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FOLDER:

2341

DESCRIPTION:

Edwards, George

DATE:

12/07/86



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POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL

0582

No 14

Counsel, *Dea*
Filed, 7 day of Dec 1886
Pleads,

Grand Larceny, first degree
(From the Person)
[Sections 528, 58 Pennl Code]

THE PEOPLE

vs.

George Edwards

J. J. Morris

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

District Attorney.

A True Bill.

S. M. Conant
Foreman.
Henry J. Day
S. J. Four years & 6 mos

Witnesses:

J. J. Morris

POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL

0583

Police Court— 34 — District.

Affidavit—Larceny.

City and County of New York, ss.

Raymond Morris of No. 191 Paper Str. Broadway, aged 24 years, occupation fruit dealer being duly sworn

deposes and says, that on the 28 day of Nov. 1886 at the City of New York, in the County of New York, was feloniously taken, stolen and carried away from the possession of deponent, in the ~~presence~~ ^{and presence} of his person, the following property viz:

One gold watch chain of the value of thirty five Dollars \$35.00

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 George Edwards

(more here) from the fact that while deponent was walking on Grand Street with his wife towards the ferry at the hour of ten 30 P.M. one said man the deponent walked towards him and then sud thena snatched his watch chain from deponent's vest, said chain was suspended from the button hole of deponent's vest. The deponent runs away and the deponent runs after him and follows him on

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28th day of Nov. 1886

Police Justice

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

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when Officer McCarly
arrested the defendant when
while so doing he saw the
defendant drop said chain
from his, the defendant's hands.

Hyman Morris

Sworn to before

Me this 29th day of November

1886

John J. [unclear]

Police Justice

POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL

0585

CITY AND COUNTY }
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

aged 44 years, occupation Police Officer of No. 187 East Broadway Street, being duly sworn deposes and says, that he has heard read the foregoing affidavit of Stephen Morris and that the facts stated therein on information of deponent are true of deponents' own knowledge.

Sworn to before me, this 29 day of Nov. 1886 } Will M. Canley

John J. ...
Police Justice.

POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL

0586

Sec. 198-200.

3d

District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, } ss

George Edwards 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 *George Edwards*

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 *36 Kuttiger street two years*

Question What is your business or profession?

Answer *Printer*

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 *Not guilty*

I am

George Edwards

Taken before me this

day of *Nov* 188*6*

John J. ...
Police Justice

POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL

0587

BAILED,
 No. 1, by _____
 Residence _____ Street _____
 No. 2, by _____
 Residence _____ Street _____
 No. 3, by _____
 Residence _____ Street _____
 No. 4, by _____
 Residence _____ Street _____

Police Court No. 34 District 17th

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

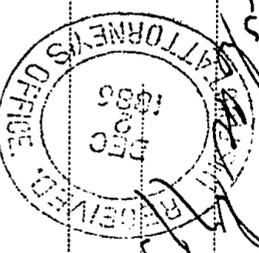
*Joseph A. ...
 1191 Broadway ...
 4th Floor ...*

2 _____
 3 _____
 4 _____
 Offence _____

Dated *Nov. 29* 1886

Magistrate
Joseph A. ...

Officer
Joseph A. ...



Witnesses
 No. _____ Street _____

No. _____ Street _____
 to answer

Joseph A. ...

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

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

Dated *Nov. 29* 1886 *Joseph A. ...* Police Justice.

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

Dated _____ 188 _____ Police Justice.

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

Dated _____ 188 _____ Police Justice.

POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL

0588

Court of General Sessions of the Peace

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,
against

Fitzgerald Edwards

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

Fitzgerald Edwards

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

The said *Fitzgerald Edwards*,

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the
Twenty-first day of *November*, in the year of our Lord
one thousand eight hundred and eighty-*eight*, at the City and County aforesaid, in the
night time of the same day, with force and arms,

one watch-chain of the value
of thirty five dollars,

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

Richard B. Smith

District Attorney.

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DESCRIPTION:

Edwards, John C.

DATE:

12/17/86



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POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL

0590

NO. 127

Counsel,
Filed *17* day of *Dec* 188*6*
Plead *Guilty* (20)

THE PEOPLE
vs.
John C. Edwards
ASSAULT IN THE FIRST DEGREE, ETC.
(Sections 217 and 218, Penal Code).

Witnesses:
Thos. Kierman
Officer Faust

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,
Dec 23/86 District Attorney.
Filed removed Ass. 24.

A True Bill.
S. M. Conacher
Foreman.
J. H. J. P. 713

POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL

0591

Police Court— District.

CITY AND COUNTY }
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

Thomas Kierman

of No. *348 West 53rd* Street,
age 28 years; occupation, Brick Layer

being duly sworn, deposes and says, that
on *Monday* the *13th* day of *December*

in the year 188*6* at the City of New York, in the County of New York,

he was violently and feloniously ASSAULTED and BEATEN by *John C.*

Edwards (now here) who stabbed
deponent in the back with a
knife, which he (Edwards) held
in his hand.

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

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

Sworn to before me, this *14th* day
of *December* 188*6*

Thomas Kierman

Sam'l C. Kelly POLICE JUSTICE.

POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL

0592

Sec. 198-200.

District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, ss

John C. Edwards 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. John C. Edwards

Question. How old are you?

Answer. 22 years

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. New York City

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

Answer. 70th Street & 8th Avenue - 7 months

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. Painter

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.
John C. Edwards

Taken before me this

day of December 1886

Sam'l C. Phillips 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

THE PEOPLE, & C.

OFFICER COMPLAINT OF
 Thomas Steiner
 345 W. 13th St.
 1. Frank C. Edwards
 2. _____
 3. _____
 4. _____

Offence Felonious assault

Dated December 14 1886

Magistrate
 J. J. Kelly
 Officer
 J. J. Kelly

Witnesses
 J. J. Kelly
 J. J. Kelly
 No. _____
 Street _____
 RECEIVED. DEPT. OF CORRECTIONS
 1886 DEC 15

No. _____
 Street _____
 \$1000 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 Doyle

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

Dated Dec 14 1886 Samuel C. Kelly Police Justice.

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

Dated _____ 188 _____ Police Justice.

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

Dated _____ 188 _____ Police Justice.

POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL

0594

Court of General Sessions of the Peace

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

against

John C. Edwards

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

John C. Edwards —

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

The said

John

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the *thirteenth* day of *December*, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-*six*, with force of arms, at the City and County aforesaid, in and upon the body of one *Thomas Kieman*, in the peace of the said People then and there being, feloniously did make an assault and *in* the said *Thomas*, with a certain *knife* —

which the said

John —

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

in the said *Thomas*, —

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

SECOND COUNT:

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

John C. Edwards, —

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

The said

John,

late of the City and County aforesaid, afterwards, to wit: on the day and in the year aforesaid, at the City and County aforesaid, with force and arms, in and upon the body of one *Thomas Kieman*, in the peace of the said People then and there being, feloniously did wilfully and wrongfully make an assault, and *in* the said *Thomas*, —

with a certain

knife —

which

he the said *John* —

in *his* — right hand then and there had and held, the same being a *instrument* likely to produce grievous bodily harm, then and there feloniously did wilfully and wrongfully beat, strike, stab, cut and wound, against the form of the statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace of the People of the State of New York and their dignity.

Richard B. Smith

District Attorney.

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DESCRIPTION:

Egan, Michael H.

DATE:

12/22/86



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POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL

0596

W. H. M.

Counsel, *Chapman & Co.*
Filed, *22* day of *Dec* 188*6*
Pleads, *Mich. July 23*

MISDEMEANOR.
[Chap. 188, Laws of 1885, §§ 7 and 8, as amended by Chap. 677, Laws of 1886, §§ 2 and 3; § 480, Penal Code; Chap. 238, Laws of 1882, § 3; Ibid., § 3; Ibid., § 1; and Chap. 216, Ibid., § 3.]
THE PEOPLE
vs.
B
Michael H. Egan
(4 cases)

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,
summit & criminal
District Attorney.
April 15/87 Part 1st
Philip H. April 21/87
Pleas & Verdict
A True Bill.

J. M. Conant
Foreman
20 by record
10 days to bring
2 copies of record

Witnesses:
Thos. C. LeBaron
J. W. Moore

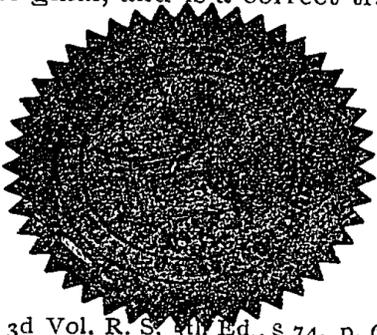
**POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL**

0597

I, JOHN SPARKS, Clerk of the Court of General Sessions of the Peace, and Clerk of the Court of Oyer and Terminer held in and for the City and County of New York, (each being a Court of Record and having a Common Seal,) do hereby certify that the annexed is a copy of

All Undertaking to answer

now on file in the Clerk's Office and that the same has been compared by me with the original, and is a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of such original.



3d Vol. R. S., 5th Ed., § 74, p. 687.

GIVEN UNDER my hand and attested by the seal
of the said Court this *fourteenth* day
of *April* in the year of our Lord one
thousand eight hundred and eighty *seven*

[Signature]

POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL

0598

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

An order having been made on the 27th day of November 1886, by Solon B. Smith a Police Justice of the City of New York that Michael Cagan be held to answer upon a charge of Misdemeanor, upon which he has been duly admitted to bail in the sum of five hundred dollars:

We, Michael Cagan defendant, residing at No. 341 East 14th Street, in the said City of New York, occupation, Grocer, and Jacob Berlinger residing at No. 231 First Avenue Street, in said City, occupation, Painter, supply store, hereby jointly and severally undertake that the above-named Michael Cagan shall appear and answer the charge above mentioned, in whatever Court it may be prosecuted, and shall at all times render himself amenable to the orders and process of the Court; and, if convicted, shall appear for judgment, and render himself in execution thereof; or if he fail to perform either of these conditions, that we will pay to the people of the State of New York the sum of five hundred dollars.

Taken and acknowledged before me, } M. Cagan Principal.
this 27th day of November 1886 } Jacob Berlinger Surety.
Solon B. Smith
Police Justice

POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL

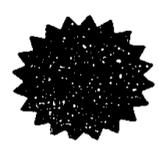
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State of New York,
CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, } ss.

I, Jacob Perlunger the surety mentioned
in the annexed undertaking to answer, do hereby authorize and empower any
Policeman of the City of New York, or _____
or either of them, in my name, place, and stead, to take, seize, and
surrender the said Michael H. Egan, (in the said
undertaking held as defendant,) to the Court wherein he is bound to
appear for trial, or deliver him to the custody of the authorities of said city
and county, in my exoneration as surety therein.

Dated April 14th 1887.

Jacob Perlunger Surety.



(Certified Copy)

NEW YORK

Court of General Sessions of the Peace.

THE PEOPLE, ETC.
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

vs.

Michael H. Egan

Recognizance to Answer.

Taken the 27 day of Nov 1886

Approved as to Form and Sufficiency.

Debet: _____ 188

District Attorney.

Identified by _____

Filed 27 day of Nov 1886

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

0600

DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE,

New York, _____ 188

Jan 16/87

Dear Senator,

I called at 10 30 & found
you may not be here to
- say - if you should be
I would be pleased to have you
call on us at the store as
there are some changes we
wish you to make in the
agreement also relative to a
Conversations had with Albee
this morning - If convenient
for you to call kindly let us
know where we can meet
you as it is important

Yours truly
W. W. Morrison

POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL

0601

RUSSELL W. MOORE, A. M. M. Sc.
CHEMIST.

New York, *October 6th* 188*6*

CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS.

SAMPLE OF BUTTER.

J. R. Gray
Marked, *12 E J Sept 15/16 N. 94 China & Co. 203 First Ave City*
Received from *Mr B. F. Van Valkenburgh* per *J. C. Dubois*
on *Thursday Sept 16 1886*.

