chrystie Street I was arrested charged with picking a man's pocket by an officer of the Tenth Precinct; I do not know the officer's name. I was about getting off the car myself when I was accused of the theft; I denied it and do solemnly swear that I had no hand, act, part or participation in the matter; my place of business was at No. 328 Broome Street which is on the ^{north} ~~west~~ side of Broome Street between the Chrystie and the Bowery; and my invariable habit was to go through Chrystie either north or south to Broome Street. My reputation has not been of the best, but I solemnly declare that I have been leading an honorable life from 1874, when acting under the advice of friends I pleaded guilty and served two years and six months.

The afternoon of February 16th 1883 had been cloudy; it was not raining at the time but had been raining and hailing for a day or two previous at intervals. I was arrested and gave the name at the time of F. R. Watson; I do not know the number of the car nor the name of the conductor; but heard him tell the police man as I was getting off the car that I had committed no offense; in stepping off the car the conductor and plaintiff were in my way and I took hold of both of them and asked them to let me off when the old man grabbed me by the coat which was a rubber one and tore the front of my coat. I had no occasion to return to picking pockets

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as I had a good business and was making a good living at the time and for years before and working hard for it. I have not seen James J. O'Brien ^{since} ~~from~~ the 16th of February 1883. I desire to return to New York; my sister Maggie Lawther is sick and dying; I would like to ~~be~~ ^{be} with her during her sickness and at her death if possible; I am informed the doctor says it is utterly impossible for her to recover; I implore you to grant me this request and I promise faithfully that with a helping hand I will be an honored member of society.

I have been informed that the complaint has been withdrawn. It will be an act of charity on your part both to my sister and myself to grant me this request; I have never before asked a favor of any person for myself, but my sister has been my life-long friend; as I said before it is utterly impossible the doctor says for her to recover, and I would like to return to her, on her account, not on my own. I have been in business part of the time since I left New York in St. Louis, Mo. Sworn to before me, this

Friday of July - 1885.

Walter J. Gibbon
Notary Public

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The People of the State of New York!
 against
 F. R. W a t s o n.

City and County of New York, SS:

James J. O'Brien being duly sworn says : I am bar-tender, and at present am in the employ of Patrick O'Neil at No. 46 East 42nd street opposite the Grand Central Depot, and was so employed on Friday, February 16th 1883, and for some time previous to the above date. On the afternoon of February 16th 1883, about 4 o'clock in the afternoon Frederick Lawther came into the store, and not having seen him for some years, I asked, and got permission from my employer for three hours leave of absence promising to relieve him in time to let him go to his supper. We went off together and stopped at several places and finally had our last drink on the Southeast corner of West and Desbrosses street, when we got on a Grand street car, coming east, about 6 o'clock P. M.; as I told him I had promised to be at the store to relieve my employer. We sat on the dashboard of the hind platform of the car. I do not know the number of the car; and I got off the car on the west side of the Bowery at Grand street and took the elevated railroad to 42nd street and 3rd avenue, and got to the store about 6 30 or 6 45 P.M. It was a cloudy day all day, but my recollection is that it was not raining at or during the time I was in

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Frederick Lawther's company, and did not commence to rain until after I was in the store for some time. The streets were slushy and dirty; and I am inclined to the belief that it had been raining, hailing and freezing for a day or two previous to the 16th of February 1883. I think it had been cloudy all the time I speak of—that is from Wednesday to Saturday morning. I may be mistaken—this would be from February 14th to February 17th 1883, when I opened the store, about 6 o'clock in the morning. I have known Frederick Lawther from about 1865. I know the reputation he bears,; I have been in his company several times between 1865 and 1870, and have seen him at intervals between 1870 and 1883. I have not seen him since February 16th 1883, and this enables me to fix the date. He was then residing at No. 323 Broome street, on the *north* side between Crystie and the Bowery. I have never known him to do anything wrong while he was in my company and was led to believe from representations made to me by him that he was living and trying to live an honest life and was making a good living from the proceeds of his lodging house. I did not know until Saturday June 26th 1885, that he had been arrested on February 16th 1883, when I was informed that he had been arrested in Grand street between Crystie and the Bowery for picking the pocket of a man named Schmitt, and had given the name of F. R. Watson, and was told at the same time that the complaint had been withdrawn. I was the only person in his company from 4 P. M. until I left him at the west side of the Bowery and grand street, which must have been about

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6 15 P. M. He told me he was going right home and I believe he was. He wanted me to go home with him and take supper with him, but I refused, as I had promised to be home at or before 7 o'clock to relieve my employer, which I did.

