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FOLDER:

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DESCRIPTION:

Tasker, Charles

DATE:

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Age 34 1/2
Native S. H. Hartley
Residence 1212 1/2 S. H. Hartley
Occupation Clerk
Parents Living Yes
Temperate Yes
Beverage consumed C. H.

Assault in the Third Degree.
(Section 219, Penal Code.)

DE LANCEY NICOLL,

District Attorney.

A TRUE BILL.

Edw. J. Taylor

Foreman.

March 11/96.

Fried & convicted

20 days Levee

Prison

March 11/96

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Witnesses:

Off Marm

Counsel

Filed 12 day of Oct 1893

Pleads, Mary

THE PEOPLE

vs.

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Charles Tasker.

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Sec. 198-200.

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

District Police Court.

Charles Lasker
Charles Lasker 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.

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

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

Answer.

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.

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

Answer.

Ch Lasker

Taken before me this
day of

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Police Justice.

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(1355)

Police Court—2 District.

CITY AND COUNTY
OF NEW YORK.

of No. 9th Precinct Albert F. Mason Street, aged 25 years,
occupation Police Officer being duly sworn, deposes and says, that
on the 12 day of August 1893 at the City of New York,
in the County of New York,

he was violently ASSAULTED and BEATEN by William Tucker (Crown)
who struck deponent several violent
blows in the face with his clenched hand
bruising deponent's face and while
deponent was in uniform and the
discharge of his duty
without any justification on the part of the said assailant.

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

Sworn to before me, this

13 day of August 1893 } Albert F. Mason
[Signature] Police Justice.

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Court of General Sessions of the Peace, Part 1.

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T H E P E O P L E)
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 Against)
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C H A R L E S T A S K E R.)
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Indictment filed 12th Oct., 1893.

Indicted for assault in the third degree.

For the people: Asst. District Attorney Stephen J.
O'Hare.

For the defendant, Charles E. Le Barbier.

Tried before Hon. Joseph E. Newberger, Judge, and
a jury on the 11th day of March, 1896.

ALBERT F. MASON, a witness called in behalf of the
people, being duly sworn and examined, testified as
follows:

I am an officer of the Municipal Police force
and attached to the Detective Bureau at the present
time. On the 12th of August, 1893, I was a patrol-
man attached to the 9th Precinct. The station House
of the 9th Precinct is in Charles St.. At 1-30 A.M.

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of that day I arrested the defendant on Greenwich Avenue in front of 119, New York City. I was in uniform when I made the arrest. At 1-30 o'clock that night I was patrolling my post, and there was a disorderly gang making considerable noise and fighting, and I ordered them away, and I walked up to the corner of Jane St., and returning I saw some of them were hiding in doorways, and one of the gang hit me in the chin with his fist, and another one grabbed me by my right arm and another by my left, and the defendant put his arms around my body, and two others kicked me in the belly and hit me in the face, and in a minute they got me down on the other side, straight on my belly, and this defendant then began punching me in my face, while I was down, with his fist. He hit me three or four times very severely. I managed to get my whistle out of my pocket, and I whistled two short blows, and one of the gang, John Donohue, snatched the whistle out of my mouth. Some people out of their windows hollered "police--murder" and the gang scattered. The defendant was on my back at the time and was the last one. I got up, bleeding from my nose and mouth. My uniform was badly torn. My shield was badly bent. My pants and buttons were in very bad con-

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dition. I was hardly able to run. I chased the defendant, whose hat fell off, and I shouted to two officers who came to my assistance to catch the defendant. Up to the time that I was struck I had not struck a blow at any one of the defendants. I had not used a club. Night sticks were not then in use. I had just got my club out of my pocket when one of the men who was arrested grabbed my arm. After the defendant was arrested he said: "Give me my hat." The defendant, when he ran away, ran up Eighth Avenue about half a block from the place where I had sustained my injuries. I chased him, and officer Harrigan placed him under arrest. When he was arraigned in the Police Station he did not deny the assault. He said he was partly drunk. I understood him to say that he did not hurt me as much as any of the others did. Before this time I knew the defendant by sight but not by name. I had seen him very often on my post. It was in the night time only when I saw him.