THE SAMPLE CONTAINS:

WATER, - - - - - *8.07* %
ANIMAL AND BUTTER FAT, - *87.26* %
CURD, - - - - - *1.27* %
SALT, - - - - - *3.40* %
100.00

ANALYSIS OF THE FAT:

INSOLUBLE FATTY ACIDS, - *94.72* %
SOLUBLE " " - *5.28* %
SPECIFIC GRAVITY OF THE FAT
AT 100° F., - - - - - %
REICHERT FIGURE. C. C. $\frac{1}{100}$ Na OH... *44.8*

This sample is composed mainly of animal fat, and was not produced from unadulterated milk, or cream from the same. It was not produced from milk or cream alone. It contains coloring matter, whereby it is made to resemble butter, the product of the dairy; and it is in imitation and semblance of butter, produced from pure unadulterated milk or cream from the same.

Respectfully yours,

Russell W. Moore

Mr. *B. F. Van Valkenburgh*
Asst Dairy Comr

State of *New York* }
City of *New York* } ss.
County of *New York* }

On the *sixth* day of *October* in the year
one thousand eight hundred and Eighty six before me personally came
Russell W. Moore to me known, and known to me to be the individual
described in, and who executed the foregoing instrument, and *he*
acknowledged that he executed the same.

E. J. Dubois
NOTARY PUBLIC No. 70,
CITY & COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

**POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL**

0602

Ms. 128.2
Oct 6th 86

POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL

0603

STATE OF NEW YORK,
City of New York } ss:
Thomas C. DuBois

of No. 350 Washington Street,
being duly sworn, says: That he resides at 153 East 103rd Street, in the
City of New York, County and State of New York, is 28
years of age, and an expert appointed by HON. JOSIAH K. BROWN, the New York Dairy Com-
missioner; That at the times hereinafter mentioned one Michael Egan

was a Retail Grocery Dealer, and had his Grocery Store
in a room in No. 203 Third Avenue New York City
and occupied and controlled such room; That on the 15th day
of September, 1886, deponent went into said

store and such room so occupied and controlled by
him, and said to said Egan that he wanted to
buy some Butter; That the said Egan in
response thereto then and there sold and delivered to deponent One
pounds of the manufactured substance hereinafter mentioned, for which he asked and deponent
then and there paid him Twenty three cents per pound; That it was so sold
and delivered to deponent by said Egan as

and for Butter, the product of the dairy; That thereafter and on the 16th day
of September, 1886, deponent delivered a portion of such substance so sold to
him by said Egan to

Rudolph M. Moore, a Chemist of No. 414 The School of Mines, 1st Avenue and 14th St

Street in said City of New York, and caused the same to be analyzed by such Chemist; That
the certificate thereof made by such Chemist is hereto annexed; That such substance so sold
and delivered to deponent by said Michael Egan

was not Butter, the product of the dairy, and was not made from unadulterated milk or cream;
That it was a manufactured oleaginous substance not produced from milk or cream, and had been
made by mixing, compounding with and adding to natural milk, cream or Butter, some animal
fats or animal or vegetable oils; Not produced from milk or cream, so as to produce an article,
substance and human food in imitation and semblance of natural Butter; That the said substance
had been and was colored with some coloring matter whereby said substance was made to and did
resemble Butter the product of the dairy, and was so colored thereby in semblance of and to re-
semble natural Butter; That on said day of

September, 1886, deponent in said
store and room occupied and controlled by him saw a quantity of such manufactured substance
offered for sale as and for Butter made from unadulterated milk or cream, with intent to sell the
same as and for Butter made from unadulterated milk or cream in the ordinary course of said
Grocery business.

Deponent charges that the said Michael Egan
against the peace and dignity of the people of the State of New York and the statutes in such
case made and provided, unlawfully, wilfully and knowingly so, had such manufactured substance
in his possession with intent to sell the same as and for Butter made from unadulterated milk or
cream, and so offered the same for sale with such intent, and so sold the said portion thereof to
this deponent as and for Butter the product of the dairy, and caused, procured, and suffered the
same to be so offered for sale and sold, and was thereby guilty of a misdemeanor.

Sworn to before me this 26
day of November 1886.

Thomas C. DuBois
Solomon S. ...
Police Justice.

POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL

0604

4th District Police
Court of the City and
County of New York

THE PEOPLE, &c.

v.s.

Michael Caplan

Affiant:

John C. DeBore
307 Washington St.

Witnesses:

John R. Gray
Residence 307 Washington St.

R. W. Moore
Residence 307 Washington St.

Residence

POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL

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Sec. 198-200.

4 District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, ss.

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

Question. What is your name?

Answer. Michael Eagan

Question. How old are you?

Answer. 29 years

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. Ireland

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

Answer. No 341 East 14 Street & about 3 years

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. Grocer

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 and demand a trial by jury
W. H. Egan

Taken before me this

Robert D. Smith
Police Justice.

POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL

0606

Sec. 151.

Police Court 4 District.

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, } ss. *In the name of the People of the State of New York; To the Sheriff of the County of New York, or to any Marshal or Policeman of the City of New York, GREETING:*

Whereas, Complaint in writing, and upon oath, has been made before the undersigned one of the Police Justices for the City of New York, by Thomas C. DuBois of No. 350 Washington Street, that on the 15 day of September 1886 at the City of New York, in the County of New York,

Michael Egan at No 203 1st Ave
did sell as butter a substance
not made from unadulterated
milk or cream

Wherefore, the said Complainant has prayed that the said Defendant may be apprehended and bound to answer the said complaint.

These are Therefore, in the name of the PEOPLE of the State of New York, to command you the said Sheriff, Marshals and Policemen, and each and every of you, to apprehend the said Defendant and bring him forthwith before me, at the 4 DISTRICT POLICE COURT, in the said City, or in case of my absence or inability to act, before the nearest or most accessible Police Justice in this City, to answer the said charge, and to be dealt with according to law.

Dated at the City of New York, this 26 day of Nov 1886
Solomon B. ... POLICE JUSTICE.

POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL

0607

Police Court District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

vs.

Warrant-General.

Dated 188

Magistrate

Hartigian Officer.

The Defendant *Michael Eagan*
taken, and brought before the Magistrate, to answer
the within charge, pursuant to the command con-
tained in this Warrant.
age 29 Irish Res 203-1' Ave
Officer.

Dated *November 27* 188 *6*

This Warrant may be executed on Sunday or at
night.

Police Justice.

having been brought before me under this Warrant, is committed for examination to the
WARDEN and KEEPER of the City Prison of the City of New York.

Dated 188

The within named

Police Justice.

POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL

0600

BAILED

No. 1, by *[Signature]*

Residence *[Signature]*

No. 2, by *[Signature]*

Residence *[Signature]*

No. 3, by *[Signature]*

Residence *[Signature]*

No. 4, by *[Signature]*

Residence *[Signature]*

No. 1 by *[Signature]*

Residence *[Signature]*

No. 2 by *[Signature]*

Residence *[Signature]*

Police Court

District

THE PEOPLE, &c.,

ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Thomas G. Van Riper

Michael Bagan

1

2

3

4

Offence

Selling as Butter a substance not made from unadulterated milk or cream

Dated

Nov 27

188

S. B. Smith

Magistrate.

Witnesses

No.

Street.

No.

Street.

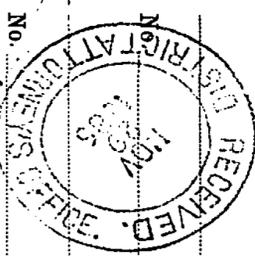
\$

500

to answer

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Bailey



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

Michael Bagan

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

Dated *Nov 27* 188 *6* *Solou B Smith* Police Justice.

I have admitted the above-named *defendant*

to bail to answer by the undertaking hereto annexed.

Dated *November 24th* 188 *6* *Solou B Smith* Police Justice.

There being no sufficient cause to believe the within named

guilty of the offence within mentioned, I order he to be discharged.

Dated _____ 188 _____ Police Justice.

State of New York
City & County of New York } J.S.
Michael H. Egan,
being duly sworn says:

That he is absolutely unable
to pay the tax imposed upon
him under the foregoing pro-
visions.

That on or about Feb. 28 1887
he failed in business & all his
property & assets were attached
& seized by his creditors leaving
no property whatsoever in his
hands. That since said time
he has been harassed by legal
proceedings & without means to
pay for his defence thereto & that
previous to his failure he had
borrowed all the money he could
obtain from his relatives & friends,
& was at the time of said failure
he was indebted to his aunt
& brother in several thousand dollars.

That said relatives have no
more money & are unable to
aid him, & that he has
applied in vain to his former
friends.

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That he is utterly destitute
& has not obtained any
employment whatsoever since
his sickness, & that he has
a wife dependent upon him
for support.

Present before me }
3^d May 1887 }
Jas B. Mansham
Notary Public (57)
N. Y. Co.

Michael H. Egary

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Let }
Egan }

Rebbon for beads
& fawn.

to open country
the redwood
#25. or 25 days
impression
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Court of General Sessions of the Peace.

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,
against

Michael D. Egan

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

Michael D. Egan —

(Chap. 183, Laws of
1885, § 8,
as amended by
Chap. 577, Laws of
1886, § 3.) of a Misdemeanor, committed as follows:

The said *Michael D. Egan,*

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the *15th*
day of *September*, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and
eighty-*nine*, at the City and County aforesaid, *one pound* —
of a certain oleaginous substance and compound, not made nor produced from milk or cream
(a more particular description of which said substance and compound, and of the ingredients and
matters of which the same was made and produced, is to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown, and
cannot now be given), unlawfully did intentionally sell, and cause and procure to be sold to one
Thomas C. Dubois, as and for butter, the product of the dairy; against the
form of the statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace and dignity of the said
people.

SECOND COUNT: (Chap. 183, Laws of 1885, § 8, as amended by Chap. 577, Laws of 1886, § 3).

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

Michael D. Egan —

of a Misdemeanor, committed as follows:

The said *Michael D. Egan,*

late of the City and County aforesaid, afterwards, to wit: on the day and in the year aforesaid, at
the City and County aforesaid, unlawfully did unintentionally sell and cause and procure to be sold
to one *Thomas C. Dubois, one pound*
of a certain oleaginous substance and compound, not made nor produced from milk or cream (a more
particular description of which said substance and compound, and of the ingredients and matters of
which the same was made and produced, is to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown, and cannot now
be given), as and for butter, the product of the dairy; against the form of the statute in such case
made and provided, and against the peace and dignity of the said people.

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THIRD COUNT: (Chap. 246, Laws of 1882, § 1).

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

Michael H. Egan -

of a Misdemeanor committed as follows:

The said

Michael H. Egan,

late of the City and County aforesaid, afterwards, to wit: on the day and in the year aforesaid, at the City and County aforesaid, did unlawfully sell and cause and procure to be sold, at retail, to one *Thomas C. Dubois, one pound* of a certain substance, not being butter, and commonly called oleomargarine, and did then and there falsely represent the same to the said *Thomas C. Dubois,*

to be butter; against the form of the statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace and dignity of said people.

FOURTH COUNT: (Section 480, Penal Code)

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

Michael H. Egan -

of a Misdemeanor, committed as follows:

The said

Michael H. Egan,

late of the City and County aforesaid, afterwards, to wit: on the day and in the year aforesaid, at the City and County aforesaid, did unlawfully sell, and cause and procure to be sold, to one

Thomas C. Dubois, -
as an article of food, *one pound* of a certain substance in imitation of a certain article of food, to wit: butter, without disclosing such imitation by a suitable and plainly visible mark or brand; against the form of the statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace and dignity of the said people.

FIFTH COUNT: (Chap. 238, Laws of 1882, § 3.)

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

Michael H. Egan -

of a Misdemeanor, committed as follows:

The said

Michael H. Egan,

late of the City and County aforesaid, afterwards, to wit: on the day and in the year aforesaid, at the City and County aforesaid, a certain parcel containing *one pound -* of a certain article and substance in semblance of butter, not the legitimate product of the dairy,

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and not made exclusively of milk or cream, but into which divers oils and fats not produced from milk or cream, entered as component parts (a more particular description of which said article and substance is to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown, and cannot now be given), the same being then and there an article and substance required by law, in case of retail sales in parcels, to be sold from a tub, firkin, box or package, distinctly and durably stamped, branded or marked upon the top and side with the words "Oleomargarine Butter" only, where it could be plainly seen, in Roman letters, burned in or painted thereon with permanent black paint, in a straight line, and not less than one-half inch in length, and wherewith the seller was then and there required by law in such case, to deliver to the purchaser thereof, a printed label, bearing the plainly printed words "Oleomargarine Butter" only, in Roman letters not less than one-half inch in length, in a straight line, unlawfully did then and there sell and cause and procure to be sold at retail, to one *Thomas*

C. D. Davis, —
from a certain *tub and box* which was not then and there stamped, branded or marked as aforesaid, and unlawfully did not then and there deliver therewith to the said *Thomas C. Davis,* —

such purchaser as aforesaid, a label of the kind and description aforesaid, against the form of the statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace and dignity of the said people.