Sworn to before me this

27th day of June 1885.

James J. Priece
Robert Walsh
Commr. of deeds
N.Y. Co.

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The People of the State of New
York,

against
F. B. Watson.
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City and County of New York, SS :

James Hogan being duly sworn says : I was a conductor on the Grand Street line of cars and as such was in charge of car No. 126 of that line on Friday evening 1883--February 16th--when a man was arrested on my car accused of picking the pocket of an old man who was also a passenger on the same car about 6.15 P. M., in Grand Street between Chrystie and the Bowery. The man ~~was~~ who was arrested got on the car at De^srosses and West Street in company with another man, and they sat on the dashboard of the car, on the hind platform conversing all the way across, when near the Bowery and Grand Street, and just a little west of the Bowery I heard the man with the rubber coat and full sandy beard and mustache ask the smaller of the two men to come home and take supper with him, but he refused, saying he had to go to relieve his boss and let him go to supper as he had promised. The car was pretty well crowded, all the seats being occupied by passengers and a number of people standing up in the aisle and on the rear platform. I never saw either of the two men before or since, and do not know either of them. No person has ever spoken to me about the matter since until Saturday evening,

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June 27th 1885, when my sister told me a man had been inquiring for me and having stated his business to her, she told me of it on my arrival home on Saturday evening June 27th 1885. The 16th of February 1883, was cloudy and over-cast, but had ^{not} been raining, and did not commence to rain until later in the evening. While getting off the car in Grand street near Chrystie the man with the rubber coat was accused by an old man of picking his pocket. I told the policeman he had the wrong man. They then left the car and I went on about my business. The position of the man with the rubber coat and the old man, who said he lost his pocket-book, at the time was such it would be impossible for the man with the rubber overcoat to commit the crime. The man with the rubber coat was in the act of getting off the car on the left-hand side of the car when he was grabbed and accused by the old man of picking his pocket and turned over to the policeman. On the 16th of February 1883, I resided with my parents at No. 299 East 8th street, and now reside at No. 249 West 27th street with my father and sister—my mother being dead. My sister's name is Mrs. Parsons. I am 29 years old.

Sworn to before me this

First day of *July* 1885. *James Hogan*

Robert Walsh

Commr of Alcees
N.Y. Co

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Tatham -

This application
showed he was
to the credit
of General
Lissner.

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Criminal Pro-
cedure Section

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District Attorney's Office.

PEOPLE

vs.

Fredk. R. Watson

G.L. 1st

^{re} Left asks to be
allowed now to
put in bail -

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New York General Sessions.

PEOPLE ON MY COMPLAINT,
VERSUS

F. R. Watson -

As complainant in the above case, I beg to recommend the defendant to such leniency and clemency as the Court and District Attorney may see fit to show; but I expressly assert that my reasons for so doing are not controlled by any advantage to myself. Two years and a half have elapsed since the offence was committed & from what I hear of the man and his family & circumstances I am of the opinion that the ends of justice would be best subserved by his being discharged from any further prosecution.

Peter Schmitt sen

State of New York } S.S.
County of Kings

On this Eighth day of June 1880 personally appeared before me Peter Schmitt, ^{senior} formerly known & known to me to be the same person described in and who executed the within and acknowledged to me that he executed the same

Joseph B. Gaydane
Notary Public
Kings County

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FOLDER:

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DESCRIPTION:

Welch, James

DATE:

02/16/83



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WITNESSES.

No. 26 244

Day of Trial
Counsel, *N.C.*
Filed *16* day of *July* 188*8*
Plea *Not guilty.*

THE PEOPLE

Felonious Assault and Battery.

vs.
By *Ludlow* *B*
James Welch

JOHN McKEON,

District Attorney.

I & *April 27. 1883*
tried & convicted
A True Bill. As guilty 3 day fine
accompanying the
William A. Welch

Foreman.

Friday Apr. 27/83
10 Aug 1883
W.