NO CROSS EXAMINATION:

THOMAS F. HARRIGAN, a witness called on behalf of the people, being duly sworn and examined, testified as follows:

I am an officer of the Municipal Police, and

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during the month of August, 1893, I was attached to the 9th Precinct. I remember the early morning of the 12th of August, 1893. On that night I arrested the defendant in the basement of 250 West 14th St.. Officer Hall and I were standing, at 1-30, at the corner of 14th St. and Eighth Avenue, nearly two blocks away from where this took place, and we heard two blasts, and part of another, as though the whistle had been drawn from whoever was blowing it. We immediately started down to this park-----there is a park there called Jackson Park-----and we ran towards that, and I went towards the south side. Three blasts of a whistle denotes that there is one or more officers needed. I ran to the south side of this park, and as I did so I observed officer Mason, and he pointed to the north side of the park on Greenwich Avenue and said: "Arrest that man." I followed the man whom he pointed out to me, who was running at the time, and I caught him two blocks away in the basement of 250 West 14th St. He was crouching under the stoop. I ordered him to come out. He did so, and I led him back to where I heard this whistle blow, and I asked officer Mason: "Do you want this man?" and he said: "Yes," and I made a prisoner of him. Officer Mason's uniform was dirty,

and his shield was bent, and he was bleeding from the mouth and nose. The defendant have no account of himself that I heard. I assisted officer Mason to bring him to the station house.

NO CROSS-EXAMINATION.

WILLIAM E. HALL, a witness called on behalf of the people, being duly sworn and examined, testified as follows:

When officer Harrigan brought the defendant back to officer Mason in the early morning of the 12th of August, 1893, I had the defendant's hat, and he claimed the hat belonged to him. Officer Mason was bleeding at the mouth and nose, and the front of his coat was all torn and shield bent and uniform bedraggled.

T H E P E O P L E R E S T .

CHARLES TASKER, being called in his own behalf, duly sworn and examined, testified as follows:

I heard the testimony of the police officers. I never had any trouble with any of them. I don't know anything about the case at all. I was going home at the time and did not interfere with the officer at all, nor did I assist anybody in interfering with

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the officer. I was not on top of officer Mason striking him.

CROSS-EXAMINATION:

Before I was arrested I had seen officer Mason on Greenwich Avenue, right around where I belong. I have seen him walking along the beat at night and also in the day time. On the night that I was arrested I was going up Greenwich Avenue. I had been up Eighth Avenue to buy a pair of pants and was on my way back. I had also been drinking on Eighth Avenue. I was alone at the time. I live in Horatio St. and did at that time. I didn't say I was a bricklayer at the time I was arrested. I said I was 32 years of age and that I was born in New York, that I lived in Horatio St. and had been living there for ten years. I did not say I was a bricklayer, I said a brick handler. After I went home that night I went out again at 12 o'clock. I had to be out to close up the place, and I was taking a walk along the Avenue. I know a person by the name of Donohue. He was not with me that night, at that time. I did not see him that night until two or three hours before that, early in the night. I didn't drop my hat that night.

TESTIMONY CLOSED.

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The Jury rendered a verdict of guilty of assault
in the third degree.

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STATE POINT, ST. GEORGE, ME.
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PEQUOIT, VINAL HAVEN, ME.

JONESPORT RED, JONESPORT, ME.

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PHILADELPHIA, 1345 ARCH ST.
Presented by *Charles S. Ferguson*

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members and he has been a
dutiful ^{and} deserving son
to his father in his old age.

I sincerely hope, your Honor,
will take the above facts
into consideration and
deal with him as in
your best discretion shall
seem fit

I have the honor to remain,

Yours very truly,
John C. Baker

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J. C. McEACHEN,
COUNSELOR AT LAW,
206 BROADWAY,
EVENING POST BUILDING,
ROOMS 34 & 35.

New York, March 16 - 1896

Hon Joseph E. Newberger:

Dear Sir, -

I have just
read in the newspapers
of the conviction of Charles
Tasker before you for
assault in the Third degree.

I do not know anything
about the circumstances
of the case but I know
Tasker for some time and
had occasion to meet him
in the Caledonian Club of
which I was President for
three terms. His father
is one of our oldest respected

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William Iselin & Co.
Canal and Greene Streets,
P. O. Box 387.
CABLES: GREENCANAL N. Y.

New York, March 12 189 6

The Hon Joseph E. Newburger

Dear Sir

Two years ago my brother Charles Taster was arrested for assaulting an officer at 13th St and 8th Ave. and when his case came up for trial yesterday the jury found a verdict of guilty and I learn he is to come before you for sentence on Friday. The young man is well connected his parents having lived in the 9th ward for the past 47 years and I earnestly petition you to suspend sentence if it can be done. His Father is 86 years of age and his Mother 77 and the disgrace of their son being sent to the Island will be indeed hard for them to bear. The young man is the first one of the family to get into trouble of this kind, and for his sake and the sake of his parents I trust you will be able to suspend sentence and beg to remain

Yours Respectfully
Alexander Taster

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Court of General Sessions of the Peace

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OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

against

Charles Tarker

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

Charles Tarker

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

The said

Charles Tarker

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the *twelfth*
day of — *August* — in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and
ninety- *three* , at the City and County aforesaid, in and upon the body of one *Albert*
J. Mason — in the peace of the said People, then and there being, with force
and arms, unlawfully did make an assault, and — *him* — the said *Albert J. Mason*
did then and there unlawfully beat, wound and illtreat, 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.