SIXTH COUNT: (Chap. 215, Laws 1832, § 2.)

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

Michael H. Egan —

of a Misdemeanor, committed as follows:

The said *Michael H. Egan,*

late of the City and County aforesaid, afterwards, to wit: on the day and in the year aforesaid, at the City and County aforesaid, did unlawfully sell and cause and procure to be sold to one *Thomas C. Davis, one pound*

of a certain article and substance in semblance of natural butter, and known as oleomargarine or imitation butter, the same not being the legitimate product of the dairy, and not being made exclusively from milk or cream, or both, with salt or rennet, or both, with or without coloring matter or sage, but into which divers oils, and animal and other fats, not produced from milk or cream, had been introduced (a more particular description of which said article and substance is to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown, and cannot now be given), against the form of the statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace and dignity of the said people.

SEVENTH COUNT: (Chap. 183, Laws of 1835, § 7, as amended by Chap. 577, Laws of 1836, § 2.)

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

Michael H. Egan —

of a Misdemeanor, committed as follows:

The said *Michael H. Egan,*

late of the City and County aforesaid, afterwards, to wit: on the day and in the year aforesaid,

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at the City and County aforesaid, did unlawfully sell and cause and procure to be sold to one *Thomas C. Dubois, one pound* of a certain article, substance and compound in imitation and semblance of natural butter produced from pure, unadulterated milk, or cream of the same, the said article, substance and compound, so sold as aforesaid, being rendered, manufactured and produced out of divers animal fats and oils not produced from unadulterated milk, or cream from the same, the said article substance and compound not having been manufactured prior to, and not being in process of manufacture, on the first day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty six, (a more particular description of which said article, substance and compound, is to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown, and cannot now be given), against the form of the statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace and dignity of the said people.

EIGHTH COUNT: (Chap. 183, Laws of 1885, § 8, as amended by Chap. 577, Laws of 1886, § 3.)

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

Michael St. Egan

of a Misdemeanor, committed as follows:

The said *Michael St. Egan,*

late of the City and County aforesaid, afterwards, to wit: on the said *15th* day of *September,* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-*six*, at the City and County aforesaid, did unlawfully sell, and cause and procure to be sold, to one *Thomas C. Dubois, one pound* of a certain compound product and manufacture made in whole from animal fats and animal and vegetable oils, not produced from unadulterated milk or cream, which said compound product and manufacture had been before then, and was then and there colored with coloring matter, whereby the same did then and there resemble butter, the product of the dairy (a more particular description of which said compound, product and manufacture, and of the fats and oils from which the same was so made as aforesaid, is to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown, and cannot now be given), against the form of the statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace and dignity of the said people.

NINTH COUNT: (Chap. 183, Laws of 1885, § 8, as amended by Chap. 577, Laws of 1886, § 3.)

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

Michael St. Egan

of a Misdemeanor, committed as follows:

The said *Michael St. Egan,*

late of the City and County aforesaid, afterwards, to wit: on the day and in the year aforesaid, at the City and County aforesaid, did unlawfully sell, and cause and procure to be sold to one *Thomas C. Dubois, one pound,*

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DESCRIPTION:

Ellis, William

DATE:

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W. H. Kinley

Counsel
Filed *7* day of *Dec* 188*6*
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THE PEOPLE
vs.
William Ellis
April 23/89
Accused of Murder in the first degree
of Edward C. deyer

KANDOLPH B. MARTINE,
District Attorney.
Wm. Coffey
S. P. For life

A True Bill.
S. W. Comstock
Foreman.
W. J. ...
4.5.11

Samuel J. ...

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STATE OF NEW YORK.

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, SS.

AN INQUISITION,

Taken at the house of Coroners' Office No. 67 Park Row Street in the 4th Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York, this 21 day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and 81, before

John R. Nugent Coroner, of the City and County aforesaid, on view of the Body of Annie Ellis

lying dead at Upon the Oaths and Affirmations of Nine 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

Annie Ellis came to her death, do upon their Oaths and Affirmations, say: That the said Annie Ellis came to her death by

Multiple injuries received at the hands of her husband William Ellis at her residence 311 East 78th Street on November 11/81 between 10 and 11 P.M.

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

JURORS.

John Crowley 344 E 9th
Henry Woods 370 Bow
368 Bowery
Thomas Kuber
Mottershead 38 Bow
Thurston & Co 234 E 10th
Frederick Brown 13 Stuy

Henry Hughes 26 Bury
Julius Krager 24 Bury
Nicholas Boyanuk 184

John R. Nugent CORONER, L. S.

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CORONER'S OFFICE.

TESTIMONY.

Margaret Reynolds being sworn says I
reside at 313 E 8th St am a
housekeeper. I knew the deceased
Anna Ellison I last saw her
alive on Tuesday Nov 9 she
was then hanging out clothes
I do not know anything of her
death until being 3 or 4 pm
Saturday the prison came and
told me the wife was dead
I said perhaps she is not
dead shake her up he said
she is stiff he said he would
have to go to the undertaker
he wanted to give me the
keys and I would not take
them
Margaret Reynolds

Taken before me

this 21st day of November 1886

J. H. Nugent

CORONER.

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Coroner's Office.

TESTIMONY.

Hannah Engel being sworn says I
reside at 1148 3 1st Ave and
housekeeper I did know the
deceased Ann Ellis I called her
Ellen I last saw her also Thursday
Nov 11. about 7 or 8 pm
she wanted to know if I was out
with her that day I was to
see her child at the Juvenile
Asylum she left my house
to go home she came back
the same day when I went
with her I on Sunday Mr
Ellis came to me and
said my wife is dead I
said did you do any thing
to her he said well I gave
her one strap on the arm
Hannah Engel.

Taken before me

this 21st day of November 1886

John R. [Signature] CORONER.

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Coroner's Office? 3 TESTIMONY.

Deputy
Ester Heyman being sworn says I
reside at 311 East 48th St and did
not know the deceased and never
saw her to my knowledge I know
she lived in the house on

Thursday night I went to bed
between 10 & 11 o'clock I heard

some one holler down stairs
O my God O my God after
it kept still for a few
minutes and said O my body
what have I done I am, sure

it was the deceased that
spoke and a few minutes
after I heard a knocking on
the door down stairs and
then she began to holler
again and it seemed as
if she had been knocking on
the door in struggling about
12 o'clock I heard the last
of it it appeared as if she
was in pain and groaning
they were in the habit of
quarreling frequently.

Ester Heyman

Taken before me

this 21 day of November 1886

Wm A. Nugent CORONER.

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Coroner's Office. 3 TESTIMONY.

Witness
Ester Heyman being sworn says I
reside at 311 East 48th and I did
not know the deceased and never
saw her to my knowledge I know
she lived in the house on
Thursday night I went to bed
between 10 & 11 o'clock I heard
some one knock down stairs
O My God O My God after
it kept still for a few
minutes and I said O My body
what have I done I am sure
it was the deceased that
spoke and a few minutes
after I heard a knocking on
the door down stairs and
then she began to knock
again and it seemed as
if she had been knocking on
the door in struggling about
12 o'clock I heard the last
of it it appeared as if she
was in pain and groaning
they were in the habit of
quarreling frequently.

Ester Heyman

Taken before me

this 26 day of November 1886

John A. Nugent

CORONER.

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Coroner's Office,

TESTIMONY.

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Rosa Frankelbusch being sworn says
residing at 311 E 78 St. I knew the
deceased personally she worked for
me two months I have my kitchen
in the yard and heard her
crying on Thursday about 11 PM
I heard her moaning as if in
pain it was frequently Mrs Ellis
lived in the house about two
months and quarreled very often
four or five times in the two
months. she seemed to be in
extreme pain

Mrs Frankelbusch

Taken before me

this 26 day of November 1886

J. M. Nugent CORONER.

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Coroner's Office.

TESTIMONY.

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Officer Samuel J Campbell by
Swir says I am a special office
detail to do special duty
in 28th precinct and reside at
448 E 81 St on Saturday Nov
13 the prisoner came to the
Stalin house and said his
wife was lying home dead
he wished to get a permit
to bury her I was then told
to go and investigate the cause
of death I went to the house
found the door open the woman
lying on the floor with her
head lying north and her
feet south this was on 311
E 78 St called the basement
her right hand was lying
across her stomach and was
swollen to three times the size
and was perfectly black
her eyes and face was all
black there was an abrasion
on the right temple and
the blood had been
running down her face
all her joints were stiff and
she looked to me as if she

Taken before me

this

day of

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CORONER.

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TESTIMONY.

had been dead two days
the furniture in the house
looked as if there had been
a struggle in the house
spots of blood was also
on the floor. I then returned
to the station house and
reported the facts but first
left a policeman in charge
of the body, the captain
ordered the prisoner under
arrest. I then took the
prisoner to the captain's
room and informed him
that what he said would
be used against him. He
said that on Thursday night
he came home had words
with his wife and struck
her in the face with his
fist and blacked her
eye she fell on the floor
he went to bed leaving her
lay on the floor on Friday
morning he got up and she
lay in the same place
he left her Thursday night

Taken before me

this day of

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TESTIMONY.

He started out to go to his work
 but did not go to his work
 he came in Friday night
 and she lay in the same
 place he left her Friday
 morning I asked him then
 if he spoke to her he said
 no he went to bed got up
 on Saturday morning she lay
 in the same place but asked
 him to bring her a pint
 of beer he said he brought
 the beer she drank my
 glass and he drank the
 remainder of it he said he
 then asked her if he should
 place her on the bed and
 her answer was she felt
 better lying on the floor
 he then left the house and
 came back at 4 pm and
 found her dead
 S. Campbell

Taken before me

this 26 day of November 1886

John Nugent CORONER.

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Coroner's Office.

TESTIMONY.

William Ellis being sworn says
I reside at 311 E 78 St am a
stone rubber by occupation employed
by Mr Gilley at 95 St + 1 St
The deceased Annie Ellis was my
wife on Thursday night
My wife had been drunk
all the week on Wednesday
night I came home and
said Annie you must not drink
so much she said she would
take my advice on Thursday
night I returned home from
my work about half past
five she was lying on the
floor drunk I asked her why
when are you getting all the
drunk then a lady friend
came to see me and we
had two pints of beer only
she replied she then got up
and spit in my face and
I gave her two slaps in
the face with my open hand
I then asked her if she would
have some supper about 9
o'clock she said bye and bye
and I went to bed

Taken before me

this day of

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CORONER'S OFFICE.

TESTIMONY.

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That year about 8 o'clock
 on Friday morning I got ready
 the breakfast and went to
 work. Friday night when I
 came back she was lying on
 the floor drunk I spoke to
 her she did not reply she was
 to drunk on Saturday morning
 I was going to my work she
 asked me to bring her a
 pint of beer she felt very
 this was at half past
 seven I said well you
 should not drink so much
 you have been drunk all
 the week and it is no
 way to use a man that
 has been working hard
 I did not work on Saturday
 my boss told me he was slack
 for a few days and I went
 to look for a job a month
 or two was as much as I
 could live in any house owing
 to my wife's habits she
 being constantly drinking and
 quarreling with the neighbors

Taken before me

this day of 188

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Coroner's Office.

TESTIMONY.

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When I returned to my home on
Saturday about 4 PM I found
my wife dead I went in to
one of the neighbors house and
asked them if they saw my
wife that day they said
they did not say I she is
lying dead on the floor then
I went into the housekeepers
next door and told her my
wife was dead she said she
did not see her that day
I then went in to Mrs
Egles and she said she did
not see my wife that day
then I went to the station
house at 59 I am reported
my wife's death I was in
my house on Thursday evening
from the time I came home
I went to work on Friday and
worked all day. She got up
on Saturday morning and was
going to eat her breakfast
when I was leaving

William Mellis

Taken before me

this 26 day of November 1886

J. M. Nugent CORONER.

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Coroner's Office,

TESTIMONY.