0304

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS OF THE PEACE
OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
against

James Welch

The Grand Jury of the City and County of New York, by this indictment, accuse
James Welch
of the CRIME OF "Assault and Battery upon another with a deadly weapon with intent to kill," committed as follows:

The said *James Welch*
late of the City of New York, in the County of New York, aforesaid, on the
twenty seventh day of *April* in the year of our Lord
one thousand eight hundred and eighty *two* with force and arms, at the City and
County aforesaid, in and upon the body of *Edward Georgi*
in the peace of the said people then and there being, feloniously did make an assault
and *him* the said *Edward Georgi*
with a certain *chisel*
which the said *James Welch*

in *his* right hand then and there had and held, the same being a deadly and
dangerous weapon, wilfully and feloniously did beat, strike, stab, cut and wound with
intent *him* the said *Edward Georgi*
then and there feloniously and wilfully to kill, against the form of the Statute in such
case made and provided, and against the peace of the People of the State of New York
and their dignity.

SECOND COUNT.

And the Grand Jury aforesaid, by this indictment, further accuse the said
James Welch
of the CRIME OF "Assault upon another, without justifiable or excusable cause, with a
sharp dangerous weapon, with intent to do bodily harm," committed as follows:

The said *James Welch*
afterwards, to wit, on the day and in the year aforesaid, at the City and County aforesaid,
with force and arms, in and upon the body of the said *Edward Georgi*
then and there being, wilfully and feloniously did make an
assault and *him* the said *Edward Georgi*
with a certain *chisel* which the said
James Welch
in *his* right hand then and there
had and held, the same being then and there a sharp, dangerous weapon, wilfully and
feloniously, and without justifiable and excusable cause, did then and there beat, strike,
stab, cut and wound, with intent to then and there wilfully and feloniously do bodily
harm unto *him* the said *Edward Georgi*
against the form of the Statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace of
the People of the State of New York and their dignity.

JOHN McKEON, District Attorney.

0305

BAILED,
No. 1, by Samuel Steiner
Residence 68 St. Mark Street,
No. 2, by _____
Residence _____ Street,
No. 3, by _____
Residence _____ Street,
No. 4, by _____
Residence _____ Street,

Sec. 208, 210 & 212.

Police Court

District

244

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THE PEOPLE, &c.,
vs. ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Samuel Steiner
113 2 St.

James Walsh

Offence, Obnoxious
Assault & Battery

Dated 28 April 188 2

Magistrate.

Samuel Steiner Officer.

Clerk.

Witnesses

No. _____

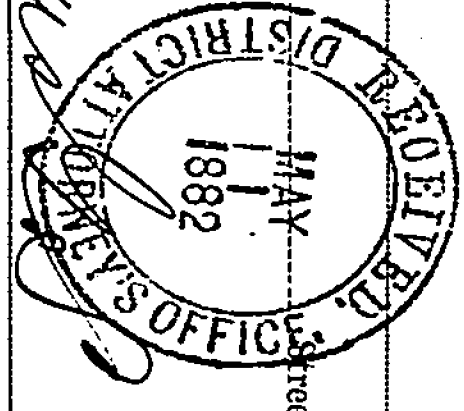
Street,

No. _____

Street,

No. _____

Street,



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

guilty thereof, I order that he be admitted to bail in the sum of 200 Hundred Dollars and be committed to the Warden or Keeper of the City Prison until he give such bail.

Dated 28 April 188 2 Samuel Steiner Police Justice.

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

Dated 28 April 188 2 Samuel Steiner Police Justice.

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

Dated _____ 188 _____ Police Justice.

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Sec. 198-200.

CITY AND COUNTY }
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

DISTRICT POLICE COURT.

James Welsh 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. *James Welsh*

Question. How old are you?

Answer. *Twenty seven years.*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. *In Kingston, New York.*

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

Answer. *133 Ludlow St. for three years.*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. *Carpenter.*

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

Answer. *I did not have the chisel in my hand at all.*

Taken before me this *28.*

day *April* 188*8*

Jas Welch

Andrew J. Welch
Police Justice.

0307

Police Court— District.

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

of No.

113.