DE LANCEY NICOLL,

District Attorney.

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Thompson, Arthur

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Jackson, William

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Freeman, Alfred

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Minet, Joseph

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Witnesses:

Off David Cross

In this case I am satisfied that the evidence against defendant ~~is~~ is ~~not~~ is sufficient upon which to ask for a conviction. I therefore respectfully recommend ~~that~~ that he be discharged on ~~the~~ his own recognizance.

Arthur Thompson
Nov. 29/93 Dep. Sec. Dist. Atty.
J. McCut in the
Recommendation of the Atty.
Dec. 10/93 Wm. Thompson
Dep. Sec. Dist. Atty.

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Counsel,
Filed
Pleads
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THE PEOPLE
vs.
H.D.
Arthur Thompson,
William Jackson,
Alfred C. Freeman,
and Joseph Mund

H.D.
DE LANCEY NICOLL,
District Attorney.
No. 2. Sec. Dist. Atty.
Nov. 29/93
A TRUE BILL.
Dropped & Vaylor

Nov. 29/93
J. McCut in the
Recommendation of the Atty.
Dec. 10/93 Wm. Thompson
Dep. Sec. Dist. Atty.

Grand Jurors,
From the Person,
[Sections 228, 229, 230, Penal Code.]

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Police Court

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District.

Affidavit—Larceny.

City and County }
of New York, } ss:

Charles H. Randolph
of Southern Pacific Steamship Co. Pres 25th ^{West River} ~~Street~~, aged 42 years,
occupation Seaman

being duly sworn,
deposes and says, that on the 17 day of October 1893 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 ^{and person} ~~Night~~ time, the following property, viz:

a gold watch, ~~and~~ ~~the~~ ~~amount~~ of
the amount and value of twenty five
dollars.

($\$ \frac{25}{100}$)

the property of deponent

and that this deponent

has a probable cause to suspect, and does suspect, that the said property was feloni-
ously taken, stolen and carried away by

Arthur Thompson, William
Jackson, Alfred Freeman, ^{and} Joseph Minetti, (all
now here), and one other (not yet arrested), and while
acting in concert with each other, from the following
facts to wit: that between the hours of 7th & 8 o'clock
P.M. of said date, while deponent was walking along
and through Broome Street - between Thompson ^{and}
South 5th Avenue, he was attacked, by some unknown
Colored person, and who feloniously took hold of
and grabbed the aforesaid property from the pocket
of the vest, then and there worn on his person -
and after stealing said property, said unknown person
ran away with said property in his possession -
and that deponent is informed by Officer John
Perry of the 8th Precinct Police that about the

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hour of 7.30 i clock P.M. of said date, he saw said four dependants, and said other unknown man, in company with each other, in Nooster Street, between Broome and Spring Streets, and who on being discovered by said Officer immediately ran away, and that said Officer was handed a Watch ~~and a chain~~ by Officer Crow of the 8th Precinct Police, which said Officer Crow informed Officer Perry that he found in the basement of premises No 126 Nooster Street - and which premises, said dependants ran apart, on the time said Officer Perry, pursued them - and that deponent has seen said Watch found in the basement of No 126 Nooster Street - and he fully recognizes the said Watch as his property, and as the property which was stolen from him on said date - deponent therefore asks that the dependants may be held to answer -

Sworn to before me
this 15th day of October 1893

J. C. H. Randall

Police Justice

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CITY AND COUNTY }
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

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Joseph Perry
aged _____ years, occupation *Police Officer* of No. _____
1st Precinct Police Street, being duly sworn, deposes and
says, that he has heard read the foregoing affidavit of *Charles H. Randolph*
and that the facts stated therein on information of deponent are true of deponent's own
knowledge.

Sworn to before me, this *16*
day of *October* 189*3*
John Perry
John Perry
Police Justice.

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Sec. 198-200.

1882

District Police Court.

City and County of New York, ss:

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

Question. What is your name?

Answer. *Arthur Thompson*

Question. How old are you?

Answer. *18 years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. *N.Y.*

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

Answer. *A. Crosby Street - 3 Mrs -*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. *Billiard*

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*
Arthur Thompson
mark

Taken before me this
day of *October* 189*1*

Police Justice.

[Signature]

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Sec. 198-200.

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1882

District Police Court.

City and County of New York, ss:

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

Question. What is your name?

Answer. *William Jackson*

Question. How old are you?

Answer. *32 years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. *N.Y.*

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

Answer. *422 West 45th Street - 3 mos -*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. *Cook*

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*

William Jackson

Taken before me this 14 day of April 189

Police Justice.