William O'Meagher M.D., being sworn says:

On Sunday, ^{November} ~~October~~ 14th 1886, I made an autopsy of the body of Annie Ellis, at the Morgue. The body was that of a woman of about five feet three inches in height and about thirty five years old. Rigor Mortis slight except in parts that were marked by contusions and other injuries. These contusions were numerous, especially on the face ~~in the~~ forehead, temples and scalp, which ^{were} very much swollen and discolored. The radial bone of the left forearm was broken near the wrist and the arm was swollen, discolored and distorted, to such an extent as to require deep and lengthy incisions to overcome the deformity. Most of the contusions appeared to have ^{been} made by a shoe or boot; this was especially marked on the left side of the body. On removing the scalp, considerable blood was found, in a fluid and clotted ^{due to} condition. On removing the skull-cap, the brain was found congested to an unusual extent, it was otherwise, in fair condition; there was no fracture of skull. On opening the chest, the lungs were found very much congested and adenomatous; the heart, empty on the left side and filled with dark clot on the right side; the breast bone was broken transversely, and six ribs on each side were broken, in such a manner as to indicate that a heavy body had fallen forcibly on the prostrate woman. There was no food in the stomach; the liver and kidneys were slightly abnormal. Death was due to shock resulting from the multiple injuries enumerated.

William O'Meagher M.D.

Taken before me this 15th day of November 1886

Jno Nugent CORONER.

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Coroner's Office,

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CITY AND COUNTY }
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

William Ellis 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—*William Ellis*

Question—How old are you?

Answer—

38 years

Question—Where were you born?

Answer—

Ireland

Question—Where do you live?

Answer—

311 East 78th St

Question—What is your occupation?

Answer—

Stone Rubber

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

I am not guilty of it at all

William Ellis

Taken before me, this 26 day of November 1886

Mr R. J. [Signature] CORONER.

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MEMORANDUM.

AGE.			PLACE OF NATIVITY.	WHERE FOUND.	DATE, When Reported.
35	Years.	Months	Days.	Ireland	Maryue from 311 E. 78 th St.
					Nov 13/86

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HOMICIDE.

AN INQUISITION

On the VIEW of the BODY of

Amie Dees

whereby it is found that she came to her Death by the hands of

William Dees

Inquest taken on the 26 day
of November 1886
before

John R. Muggins

Committed

to Jail

on the 13th

of November 1886

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CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, ss.

POLICE COURT, DISTRICT,

Samuel Campbell

The 28th Precinct Street, aged 45 years,

occupation Police Officer being duly sworn deposes and says

that on the 13 day of November 1886

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

he arrested William Ellis (now here) from the fact that said Ellis confessed to Depment that on the evening of November 11th 1886 he had a quarrel and a fight with his wife (Annie Ellis) that Depment knows of his own knowledge that said Annie has since died that her appearance indicated a severe beating and that Depment believes her death resulted from a beating inflicted by said William Ellis, and asks his detention until investigation can be made

Sworn to before me, this 17th day of Nov 1886

Charles J. Smith Police Justice

William Ellis

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Police Court, _____ District.

THE PEOPLE, & c.,
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

William Ellis vs. _____

AFFIDAVIT.

Dated *November 1888*

W. White Magistrate.

Chapman Officer.

Witness, _____

Disposition, *Held to await
crimes investigation*

*Ex Nov 27
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District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, ss.

William Ellis 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. *William Ellis*

Question. How old are you?

Answer. *35 Years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer, *Ireland*

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

Answer. *311 East 78th St - 2 mos*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer, *Stone Rubber*

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 and waive further examination*
William Ellis

Taken before me this

Robert J. Smith
29
1888

Police Justice.

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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 No. 4 District

17th St

THE PEOPLE, &c.
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Samuel Campbell
William Ellis

Offence
Homicide

Dated Nov 29 1886

Smith Magistrate
Campbell Officer
25th Precinct

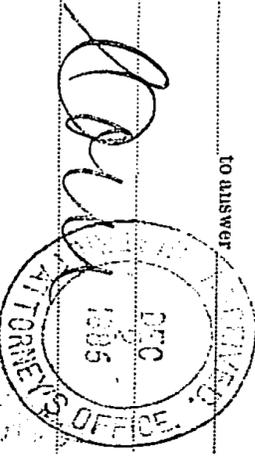
Witnesses

No. _____ Street _____

No. _____ Street _____

No. _____ Street _____

\$ _____ TO ANSWER



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

William Ellis

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

Dated Nov 29 1886 Salou [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 he to be discharged.

Dated _____ 188 _____ Police Justice.

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Margaret Rayns

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The People vs. William Ellis. Court of general sessions, Part I. Before Judge Cowing.

April 18, 1887.

Indictment for murder in the first degree.

Assta Dist. Atty. Bedford for the people.

Mr Kinsley for the defendant.

A Jury was empannelled and sworn.

Hannah Engle sworn and examined, testified:

I am married and live at 1483 First Avenue in this city. I knew Annie Ellis during her lifetime, I saw her Thursday November 11 in my house about nine o'clock in the morning and she remained with me till about one o'clock, I went with her to the Juvenile Asylum to see her child; we did not see the child because it was not a visiting day, he told us to come on Thanksgiving; we went home and got to my house about four o'clock, she remained until after five and went home, I saw her that Thursday evening about half past seven in my house, she remained a few minutes and went home. During all that day her face was the same as mine, there were no bruises on it whatsoever; she did not complain of any bruises or sores on her body; that was Thursday evening, November 11, at half past seven: I did not see her at all after that; she was sober while I was with her. I saw William Ellis, her husband on Saturday afternoon, November 13, he came to my door and said, "my wife is dead." I says, "dead!" He says, "yes." I asked him what he done? first he said "nothing", I asked him again and he says, "I opened my hand and I gave her a punch in the eye and I gave her a black eye." That is all he said. I said if he thought that he done any harm to her that he should explain his case up to the 59th St.

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Station and I sent him there. He gave me the keys of his door; he asked me whether I would go with him and lift his wife from the floor? I says, "what, lift the dead body from the floor!" I refused, I would not do that. He says, "I will do as you told me" and he went to the Station House. They were in the habit of quarreling with each other. I gave the keys to Detective Campbell, I believe he went down to the defendant's place but I do not know.

Cross Examined. The paper now shown me is my deposition taken before the coroner; the coroner read it to me before I signed it. I did not say what is written here, that the defendant said, "I gave her one slap on the arm," I did speak of a black eye. I have two clocks in the house, I stated before the coroner that the last time I saw Mrs. Ellis alive was between the hours of seven and eight, P. M. . I have known the Ellis family about nine months altogether. I stated at the last trial that I had known Mrs. Ellis five months before her death, I only saw her boy once, I visited the house about twice, I was in the house when Mr Ellis was there a couple of times, but was not in the house when he was not there. In case I would need her to do my work I would let her know. I live at 1483 First Avenue; three families live in the house, I have been married over five years, I have had three children and one is living now. My husband is a tinsmith and works for Burger & Lee, Greenwich St. corner of Desbrosses St. My husband works at piece work and some times makes \$16, \$14 and \$10 a week; Mrs. Ellis used to wash for me once a week. I became acquainted with

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Mrs Ellis because I was living in a small place, my husband was kind of idle, I took a cheap rent, I thought I would better myself if he had more work; this was not where this alleged homicide took place but at this time the Ellis's lived on one side of the basement and I lived on the other; then I moved to 1433 First Avenue, Mrs. Ellis continued to do my washing because I was not strong enough, she took the clothing and washed it in her rooms.

I was not going to have Mrs. Ellis arrested for pawning my clothes; she did pawn my clothes for her husband's sake, I got the tickets from the coroner after her death. I am twenty-four years old and have been married going on six years. I don't know anything about her son being arrested for stealing whiskey. I never saw William Ellis beat his wife but I have heard them wrangle and growl, I have heard them having words together quite often. She told me she pawned the clothes for the sake of her husband.

This evidence was stricken out.

Esther Heyman sworn and examined. I am not married, I live at 311 East 73th Street, the same basement occupied by the Ellis's; I was living there on November 11; my room was the second room from the front, directly over the basement where the Ellis's lived, I think it was about half past ten at night on Thursday, November 11 when I went to bed; as soon as I got into bed I heard a woman's voice come from down stairs, "Oh my God, Oh, my God;" then it kept still for a few minutes and she halloed, "what have I done"; I heard knocking down

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stairs and after that a woman's voice hallooed again, "Oh my body, oh my body;" she hallooed again, "Oh my God" in such tones that she could not hardly speak any more, I did not hear anything more. How often did you hear quarreling going on in that basement over which you lived during the last two months previous to November 11? I heard it about twice. When you heard this woman cry, "oh my God" and "Oh my body", what was the reason that you did not go down stairs in the basement to see what was the matter? I was used to that noise and that is the reason it did not interfere more with me.

Cross Examined. I was a witness before the Coroner, I stated there that I did not know Mrs. Ellis and had never seen her, I had never seen her in her lifetime, I did not say before the Coroner that I heard Mrs. Ellis moaning, I said it was the voice of a woman. I am nineteen years of age going on twenty; there are two families living on that floor where I live, we and Mrs. Frankenbusch; we do not live down stairs, only we have our kitchen there, but I think Mrs. Frankenbusch live down stairs. There is a hallway in the basement and the back apartment in that basement is occupied by our family, we only wash now and then in the basement. Neither myself or mother ever employed Mrs. Ellis to wash for us. I have learned since this alleged homicide that Ellis and his wife lived there. From our dining room we have stairs going down to that kitchen. We moved into the house last October and I think the Ellis's were living there when I moved in, I don't know how long they lived there. I cannot be mistaken as to the night of the week that I

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heard those noises, it was Thursday evening. There are eleven in our family including the parents and we all live there, we have five rooms, my sister sleeps with me, I sleep in the bed-room next to the parlor and the basement is beneath our apartments; there are coal bins in the basement but I never was below. I looked at the clock before I retired to bed that night and it was half past ten, I did not get out of bed that night after I went in, I do not remember saying that about twelve o'clock I heard no more of this noise. I did not hear the voice of any man that night or of any other person than the woman. When you heard this noise did it sound to you as though there were three or four persons there?

It was only one person. My mother is at home, I remember she was down with me at the last trial, she was not down with me this time because she has a sore foot since last week and is not able to walk, most of the time she is sitting, the foot is very bad. Do you remember on this night in question when you heard the noise that you and your mother went out on the landing and partly down the basement stairs and told Mrs. Ellis, who was in the hall, raising a noise all alone by herself, to go in and stop that noise? I was not with my mother, I do not know it.

Do you remember your mother going out between the hours of nine and ten or eight and nine and calling to Mrs. Ellis, who was making a noise in the hallway down below, to stop that noise and go inside? I do not remember, I do not know anything about it. I do not know why my mother was down here at the last trial, she told me that she received a subpoena to come here. I remember seeing

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you (the lawyer) at our house, I do not recollect of you having a conversation with my mother in my presence. I remember you asking me what noise I heard made in the house that night by Mrs. Ellis, I do not recollect my mother saying something about what she heard between eight and nine o'clock that night. I heard no noise that night until I went to bed. During the time that the other trial went on I came once with my mother and the other two times she came a one.

Rosa Frankensch sworn and examined, testified: I live 311 East 78th Street between Second and Third Avenues, I occupy a floor one flight up and my kitchen is in the basement; at that time I used to sleep in the kitchen with my children; my kitchen faced the yard and Ellis's apartments were toward the front, the street, in the same basement. The deceased, Annie Ellis, washed for me every week during the time that she lived there, which was about two months. I remember the evening of Thursday, November 11, about eleven o'clock at night I was in bed with two little children in my kitchen. I have no clock down stairs but between ten and eleven o'clock I heard her scream, Mrs. Ellis, I heard her voice, I believe it was in English but I could not understand it. She screamed in a weeping voice; my children woke up at that time and I did not pay any attention to the noise for I was occupied with my children; the noise came along the basement from the front. I believe I heard quarreling between the Defendant and his wife about four times during the time that they lived there.