Second Avenue Street,

on

Thursday

the

27

day of

April

being duly sworn, deposes and says, that

in the year 1882 at the City of New York, in the County of New York,

he was violently and feloniously ASSAULTED and BEATEN by

James Walsh

now present, who struck deponent several blows with a chisel which he held in his hand, inflicting a wound and cut upon deponent's neck

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

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

Sworn to before me, this

28

day

of

April

1882

Edward George.

Police Justice.

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FOLDER:

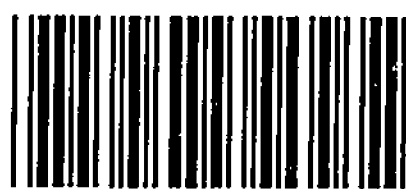
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DESCRIPTION:

Westlake, Alexander

DATE:

02/21/94



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No 255

Day of Trial
Counsel, *A. Oliver*
Filed 21 day of Feb 1883
Pleads *Not guilty (27)*

THE PEOPLE
vs.
Alexander J. Westlake
22 & Cherry
Violation of Excise Law.
Selling on Sunday.

JOHN MCKEON,
District Attorney.

A TRUE BILL.

Wm. H. Phelps
part 12, 23
Res. W. H. Phelps
beginning of
indict. by
J. H. Phelps

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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

Alexander J. Westlake

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

Alexander J. Westlake

of the CRIME OF *Exposing for Sale and Selling Spirituous Liquors on Sunday*, committed as follows :

The said

Alexander J. Westlake

late of the *Seventh* Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the *third* day of *December* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty *two*, at the Ward, City and County aforesaid, the same being the first day of the week, commonly called and known as Sunday, with force and arms, certain strong and spirituous liquors and certain wines, to-wit: One gill of wine, one gill of brandy, one gill of rum, one gill of gin, one gill of whiskey, one gill of cordial, one gill of bitters, one gill of ale, one gill of porter, one gill of beer, one gill of lager beer, and one gill of a certain strong and spirituous liquor to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown, unlawfully did expose for sale and sell as a beverage to

~~and to~~ certain ~~other~~ persons whose names are to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown, against the form of the Statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace of the People of the State of New York, and their dignity.

JOHN McKEON, District Attorney.

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BAILED,
No. 1, by Samuel J. Schuchman
Residence 165 Chambers Street,
No. 2, by _____
Residence _____ Street,
No. 3, by _____
Residence _____ Street,
No. 4, by _____
Residence _____ Street.

Police Court 3 District 10/8

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Edwards Hallway

Alexander Westlake

2 _____
3 _____
4 _____
Office, Violation
Case Can

Dated Dec 14/8 188 2

Ward Magistrate.

Shelley Officer.

H. Plummer Clerk.

Witnesses, Edwards Hallway

H. Plummer Street,

No. _____ Street,

No. _____ Street,

% _____ to answer

Bail

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 Alexander Westlake

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

Dated Dec 14 188 2 Solomon B. Smith Police Justice.

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

Dated Dec 14 188 2 Solomon B. Smith Police Justice.

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

Dated _____ 188 _____ Police Justice.

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Sec. 198-200.

District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY }
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

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

Question What is your name?

Answer.

Alexander Westlake

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

Thirty two years

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

Ireland

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

Answer.

228 Cherry St. New York

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.

Bar tender

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

Answer.

I am not guilty
Alex J. Westlake

Taken before me this

14th

day of

June1887

John J. Sullivan
Justice.

0313

Police Court Third District.

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

Edward Shalvey
of the 7th Precinct Police Street,
of the City of New York, being duly sworn, deposes and says, that on Sunday the Third day
of December 1882, in the City of New York, in the County of New York,
at premises 228 Cherry
a place where intoxicating liquors and wines were kept for sale, and sold as a beverage,
Alexander Westlake [now here]
did then and there expose for sale ~~and did sell, caused, suffered and permitted to be sold, and given away~~ under his
direction or authority strong and spirituous liquors, wines, ale and beer, being intoxicating liquors, to be drunk in
the house or premises aforesaid, contrary to and in violation of law; and did not keep said place closed on said
Sunday the 4th day of December 1882 as required by law.

WHEREFORE, deponent prays that said Alexander Westlake
may be arrested and dealt with according to law.

Sworn to before me, this 4th day } Edward Shalvey
of December 1882 }

Colon Smith
POLICE JUSTICE.