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Cross Examined. That would be about four times in the two months, I am living there about one year, Mrs. Ellis washed for me once a week for ten weeks, I used to send my child usually to her apartments with the clothes and once she came to my door and asked if she would come to wash and I could not speak with her. I never saw the Defendant strike his wife; what I mean by quarreling is speaking in an angry tone. My husband lives with me and I have nine children all alive. My kitchen is on one side and the Heyman' kitchen is on the other. From my kitchen there is a door into the yard but there is no door from the hall into the yard. I remember during the period Mrs. Ellis lived in the house that boys did chase her into the hallway. My family usually retire very late, my two daughters are dress-makers, the children generally go to bed after twelve o'clock. I cannot tell the distance of the door leading from my kitchen into the basement from the door leading from the hall into Ellis's front room. In the front of Ellis's apartments there are coal-bins. I heard no noise about nine o'clock on the night of the 11th of November in the hallway. I heard the same voice in the basement hallway between six and seven o'clock that same evening. I did not hear Mrs. Heyman speak to Mrs. Ellis at that time telling her to go inside and stop that noise. I heard Mrs. Ellis talk in her natural voice, I think it was about the middle of the hallway, I could not understand what she said. Did you say at the last trial that you heard her out in the hallway talking loudly as though she were intoxicated? I do not recollect, I cannot be

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positive about it. I only saw Mrs. Ellis on the days that she washed for me, I very seldom left my rooms, I do not know anything about her habits. When I say I went to bed about nine o'clock that night I am only guessing, the children were sick that night and I was up with them, my opinion is that I heard this noise between ten and eleven o'clock. I did not pay Mrs. Ellis in beer for the washing, I paid her in money, the least I paid her was sixty cents and I washed my self always half a day with her, once I sent for beer.

William O'Meagher sworn and examined. I am a practicing physician in this city and graduated in 1857 at the University of New York, I have been connected with Coroner Nugent about a year and a half. I remember Sunday November 14, 1886; on that occasion I performed an autopsy upon the body of the deceased Annie Ellis, alleged to have been murdered by the prisoner; the dead body was at the Morgue at Bellevue Hospital, in this city about eleven A. M. On Sunday, November 14, 1886 I made an autopsy of the body of Annie Ellis at the Morgue; the body was that of a woman of about five feet three inches in height and about thirty-five years old. Riggor mortis slight excepting parts that were marked by contusions and other injuries. These contusions were numerous especially on the face, eyelids, forehead, temple and scalp which were very much swollen and discolored. The rille bone of the left fore-arm was broken near the wrist and the arm was swollen, discolored and distorted to sch an extent as to require deep and lengthy incisions to overcome the

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deformity. Most of the contusions appeared to be made by a shoe or boot. This was especially marked on the left side of the body. On removing the scalp considerable blood was found in a fluid and clotted condition due to meningeal hemorrhage. On removing the scalp cap the brain was found congested to an unusual extent. It was otherwise in fair condition. There was no fracture of the skull. On opening the chest the lungs were found very much congested and adenatous. The heart empty on the left side and filled with dark clots on the right side. The breast bone was broken transversely and six ribs on either side were broken in such a manner as to indicate that a heavy body had fallen forcibly on the prostrate woman. There was no food found in the stomach; the liver and kidneys were slightly abnormal. Death was due to shock from the multiple injuries enumerated. I should judge that when I saw the body at the Morgue she had been dead over forty-eight hours, it was certainly forty-eight hours if not more.

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The Coroner's Inquest was held on the 26th of November.

Cross Examined. I have been about a year and a half acting as Deputy Coroner and prior to that I was in West 16th St. for four years, I had no specialty; during the time that I have been Deputy Coroner I have made more than twelve autopsies, I think I have testified in Court as to the cause of death more than eight times. The reason why I say that the deceased must have been dead forty-eight hours is, in the first place decomposition had set in the body and in cases of violence especially

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the rigidity of the body is preserved in consequence of the physical violence; the eyes were dull and opaque, glassy as is commonly said, indicating advanced decomposition. Could she be placed in such an atmosphere as would bring about that appearance in twenty-four hours? I think not. The meaning of the phrase, "rigor mortis slightly" is the rigidity that follows death, slight rigidity. In this particular case as I just stated it was owing to death from violence; in death from violence all the usual indications of death are prolonged. The cause of the leftside of the heart being empty was owing to sudden death. Death must have followed immediately after the blood had been sent into the general circulation. Intemperance is one of the predisposing causes of sanguinous apoplexy, it produces disease of the liver and kidneys first; her liver was not affected and the kidneys were nearly normal, nearly healthy. The arm was broken at the wrist. Are you aware Doctor, that alcohol has a tendency to make bone brittle, that is, in other words, that an intemperate person's skull would require less force to break it than would the skull of a person who had not drunk of a corresponding thickness? That is generally true with regard to all the organs of the body, intemperance produces disease in all the organs of the body.. I spoke of twelve ribs, six on each side being broken, the anterior portions were broken, I judge that the breaks were eight or ten inches apart, they were consecutively broken from the third to the ninth rib on each side, I judge that they were broken all at once, that the breast bone and the ribs were broken by the

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same impact, the same violence, the same single violent impact. A series of blows or falls would not be likely to make such a uniform break? No.. There was no special internal wound either in the cavity of the skull, the chest or the abdomen. I noticed blood on the face and on the scalp, the right side of the face especially, it was dry and it came from wounds of the right side of the forehead and scalp; that side of the face was in a jellified condition in fact, it was very much swollen - distinct bruises could not be very well defined in such a case as that; the cuts were not exactly cuts, they were contused wounds, I think they were made by a blunt instrument of some kind, I should judge that the scalp wound was made by the same sort of an implement; the contusions appeared to have been made by a boot or shoe, by a blunt instrument. The reason why you mentioned a boot or shoe is that this Defendant was charged with having kicked his wife? No sir, I didn't know anything about it at the time. Before I made the autopsy I do not think I had any conversation with Officer Campbell except at the Station House in 59th Street the night before; it was then a general conversation with Captain Gunner and Officer Campbell was there, I had no special conversation with Officer Campbell and the officer I met at the house Saturday night was an ordinary patrolman, he had charge of the apartment, the prisoner's house. I was looking around the apartment to notice any special signs that might be useful afterwards and I do not think I had any conversation at all even with the patrolman. He held a very poor lamp so that I could examine the apartment and I parted with

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him in ten or fifteen minutes. I make it a point to have no conversation. The body of the deceased was in the prisoner's room Saturday night, it was lying down on the floor and was dead. I asked the Doctor if the appearance which he based that opinion on could not be brought about in twenty-four hours by a body being placed in a certain atmosphere and he said it might? I do not know that I said that because I could not say it positively, it is a suppositious question, it requires a good deal of study.

By the Court. Q. The Counsel's question is this: Could this appearance of the body have been the same under any circumstances had she died twenty-four hours previous, would it have had the appearance which it had on November 14, the time you made the autopsy if it had only been dead twenty-four hours, under any circumstances. A. I think not.

By Counsel. Q. Well, thirty hours? A. It would depend on a good many favoring circumstances, temperature and the cause of death, the cause of death especially.

Q. How is it about the corpses of persons who have died of apoplexy, do they preserve longer than persons who take good care of themselves and have well nourished bodies and die after a short illness? A. No sir, they do not; in cases of apoplexy decomposition sets in more rapidly. I found a clot of blood on the brain about the size of a peanut. I have found in autopsies of persons who died suddenly of apoplexy clots of blood as large as my hand.

In all cases of sudden death such as by apoplexy or a stroke by lightning, fluidity exists for some time after death. Bodies taken from the water are commonly marked

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by echmosis or contusions or marks but in cases of ordinary death the marks are natural but isolated contusions are not possible in cases of natural death without previous violence. Contusions indicate more or less violence, a blow. Echemosis is a rupture of a blood vessel and the effusion of blood underneath the skin. Echemosis resulting from natural causes is uniformly diffused in the dependent parts of the body and in cases of injury or blows these parts are isolated, they are localized, they are in special places. Natural echemosis takes place in dependent portions of the body as the body lies on the back or on the side.

Q. I will ask you a hypothetical question, Doctor, suppose you were called upon to hold an autopsy on the body of a person of gross habits, intoxicated frequently, who was found with three or four or six ribs broken, with an arm broken about the wrist, with a blood clot on her brain, say it was a woman, blood oozing from the nose, contusions on the arms and legs and about the body or echemosis, lying near a trunk with sharp edges, what in your opinion would be the cause of death?

A. Lying near a trunk with sharp edges?

Q. Yes, or I will change that to this extent, could her death have been brought about by her dying suddenly of apoplexy without the agency of another person.

A. With all those injuries you have just enumerated?

Q. The ribs broken and the wrist bone broken.

A. No sir. I have read Beck's Medical Jurisprudence, I do not now remember the case of the widow Mont Bailey.

Q. Do you remember the case of Thomas Reilly that was tried

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in the Oyer and Terminer in 1836, he was charged with the murder of his wife, when she was found dead in the morning four or five o'clock in the morning, she had ecchymosis in various parts of the body, contusions, a black eye, her lip cut and the doctor in that case gave it as his opinion that she had died from violence, would that be your opinion?

A. I dare say it would.

Q. It afterwards turned out it was not a kick and the man was acquitted.

A. That is possible too, there was violence there notwithstanding.

Redirect Examination.

The liver and kidneys were nearly healthy in the deceased; they did not indicate that she was a woman of intemperate habits, they did not indicate excessive drinking or chronic intemperate habits. The substance of a drunkard's liver has the appearance of a collection of hob-nails but her liver had no such appearance. The condition of a drunkard's kidneys would require a long explanation but generally Bright's disease is so well marked that almost anybody can see it; her kidneys had no confirmed Bright's disease. I should judge that the breaks on the ribs were about eight or ten inches apart. Some of the contusions were about the shape of the toe of a boot or shoe. I did not take a boot or shoe and place the toe of it to those contusions; the contusions were about an inch and a half wide and about two inches long, there were three or four such wounds on the chest, the side and the abdomen. There was a partial enlargement

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of the liver; intemperance is one of the causes which would bring about that appearance; the kidneys were abnormal; cold, exposure or intemperance would cause that condition. Almost every toper will eventually have Bright's disease if they live long enough.

Q. How many years can a man or a woman drink with impunity before his liver or kidneys become affected by the use of intoxicating liquors?

A. I do not know, it would depend a good deal on the original constitution of the person drinking and the quantity and kind of liquor he drank. I think intemperance and good health are impossible. A man who drinks intemperately certainly produces disease of the liver and kidneys right off.

Samuel J. Campbell sworn. I am an officer of the 25th precinct under Capt. Gunner, I have been an officer of the Municipal Police very near sixteen years, I have been on special duty about eight years. The prisoner came to the Station House on the 13th of November, I did not see him when he came in the building, I came in the room about twenty minutes after, Capt. Gunner gave me orders to go up to 311 East 78th Street, the basement floor and see what trouble if any, had been there; the prisoner was in the Captain's room upstairs. I did go to 311 East 78th St. in company with an officer whose name I do not now remember. I got to the place on November 13 between four and five o'clock in the afternoon. I saw a dead woman there who was supposed to be Annie Ellis, she was lying on the floor with her head

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pointing north and her feet south. The floor had spots of blood on it and some of the furniture was upset. The furniture consisted of two tables, two chairs, a stove, a bureau, a wash boiler and a tub and a lamp and some other little things that was on the mantel-piece. The stove was not upset; one of the tables was standing in a diagonal position one end against the wall and the other end kind of projected, it did not appear as though it was in its place; the bureau was not upset, there was one chair lying on its side I guess four feet from her; she was lying less than a foot from the clots of blood. She had on a dress and two other garments under the dress and a pair of shoes and stockings; the hair on her head appeared to be covered with clots of blood, there were clots of blood mixed in with the hair; her eyes were swollen out and black, the skin had been knocked off the temples in three or four places, more especially on the right side of the face, it was entirely kicked; her left arm lay across her in this manner (illustrating) and I lifted it up and found from working it that some of the bones were broken; it was swollen about three times its original size. The body was blue and greatly swollen, all of it, all that I saw, all the limbs. There was at least four different places on the right side of the face where there was an abrasion of the skin. I stationed a police officer at the door. I should have stated that blood had run down from the temple on the right side of the face. I stationed this officer at the door with instructions to allow no person to enter there until the Coroner with his Deputy came. I then proceeded to the Station House and the

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Captain ordered William Ellis to be placed under arrest. I told Ellis that his wife was dead and if he desired to make any statement in reference to it he could do so, at the same time I said, do not say anything that will implicate yourself or I certainly will use it against you on trial if you do." He said that he came home to his house on Thursday; there was nobody present at this time but myself. I do not know if his statement was placed on the blotter; there is something on the blotter but I do not know what it is. This conversation was not put on the blotter. The prisoner said he came home on Thursday night and found his wife under the influence of drink, he remonstrated with her when she spit in his face; he then said, "I then struck her in the face and she fell on the floor." I then asked him what he did and he said he got his supper and went to bed. I asked him where his wife was at this time and he said that she was still lying on the floor. In the morning he says, "I got up and started out to go to work and she was still lying in the same place where she fell the night before." He said he came in on Friday night and his wife was still lying in the same place where he left her. I then asked him if he spoke to her, he said he did not. Then says I, "what did you do?" He replied he went to bed; he said that his wife was lying on the floor Friday night when he went to bed. I then asked him where his wife was when he got up Saturday morning? He said she was still lying in the same place where she was Friday night. He visited the Station House on Saturday in the neighborhood of four o'clock in the afternoon. I asked him Saturday morning

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where he left his wife and he said she was still on the floor; he said that his wife then asked him to go out and bring a pint of beer, I think he said it was before nine o'clock. I asked him if he did it and he said he did, she drank one glass and he drank the remainder; he then said that he asked her whether he should lay her on the bed and she said, "Billy, you take care of yourself, I lay better here;" he said he then came home in the afternoon about four o'clock on Saturday and found her dead; he then told me that he came to the Station House for the purpose of getting a permit or a coroner to bury her.

The prisoner appeared to be a man that had been getting over a drunk, a debauch, he was very nervous and his breath was very heavy from the smell of beer and he was greatly excited. The next interview I had with him was on Sunday morning, the 14th when I was taking him to Court before the Police Magistrate about half past nine o'clock. I took him out of the cell in the Station House for the purpose of taking him to the 57th St. Police Court which is about two blocks and a half from the Station House; while we were going to the Station House he remarked to me that he had no money to get a lawyer and said, "what would you advise me to do?" My reply was, "I would advise you then to waive an examination before the Police Magistrate and let the papers go before the Grand Jury, then if you are indicted the Court will assign a lawyer to look after your interests. The next interview I had with him was on the 20th of November, the day of the Coroner's Inquest, I took him from the 57th St. Court to the Coroner's office and after the Inquest I

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brought him back and returned him to the same place, I left him to the Keeper of the prison. The next interview was on the following day or the day after, I would not be positive, it was the 27th or 28th, I saw him in the 57th St. police precinct, I went to bring him up before the Police Magistrate where he was fully committed for trial.

I then took him down and returned him over to the keeper of the 57th St. prison. I had a conversation with him the time I took him to the 57th St. Prison. I said to him, "you are now fully committed for trial by the Police Magistrate, the papers will now be sent to the Grand Jury and if you are indicted then the Court at that time will assign you a lawyer if you have no money to get one yourself and when you are called up to plead you state that to the Court," and he remarked that he would then plead guilty if he would not get more than four years' punishment. That ended the interview, I turned him over to the Keeper and had no more conversation with him.

Cross Examined. I have only known Judge Bedford officially about three years and a half. The prisoner made no statement to Capt. Gunner in my presence and hearing. I think I searched the prisoner after I came back from the house, I believe all that I found on him was a pipe and some matches, I did not find five dollars with him. I am aware that my duty ends with a prisoner as far as being his custodian is concerned, after he is fully committed. When I saw the deceased lying on the floor she was in front of the stove but some four or five feet away from it. The stove was less than two feet high and not more than two feet square with four

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holes on top. I went into the bed-room, the bedstead was a wooden, old fashioned bedstead, the foot-board being about four feet high; the door was open, I looked into the room over the foot-board, the bedstead filled the room, I should judge four of the slats were down and the ends of them on the floor, I looked over the foot-board and could see that both ends of the mattress that were on the slats were hanging down and they were held up in the middle, the slats in the middle held the mattress up and the ends of the mattress were hanging down towards the floor, I do not think I saw any sheets, I did not pay much attention to the bed-room, I paid more to the woman. I noticed that what was on the bed appeared to be filthy covering; the general appearance of the house was not very inviting, it was not very clean. I did not strip the body of the deceased, I lifted the clothes up and looked at the body, I raised them up maybe three or four inches above the knees which exposed the legs below the knees, I did not see the body anything above that. I laid my hand on her face and legs, I took the shoes off her feet, they are up in the Station House. She left arm was broken. The paper now shown me is my examination before the Coroner and that is my signature. The Coroner's clerk had written down, "her right hand was lying across her stomach and was swollen two or three times its natural size and was perfectly black"; at that time I directed the clerk to change that from the right to the left when he read it over to me, he did not do it if it is there. During the former trial of this case I think I did say something about seeing blood.

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Q. Did the prisoner state to you that on Saturday morning his wife asked him for a glass of beer saying that she was dry and that if he would give it she would not ask for any more.

A. He did not state it in that way, the word "any more" was not used. In my judgment he might be two or three days on a drunk, I do not think the prisoner drank as much on Saturday as the day before that. I remember very distinctly that at the last trial I did not say anything at all about the prisoner saying he would take four years. I told Judge Bedford of it before this trial.

Q. Is it not a fact that when you were taking him down from the Court room to the prison that you stopped him on the stairs and said, "would you be satisfied to take four years?" And he said, "no, not a day for I did not do it?"

A. No such language was ever used. I said to him that I would advise him to waive an examination; he had told me certain things up to that time without my asking him any questions about them. I looked at the shoes and tied them up in a piece of paper, I thought there was blood on them but I was not positive of it. We furnished him with a pair of slippers. When I went to the house I found the door was not locked, I turned the knob, the door opened and I went in. I do not take every prisoner charged with crime to the Captain's room and interrogate them, it depends upon the crime; in a case of homicide we would take them up in the Captain's room. In this case we found a dead body with indications of violence; after the investigation had been made in this case I then made a prisoner of him because there was evidence enough to hold him. I am positive that the prisoner said he

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struck his wife with his fist; he did not state to me that he went to bed and she fell on the floor; I never arrested this man before, I never saw him before the day in question to my knowledge. I went from 311 East 78th St. to 313 and saw the house-keeper to know what she knew about this man; I went to Mrs. Engle's the same evening, 483 First Avenue and I also saw Mrs. Keyman; the house-keeper told me that she told Ellis to take the key to Mrs. Engle, I asked her for the key, she gave it to me and I took it to the Station House; it has been returned to the owner of the house. It is a very unusual thing for any person to visit a Station House for the purpose of asking for a burial permit; in consequence of the prisoner having done so the Captain ordered me to make an immediate investigation. At the last trial I was requested by District Attorney Fitzgerald, previous to the commencement of the trial, not to state that the prisoner would plead guilty if the People would give him four years when arraigned in this Court. When I went to the house on Saturday afternoon I did not find a pillow under the bed, nothing at all but the bare floor. One could get into the bed without going over the foot-board, there was a little space between the ceiling and the foot-board.

George A. Wheeler was sworn and examined as to the accuracy of the diagram of the premises which he had prepared but by agreement of counsel the whole of his testimony was stricken from the record and the diagram was not put in evidence.

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The Case for the Defence.

John McGowan sworn and examined. I live in 70th St. between the Boulevard and the East River, I am a stone rubber and am employed by Mr Gillie for the last four or five years, I have lived in the city twenty-one or twenty-two years, I am acquainted with William Ellis for the last five or six years and worked with him at Mr Gillie's and other places, I never saw him drunk, he was always an agreeable, nice man to work with, I have never known him to strike anybody or to look for a fight, my opinion of him was that he was a very quiet man.

Cross Examined. I did not see much of him this last winter, I heard that Ellis was married before, I heard the cause of the death of his first wife, I cannot tell when he was married to Annie Ellis, I heard that they were in the habit of quarreling but I never saw it.

Micheal Donnelly sworn. I live 96th St. and First Avenue and am a brownstone polisher and work for Mr Gillie, I know William Ellis six years, he worked with me for Mr Gillie, I never saw him drunk, all the time he worked along with me I always saw him quiet and peaceable and willing to do anything he was asked to do. I never heard anybody say that he was a fighting man and never heard anybody say he was a drunkard; any persons that ever spoke to me about him who worked along with him said he was a quiet man and a good fellow.

Cross Examined. I never associated with him evenings, I believe he could take a glass of beer the same as any other working man. I could name five or six persons who said that he was a peaceable and quiet

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citizen, John McGrath and John, Micheal and Patrick McGowan and William Morrison. I never heard anybody say that he was a quiet and peaceable man before he was arrested charged with killing his wife but it was since then. I have heard that he quarreled with his wife, I mean by quarreling having angry words.

Q. I ask you do you call a man peaceable and quiet who will strike his wife in the face.

A. Under the circumstances I will answer you. If I went home tired and my wife had not my supper ready I might do the same myself and I am a quiet and peaceable man.

Micheal McGowan sworn and examined. I reside 502 East 71st Street and am a brownstone polisher, I know the Defendant off and on for the last five years, I have often heard men saying since this happened that he was a very quiet man, that they never knew him to do anything out of the way before.

Cross Examined. These men that I heard speak of him were on the corner of 71st and the Boulevard, they were talking about the trouble he got into, I heard the wife quarreled with him.

James Kline sworn and examined. I live 445 West 54th Street and am a brownstone rubber and have been employed by Mr Gillie for the last fifteen years. I know William Ellis this last fifteen years and worked with him off and on for twelve years; he was a quiet, nice man to work with and always inclined to work whenever he would get a chance, he was a quiet and peaceable man, I never

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saw him boisterous and they say the same as I do that he is a quiet, honest, nice, decent man to work with, I never heard him use bad language; it was since his arrest that I heard people speak about his being a peaceable, good quiet man. I have seen his last wife. I never called on him at his basement in 311 East 78th Street and never passed evenings with him, I have heard that he and his wife did not live happily together.

William Ellis sworn and examined in his own behalf, testified: I resided on the day of my arrest at 311 East 78th Street in this city in the basement, I am a stone rubber, I have been about nineteen years in this city, I was last employed by Mr Gillie, his place of business is 95th Street and First Avenue, I think it is about seventeen years since I was employed by him as a stone rubber. I remember the afternoon of the 13th of November, 1886 when I returned to the house 311 East 78th Street and found my wife lying dead on the floor between the hours of three and four o'clock; I did not kick, jump or fall on my wife at any time that week; at one time she flung a teapot at me and I slapped her in the face with my open hand.

Q. On this occasion what did you do to her, did you kick her.

A. She struck me and spat in my face and I slapped her back in the face with my open hand; that stroke which I gave her did not knock her down, I did not, as the officer says I said, knock her down, I never at any time during my married life kicked my wife or struck her with my fist; she was a first class woman when she did not drink. I worked last for Mr Gillie on this week Friday till

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between eight and nine o'clock in the morning. I went home Thursday evening about six o'clock; there was no one in the room only my wife lying on the floor, I spoke to her and she told me she had some friends in there, I asked her who they were, she said it was none of my business, I scolded her and she got up to strike me and spat in my face, I slapped her back in the face I think it was twice, I am not sure; she did not fall down, she sat down on the chair by the table, I then started the fire and cooked some potatoes and steak which I went out and bought I asked my wife would she have some supper, she said she would directly, I then went to my bed after I had my dinner, I think it was between seven and eight o'clock, I could not tell exactly because I have no clock in the house; it was put in the hock I guess. When I was in bed I heard my wife falling off the chair on the floor, I was just after lying down when I heard the fall, I raised up a little bit and looked out and saw it was my wife; of course I was well used to her any time when she was drinking to her falling; she got up and opened the door and went out; I was awakened then some hour of the night, I can't say what hour it was, with some noise like the falling of something, a crash, a loud noise, I then looked out, the lamp was lit, I saw it was my wife, she was moaning, I did not get up, I was so used to her falling, in fact, at the same time I didn't care, I have since regretted that I did not get up, I got up in the morning and supposed it was between five and six; she was lying along side the stove and the door was wide open, I took hold of my wife and asked her would I leave her in bed and she said she felt better on the floor, I moved

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her over then and put an old skirt under her head, there were no pillows in the house, I guess they were away along with the rest. I did not sell them, I think they were put in pawn, they disappeared some way. On this Friday morning her face did look kind of black and there was a sign of blood on her head, I did not examine to see if her ribs were broken because there was no sign of any hurt except her face and her eyes were kind of black and her head seemed to be cut, she was cut a little around the forehead, I talked to her, she told me then, "good-bye William, take good care of yourself," I said, "Annie, yes I will, take good care of yourself." That was not the first time I saw my wife with black eyes, any time she drank she generally got a fall, I have seen her with her face cut and black eyes on a number of occasions before that. I resided at 123 East 88th Street in the rear building, there were two steps going from the front of the building to the yard leading to the rear building in that house, she broke her arm in that house with a fall, she fell down the steps, I think it was about three or four years before this, it was her right arm that was broken I think but I am not certain. On this Friday morning when I felt the house I thought it was kind of late and I did not cook a y breakfast, I thought I would be late for my work, I worked till about eight o'clock when I was taken with cramps; I knocked off work between eight and nine in the morning, I went up the avenue and met a friend of mine, he asked me what the matter was and I told him I had the cramps and he asked me in to have a glass of brandy and we went in; we got talking about the

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times and different things and he asked me home to his house to have some dinner, I ate some dinner with him and I think it was about four o'clock when I left his house and when I got home it was about five; my wife was still lying on the floor asleep, I spoke to her but she made me no answer; I thought she was sick, she always felt sick when she was drinking, I did not know the first thing was the matter with her excepting her face to be black, I then cooked my supper and went to bed, this was Friday night; it was not her habit to lie in bed when intoxicated, she never fancied the bed, my bedstead where I was was too high for my wife to get over it when she was drunk, over the foot-board. There is a piece of wood on every tenement building and that bit of wood that was around by the flooring I had to take it off and to fit my bed in it to get room for the bedstead to get in, I had to take off a piece of the wainscoting in order to get the bed in.