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FOLDER:

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DESCRIPTION:

Wilcox, Lizzie

DATE:

02/19/83



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Extra warrant
per FD

W. J. 71
G. W. Parnschke

Counsel,
Filed 19 day of Feb
Pleads 1883

THE PEOPLE
vs.
Singer & Son
B
H
Grand Larceny, Receiving Stolen Goods,
degree, and

JOHN McKEON,
District Attorney

A True Bill.

William H. Phelps

Foreman.

F. H. March 1 1883.

Rec'd 19 Feb 1887

03 16

Court of General Sessions of the Peace

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

against

Siggie Wilcox

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

Siggie Wilcox

of the CRIME OF GRAND LARCENY in the second degree, committed as follows:

The said *Siggie Wilcox*

late of the First Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York, aforesaid, on the ~~twelfth~~ *on the* day of ~~February~~ *March* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty- ~~three~~ *three*, at the Ward, City and County aforesaid, with force and arms *fifty one yards of silk of the value of one dollar and seventy five cents each yard*

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

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

John McKeon

District Attorney

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March 12, 1883 -
Lilks given to
Phil Peilly -
H. J.

Lizzie Wilson

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New York

March 12 1883

The Hon. John McKeon
District Attorney
Dear Sir!

On Feb. 12th, one Lizzie Wilson was arrested in our store, having stolen a piece of silk. This piece of silk was taken to police headquarters, where it has since remained. We have made application for the return of the piece, but have been refused on the ground that it was needed as evidence at the trial. As this Lizzie Wilson, has since the acceptance of bail, disappeared, & as a further delay in the delivery of the piece will entail a loss, such goods, being after the early spring trade unsalable, we respectfully ask you to give us an order for the delivery of the same. We remain

Respectfully,

Wm. Schroeder & Co.
Attorneys

0319

BAILED,
 No. 1 by Frank Schubert
 Residence 53 Orelord Street,
 No. 2, by _____
 Residence _____ Street,
 No. 3, by _____
 Residence _____ Street,
 No. 4, by _____
 Residence _____ Street,

Police Court - Second District

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
 ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Charles M. Weil
73 Olerar St.

Lizzie Wilcox
114 Olerar St.

Offence, Grand Larceny

Dated February 12th 1883

David H. Buff Magistrate.
Metropolitan Police

Clerk.

Witnesses, George J. Jolton

No. 4th Street,
Charles J. Jolton

No. 43 Street,
George J. Jolton

No. 1000 Street,
to answer

Metropolitan

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

Lizzie Wilcox

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

Dated February 12th 1883 David H. Buff Police Justice.

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

Dated February 13th 1883 David H. Buff Police Justice.

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

Dated _____ 1883 _____ Police Justice.

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Sec. 198-200.

CITY AND COUNTY
OF NEW YORK.2^d District Police Court.

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

Question. What is your name?

Answer. Lizzie Wilcox

Question. How old are you?

Answer. Twenty seven, years

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. Montreal

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

Answer. 210 West 18th Street, Three months.

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. I am at home

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

Answer.

I am not guilty.

Lizzie Wilcox.

Taken before me this 1st day of February 1887

Police Justice.

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Second District Police Court.

Affidavit—Larceny.

CITY AND COUNTY }
OF NEW YORK, } ss

of No. 73 Mercer

Street,

Frederick Hill
Aged 23 years, Salesman

being duly sworn, deposes and says, that on the 12th day of February 1883

at the premises above named in the City of New York,

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

of deponent, in the day time with intent to deprive the true and lawful owners thereof.

the following property, viz:

A piece of Black Silk
containing fifty one and five eighths
yards of the value of
Eighty Eight Dollars.

Sworn before me this

the property of William Schroeder and Carl Schroeder, doing
business under the firm name of William Schroeder
& company at 73 and 77 Mercer Street, said property
being in deponent's care and charge as salesman and that this deponent
has a probable cause to suspect, and does suspect, that the said property was feloniously taken,
stolen, and carried away by Lizzie Wilcox (now here)

from the following fact, That deponent
saw the said Wilcox take and carry
away said property from a counter in
said premises, and conceal the same
on her person.

Fred. Hill

Police Justice.