On Saturday morning my wife was lying along side the door to your right hand as you go in, she asked me would I bring her in a glass of beer, she said she felt dry, I told her I would bring her in a glass of beer if she would promise me she would drink no more, I brought it in and gave her a glass of it; there was no tea or coffee in the house or I would sooner have it in the morning.

I then went out, I think it was between nine and ten o'clock to look for a job over to the west side, I got talking with some men I was acquainted with over there and asked them how was times over there and they said they were pretty slack, I looked in three or four shops for a job and got none, I then got home I think it was about

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three o'clock, I found my wife dead on the floor, I felt her face to see if she was long dead and it was quite cold, I felt her breast and it was luke warm. I then locked my door and went in the basement next door to know if they saw any one around my house that day and they said they did not, I went then to the house-keeper, she had not seen she said my wife from Friday, I then went to Mrs. Engle's and asked her when did she see my wife, she said she did not see her from Thursday, I told her to keep the key that I was going to the Station House to know what they would recommend me to do there, she did not advise me to go to the Station House but I went of my own accord, I did not tell Mrs. Engle that I gave my wife a punch in the eye and gave her a black eye but I said in the Station House that I slapped her, the same as I have said on my oath here now. I think it was about four o'clock that I went to the Station House, then Captain Gunner told the officer that was here yesterday to get ready and go down to my house; after this officer was sent out I made a statement to Capt. Gunner, I was brought up to the Captain's room and I sat down by the table and the Captain asked me to tell him everything I knew about it and I did so just the same as I have stated here as far as I can remember, it was taken down in writing by the Capt.

I was in my cell when Officer Campbell came back and himself and the Captain came down to the cell and brought me out and before the gas examined my shoes and my pants and pulled them up to see if they could see any sign of blood, they did not see any; then they took off my shoes and I asked the Captain if he would lend me a pair so that I would not have my feet in a damp cell all night;

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so he gave me a pair of old slippers. When I slept on my bed in the room on Friday night there was two ticks in it and a blanket and the laths were all in their place the same as usual, there was a lath for ever place that was required in the bed; they fitted exactly and they were just as tight as I could put them in; I do not think there was a sheet on the bed at this time; there was not anything out of order except the place was kind of dirty, there was nothing kicked around no more than usual. I had lived in that house about two months; before that I lived in 87th Street near Second Avenue, I lived there one month and before that I lived in 81st St. near Second Avenue and lived there two months. I think it is thirteen years since I married my second wife and have lived in many places during the last five or six years, I only lived in one place two or three months; my wife when she was drunk used to quarrel and make noise with the neighbors. I remember that I lived at 123 East 88th Street for nearly a year, Mr Lawrence was the janitor of that place; my wife used to kick things around any time she would be drunk which was about once a month, I blame other woken for that, she got into bad company, she was first class every other way with the exception of drinking. I remember my wife broke the door once there and I was locked up inside. I was arrested once, it was on account of my wife, she went and hired rooms and paid the rent and then a person out of the same house that we were put out of went and told a bad story of my wife, that she was a fighting and quarrelsome woman and she would not be let to move in. So when I came home that evening from

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where she told me. Says I, what is the matter they wont give you the rent as long as they wont let you move in; they said they would not until they saw further. I went up after the rent to the office, it is on Third Avenue, I demanded either the rooms or the money; I asked them what fault had they to find about the people, that hired the rooms that day? They said they got a bad character of the people that had the rooms hired. I said, the money is good enough, I demanded the money and they did not want to give it to me, the first thing I knew we had some angry words and they had an officer in to arrest me and I was arrested. I said to the officer, I demand you to get my rent from this man; he says, I will not give it to you, I will give it to the people that hired the rooms.

I was brought before judge Smith and this officer made a lengthy statement about me and when I was brought out I only spoke a couple of words, I was asked if I was ever arrested before and I said no, I told him that I wanted to have my money and I would not get it and I would not be let move in. I got ten days or ten dollars fine. I swear that there was not any conversation between me and Officer Campbell about my taking four years. I will tell you what happened between us. I was brought down before the Coroner by a Roundsman and by one of the keepers, they brought me down and brought me back and then when I was going to get a hearing in 57th Street Campbell came down to bring me up; when I was going upstairs in 57th St. Court he said to me, "Ellis, all you have to say up here-- no, says he, "would not you be satisfied with four years?" "What for", said I, "I would not, nor a day, I have told

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all I know about it to the Captain." Well said he, "on them conditions all you have to say up here is to say, not guilty." I said to him, "do you think I am going to say I am guilty and me innocent of it?" That is all that passed between me and Mr Campbell. I never mentioned a word to him about four years but he mentioned it to me going up from the prison to the court-room. I had ten dollars in my pocket when I was arrested, I have never received my shoes since.

Cross Examined. I have been married twice, I was first married about fifteen years ago, my first wife was a sister of my brother's wife, she died about eleven months after I was married at her confinement, she was delivered of a child, the baby lived for seven months after the mother died and I think she lived twelve days after the baby was born. Nobody was charged with having kicked her, she was a very quiet, respectable woman. I never had a quarrel with Annie Ellis while I was living at 311 East 78th Street except the one that I have mentioned when I slapped her in the face. I could not say how much I drank on Monday, I generally drink a pint of beer to my dinner, not often any more, I do not remember how much beer I drank during that week, I do not believe I drank any hard liquor on Wednesday. When I slapped her in the face it did not cause any blood to come. I was away till about five o'clock on Friday, I did not bandage her face or do anything for her on Friday morning before I left. I spoke to her on Friday afternoon, she made me no answer because she was asleep. I did not feel her ribs on Saturday morning but her breast was luke warm. I noticed her face and head on Saturday morning, she was

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lying the same as she had been every day in the week,; she was not sober the whole of the week; she was sober enough to ask me to go for beer; she did not make any complaint of her ribs or breast bone having been broken. I held the beer up to her, raised her up on her side and she drank it; she took it in her hand, she drank as easy as any other time, that was about seven o'clock Saturday morning, I could not say what time it was when I left the house because I had no clock, I talked to her after drinking the beer, I suppose I spent some time having a smoke, I am not sure what passed between us when I was leaving.

I do not know the first thing about how her ribs were broken. I know there was no blood on my shoes. I think it was about six months before this that she threw the teapot at me and I slapped her, I struck her once before.

Redirect Examination. I understand by the word quarreling, fighting with the fist; many a time I used harsh language, we scolded but we did not fight, we did not come to blows, had a wordy altercation. I lived happily with my wife except when she was drunk, that is the time we had these wordy quarrels; she went on a drunk about once a month, on a good spree, she was a first class woman every other way, as good as was in the world, she suited me anyway when she was sober. When I discovered that my wife was dead I went to the basement on the same floor and told them, that was the German woman who was here. I did not notify any person in the house on Friday morning of my wife's condition, about her having black eyes because they knew it; she always lay on the floor when she was drunk. Two or three witnesses have sworn here that they heard in your rooms some female voice

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crying, "Oh my God, oh my God, oh my poor body", did you hear any such sound? I heard a noise in my house that night, it woke me up this Thursday night; she went out and I could not say what time it was I was awake with some noise, I heard something like a heavy fall and then I heard my wife moaning, saying some words, "oh my God, oh my God, oh my body." I was then in my bed, I did not get out, I thought it was the same as usual, drunkenness.

Were not you on her body at the time that she was saying, "Oh my God, oh my God", were not you on her striking her at that time; did not you have your knees on her chest crushing the life out of her? No sir; have any of these people ever seen me lifting my hand to my wife. I never got the name of being a drinker but I drank beer and whiskey. I was not drunk that Thursday night and on Friday there was not a single drop on me no more than there is now, not even when I called to the Station House.

Officer Campbell said when you came you had the appearance of a man who was getting over a debauch, your breath smelled heavily of beer, how much beer had you drank up to the minute of going to the Station House on Saturday?

I had one glass of beer besides the remainder of the pint I brought my wife, I got one glass of beer two or three minutes before I went to the Station House in a lager beer saloon where I left the key, in Mrs. Engle's. Did you know your wife was in the habit of going out washing?

I thought it was really for charity's sake, I thought they were people too poor to pay for washing. I never took her weekly earnings, my own wages was plenty, I got fifteen dollars a week. I always gave the money I earned to my wife until she began to drink; it is not very long since

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she went on big sprees like that but until she put the money to bad use I did not give it to her, when I seen that I have kept it and brought the stuff into the house myself. I gave her money to go to see my child at the Juvenile Aslyum, all the money she asked of me she got it; for the last year I kept my wages and brought in stuff; she only worked half a day in the week washing for ths two women, she did not give me any money she earned for washing. I paid the rent of the places where we lived.

On my direct examination I forgot to say that my wife said, "Oh my God, my God, my body. I never was so drunk as not to know what I was doing, I do not believe I ever came home very often with my head dizzy. I am not of a quarrelsome disposition.

George Gillie sworn and examined.

I am a stone cutter, my place of business is 95th and 96th Streets and First Avenue; the men who have testified to Ellis's good character have been employed by me, I suppose I know Ellis about seventeen years; on an average the workmen earn two dollars and a half a day. I never heard anything against him for peace and quietness and never saw anything, he is an industrious, hard working fellow, I never saw him drunk.

Cross Examined. I never heard of his quarreling with his wife. Stone cutters do not work all the time, they cannot rub the stone in cold weather. Ellis was employed by me the Thursday before this occurrence, we were almost finished, I had not notified him to leave, he was back on Friday, he could have worked on Saturday,

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but possibly not over that. I saw him on Thursday, I could not swear positively that I saw him on Friday but I am satisfied he was there on Friday; he worked all day Thursday, I never saw him drunk, I do not pay the men on Thursdays.

August Lorence sworn and examined.

I am in the real estate business and the badge I wear is a Sheriff's badge, I live 123 East 88th Street and was janitor of the premises, I live in the same building now, I know the Defendant Ellis, he lived in the rear building of 123, I think he moved in September, 1883 and lived there until the first of May, 1884, the property was sold and the building had to be tore down. I did not see the wife quarrel with him, he was all the time out, but she interfered with the rest of the tenants; when he came home and found nothing to eat he quarreled with the wife, I could not say anything against the man, he was all the time a nice man in his work, I wanted to put them out a couple of times but he coaxed me and said his wife would not interfere more with the tenants, + ~~have given him a good many times something to eat,~~ the woman was drunk, I have given the little boy something to eat a good many times, Ellis went away in the morning and came back in the night. I remember while living in the house that his wife fell down and broke her arm and gave herself a black eye, she fell down two steps, it was in the year 1884.

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William Morris sworn and examined.

I live 788 Eleventh Avenue, I am acquainted with the Defendant and his wife over eleven years, I know other people who know the Defendant, he has the reputation of being a good, nice, hard working, peaceable man, I never heard anyone say anything against him, he is not quarrelsome, I have worked with him off and on for the last eleven years, I never saw him in any trouble or any row.

I have thought so much of him as to help to defray the expenses of his defence, I have not seen much of him this last two years since he moved across town where Mr Gillie was working. I have seen his wife lying drunk when they lived in the same house with me, I saw her quarreling, firing flower pots and the flowers too at him out of the window 532 West 50th Street, that was when she would have a little of the warm stuff in her, I never saw him drunk, I never saw him slap her in the face. I am a married man, my wife never provoked me so as to lead me to slap her in the face.

After the summing up of Counsel and the Judge charged the Jury, they rendered a verdict of guilty of murder in the second degree.

The defendant was remanded for sentence, and subsequently was sentenced to the State Prison for life.

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The People
vs.
William Ellis
Indictment for Murder.

Court of General Sessions.
Before Judge Cowing Part I
April 1887.

Testimony in the
case of
Mr. Ellis

filed Dec.
1886.

THE COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS
FOR THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX
IN SENATE CHAMBER
AND LEVINE COURT HOUSE
DOVER, N. J.

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The People
vs.
David Murphy.

Court of General Sessions, Part I.
Before Judge Gildersleeve.

June, 1885.

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This is to chat
Wm Lyon. No 830
Greenwich St
will not be able
to attend jury duty
as he has arrestment
of the vessel

G. A. Crawford
337. N. 15th St

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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

William Ellis

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

William Ellis

of the CRIME of Murder in the first degree,

committed as follows:

The said William Ellis,

late of the Nineteenth Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the seventh day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-

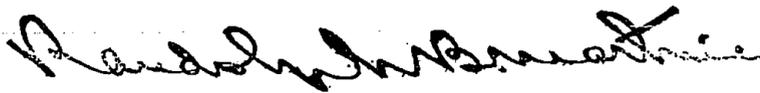
with force and arms, in and upon the body of one Annie Ellis, in the year of the said People then and there being lawfully, feloniously and of his malice aforethought did make an assault, and the said William Ellis, with his hands, feet and fingers, then the said Annie Ellis, in and upon the head, neck, breast, belly, sides, back and other parts of the body of then the said Annie Ellis, then and there, lawfully, feloniously and of his malice aforethought, several times, with great force and violence did strike, beat, bruise, strike, press and oppress,

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injury unto her the said Annie
 Ellis, when and where by the means
 of said, in and upon the neck, breast,
 belly, side, back, and other parts of
 the body of her the said Annie Ellis,
 several mortal, wounds, bruises, con-
 tusions and fractures, of which said
 mortal wounds, bruises, contusions
 and fractures, she the said Annie
 Ellis then and there died.

And so the Grand Jury aforesaid
 do say, that the said William Ellis,
 then the said Annie Ellis, in manner
 and form and by the means aforesaid,
 willfully, feloniously and of his
 malice aforethought, did kill and
 murder, against the form of the
 Statute in such case made and pro-
 vided, and against the peace of the
 People of the State of New York,
 and their dignity



 District Attorney.

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Witnesses:

George Stewart

Bella Stewart

Counsel,

E. H. [unclear]

Filed 24 day of Dec 1886

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THE PEOPLE

vs.

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Emmiah Emery

(Annie Emery)

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

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

Dec 29/86 District Attorney.

Pr. Dec 29/86

and acquitted.

A True Bill

S. M. Conant

Foreman.

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Police Court— 2 District.

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

George Dewash

of No. 237 West 29 Street, aged 26 years,
occupation Houseman being duly sworn

deposes and says, that on the 19 day of December 1886 at the City of New
York, in the County of New York,

he was violently and feloniously ASSAULTED ~~and BEATEN~~ by

Amiriah Emerson (now here) who

did aim and discharge 2 shots

from a revolving pistol at

deponent,

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

Wherefore this deponent prays that he 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 20 day
of December 1886

George Dewash
Mark

John J. Moran Police Justice.

POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL

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Sec. 198-200.

2 District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, ss

Amisiah Emmerson 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 *Amisiah Emmerson*

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. *210 West 35 Street 3 years*

Question What is your business or profession?

Answer *laborer*

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

Answer. *I am not guilty
Emasiah Emery*

Taken before me this

20

day of *February* 188*6*

Wm. M. Emery
District Police Justice.

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*\$1500 bail for 3
2 PM bail
off. He says Ma*

BAILED,
No. 1, by _____
Residence _____ Street _____
No. 2, by _____
Residence _____ Street _____
No. 3, by _____
Residence _____ Street _____
No. 4, by _____
Residence _____ Street _____

Police Court 2 1906
District

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

*George Bernard
237 West 29th
Municipal Court*

1 _____
2 _____
3 _____
4 _____
Offence *fel assault*

Dated Dec 20 1886

John J. Quinn
Magistrate

Witnesses
No. 237 Street _____
No. 237 Street _____
No. 237 Street _____



No. 237 Street _____

No. _____ Street _____
to answer *Q.S.*

John J. Quinn

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

defendant
guilty thereof, I order that he be held to answer the same and he be admitted to bail in the sum of *Fifteen* 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 20* 1886 *John J. Quinn* Police Justice.

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

Dated _____ 188 _____ Police Justice.

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

Dated _____ 188 _____ Police Justice.

POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL

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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
Emasiah Emery

The Grand Jury of the City and County of New York, by this indictment, accuse
Emasiah Emery
of the CRIME OF ASSAULT IN THE FIRST DEGREE, committed as follows :

The said *Emasiah Emery*

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the
nineteenth day of *December*, in the year of our Lord
one thousand eight hundred and eighty-*six*, with force of arms, at the City and
County aforesaid, in and upon the body of one *Rogers Stewart*,
in the peace of the said People then and there being, feloniously did make an assault
and to, at and against *him* the said *Rogers Stewart*,
a certain *pistol* then and there loaded and charged with gunpowder and one
leaden bullet, which the said *Emasiah Emery*
in *his* right hand then and there had and held, the same being a deadly and
dangerous weapon, wilfully and feloniously did then and there shoot off and discharge,
with intent *him* the said *Rogers Stewart*,
thereby then and there feloniously and wilfully, to kill, against the form of the statute
in such case made and provided, and against the peace of the People of the State of
New York and their dignity.

SECOND COUNT:

And the Grand Jury aforesaid, by this indictment, further accuse the said
Emasiah Emery
of the CRIME OF ASSAULT IN THE SECOND DEGREE, committed as follows :

The said *Emasiah Emery*

late of the City and County aforesaid, afterwards, to wit: on the day and in the
year aforesaid, at the City and County aforesaid, with force and arms, in and
upon the body of one *Rogers Stewart*,
in the peace of the said People then and there being, feloniously did wilfully and
wrongfully make an assault, and to, at and against *him* — the said
Rogers Stewart,
a certain *pistol* then and there charged and loaded with gunpowder
and one leaden bullet, which the said *Emasiah Emery*
in *his* — right hand then and there had and held, the same being
an instrument likely to produce grievous bodily harm, then and there feloniously
did wilfully and wrongfully shoot off and discharge, against the form of the statute
in such case made and provided, and against the peace of the People of the State
of New York and their dignity.

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,
District Attorney.

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BOX:

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FOLDER:

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DESCRIPTION:

Epetropees, Paraso G.

DATE:

12/02/86



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Counsel, *Heckler*
Filed *2* day of *Dec* 188 *6*
Pleads, *Not Guilty Dec 6*

Robbery, *first* degree.
[Sections 224 and 228, Penal Code].

THE PEOPLE

vs.

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Parsons J. Spetignee

H.D.

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

District Attorney.

Dec 16/16

Sped. Dep. printed

A True Bill.

A. W. Amber
Foreman

16th
(see 28th)
G.P.B.

Witnesses:

POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL

0691

CITY AND COUNTY } ss.
OF NEW YORK,

POLICE COURT, 1 DISTRICT.

of No. 179 1/2 Mercer Place Street, aged 28 years,
occupation Police officer being duly sworn deposes and says
that on the 26 day of November 1886

at the City of New York, in the County of New York, Peter Tarnanowski
was here / who is a material
witness in a case of Robbery and is
a Resident of New Jersey and the name
is satisfied and has good reason
to believe that said Tarnanowski will
not appear at the next Court of General
Sessions in and for said City to testify as
such witness. Wherefore deponent prays
that he may be ordered to enter in recognizance
with security for his appearance at such Court
Robert F. Crawford.

Sworn to before me, this

188

day

Police Justice.

POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL

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Police Court - First District.

CITY AND COUNTY } ss
OF NEW YORK,

Peter Samanowski
of No. 1168 Summit Ave Jersey City ~~St~~, Aged 25 Years
Occupation Cedar being duly sworn, deposes and says, that on the
26th day of November 1886, at the 14th Ward of the City of New York,
in the County of New York, was feloniously taken, stolen, and carried away, from the person of de-
ponent by force and violence, without his consent and against his will, the following property, viz:

Good and lawful money of the United
States in Silver Coins of the Amount
and

of the value of Seventeen 67/100 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 force and violence as aforesaid by

Paraso G. Eptropessa (now here)
and four or five women not now arrested
from the fact that at about the hour
of six o'clock A.M. on said date while
deponent was walking along Elizabeth
Street the defendant was standing in
the door way in company with the
women and deponent was seized from
behind by the collar of the coat and
deponent's head was pulled and the
women and the defendant struck
deponent in a violent manner on the
head and face and the defendant

Sworn to before me this

Police

POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL

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forcibly inserted his defendants hand into the right hand side of deponents pantaloons pocket and abstracted the aforesaid amount of money and deponent shouted loudly Police Robbers while some of the women held their hands over deponents mouth and in the struggle with the defendant deponent did tear the pocket of the defendants vest and deponent positively identifies the defendant by the light colored vest worn by defendant at the time of said robbery

Sworn to before me this 26th day of November 1886
Peter J. Camarowski
Notary Public
Police Justice

Dated 1886 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 1886 Police Justice

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

Dated 1886 Police Justice

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

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

Police Court, District, Office—ROBBERY. THE PEOPLE, &c., on the complaint of vs. Dated 1886 Magistrate. Officer. Clerk. Witnesses, No. Street. No. Street. No. Street. \$ to answer General Sessions.

POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL

0694

Sec. 198—200.

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District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, } ss

Paraso G. Epetropes 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. Paraso G. Epetropes

Question. How old are you?

Answer. 47 years

Question. Where were you born?

Answer, Island of Turkey

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

Answer. 44 Elizabeth Street 2 months

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer, Keep a boarding house

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

P. G. Epetropes

Taken before me this

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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 _____

8376B
 Police Court District
 1st 1775

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
 ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Peter J. J. J. J.
 James J. J. J.
 James J. J. J.
 Robbery

2 _____
 3 _____
 4 _____
 Offence _____

Dated _____ 188

White
 Magistrate.

Ward
 Precinct.

Witnesses
 No. _____
 Street _____

No. _____
 Street _____

No. _____
 Street _____

to answer
 Street _____

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

Defendant
 guilty thereof, I order that he be held to answer the same and he be admitted to bail in the sum of \$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 _____ 188 _____ Police Justice.

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

Dated _____ 188 _____ Police Justice.

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

Dated _____ 188 _____ Police Justice.

POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL

0696

Court of General Sessions of the Peace

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

against

Carano J. Eptropers

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

Carano J. Eptropers

of the CRIME OF ROBBERY in the *2nd* degree, committed as follows:

The said *Carano J. Eptropers*

late of the First Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the *twenty ninth* day of *November*, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-*six*, in the *day* time of the said day, at the Ward, City and County aforesaid, with force and arms, in and upon one *Peter Samanowski*, in the peace of the said People, then and there being, feloniously did make an assault, and

divers silver coins of the United States of America, to wit, a number, kind and denomination to the regard of aforesaid individual, of the value of seventeen dollars and sixty cents.

of the goods, chattels and personal property of the said *Peter Samanowski*, from the person of the said *Peter Samanowski*, against the will, and by violence to the person of the said *Peter Samanowski*, then and there violently and feloniously did rob, steal, take and carry away,

the said Carano J. Eptropers and there aided by divers accomplices actually present, whose names are to this regard (as yet 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.

Richard W. Brewster

District Attorney.