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Sec. 198—200.

1882
District Police Court.

City and County of New York, ss:

Alfred Freeman 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.

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

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

Answer.

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.

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

Answer.

I am not guilty
Alfred E. Freeman

Taken before me this
day of *April* 189*1*

Police Justice.

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Sec. 198-200.

1883
District Police Court.

City and County of New York, ss:

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

Question. What is your name?

Answer.

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

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

Answer.

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.

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

Answer.

I am not guilty -

Joseph Minetto

Taken before me this
day of *March* 189

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Notary Public

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POLICE COURT,
SECOND DISTRICT,
W. L. ORMSBY, J.M.
CLERK

The People vs
Charles H. Randolph

Arthur Thompson
Wm Jackson
Alfred Freeman
Joseph Minet

Examination Before Justice Hogan
October 19 1893

For the Def Jackson - Mr Goldrey

Charles Henry Randolph the complainant
being duly sworn as a witness for
the people and examined by the
court deposes and says: - 1
I identify the watch and chain
shown me here as my property.
They were stolen from me night
before last, between the doors of
7 and 8. The watch was snatched
and the chain broken.
2 Where was it?

A. Between South Fifth Avenue
and Thompson Streets, in Broome
St.

Q Do you know who took it?

A No sir; but, it was a short
dark man, who first struck
me in the eye and snatched
the watch at the same time.
The description of the man who
struck me answers the des-
cription of defendant Alfred
Freeman.

Q Do you know any of the
other men?

A No, sir; I do not know
anything about them. I did
not see them. The one who
struck me in the eye and
ran off snatched the watch
from a man of Freeman's
description. That is all I know.

Cross-examined by the Golder.

Q You remember distinctly all
about it?

A Yes Sir.

Q Was there any body else there
A I do not know - (No Sir.

Q Was defendant Jackson there?
A I did not see him until
I saw him being searched.

John Perry being duly sworn as a
witness for the people depose
and say: I am a Policeman
of the City of the District. I arrested
the defendants in Worcester St
near Spring St. That is about
400 feet from the Station House.
I arrested them with the assistance
of other officers. between 7 0'
clock and 7 30 0 clock p. m.,
Oct 17.

Q Where was this property recovered?

A In the basement of 126 Worcester
St; right across the street from
the Station House. It was found
by Officer Crow of the City of the District
He is not here

Q - State the circumstances of the arrest?

A Between the hours of 7. and 7.30 O'clock P.m., Oct. 17 we were standing on the corner - Officer Hogan, Probationary Officer Hafez and I, at the corner of Wooster and Broome St. Three from defendants passed by. They acted in a suspicious manner

Q What did they do?

A They walked fast, down the middle of the block, where there is an electric light, and they stood there examining a watch. A citizen passing by came down and called our attention to it. We followed them up, and at Spring Street we captured two of them, and the other three ran in the direction of the Station house, and were captured.

Q Which of the men ran away?

A Jackson and Arthur Thompson.

Q Do you know the names of

The other men who ran away?

A No sir.

Q Tell what you did?

A We brought these three men to the station house. These three men were searched. There was nothing found on their persons and we were about to let them go when a boy informed us that a man had been robbed of a watch at the corner of Broome and Thompson streets and then we recd the prisoners. When we took these three men to the station house this Arthur Thompson was there. After the pedigrees of these men had been taken by the Sergeant the complainant was brought in intoxicated by another officer.

Q What is the name of that officer?

A Officer Frazer of the same precinct. As soon

as the officer came in with
him. The complainant recognized
Alfred Freeman as the man
that took the watch. That is
all I know about the case.
The officer who arrested the
complainant is not here.

Cross examined by The Goldes

2 You were standing at the corner
of Brown and Wooster Sts,
in conversation

A Yes

2 Did you see Jackson
pass,

A I did,

2 Have you anything else against
Jackson?

A I have not

2 Were there anybody else around?

A There was there four men.

2 Where is 126 Wooster St where
this property was found?

6 A Right opposite the Station house

The Court - I want that officer
 Ten who made the arrest, and
 the officer who found the wallet.

Joseph Miller being duly sworn and
 recommended as a witness for the
 in his own behalf depose
 and says:- I live at 135 Miller

St I am one of the defendants
 2 make any statement you desire

A The night that this took place
 I was coming home and at
 Grand Street I met these
 people I know them from
 then living around where I
 live. I walked with them.
 We were talking when the officers
~~broke in~~^{came} and grabbed hold of
 me and the other.

2 What are their names?

A Jackson, Freeman and
 myself. The other two ran
 away. After we were in
 the station house a boy came

running up and said there was
a man robbed and then they
told us in the station house
then the complainant came
in and he said it was all
colored men who took his watch
There was no white man mentioned
I am a white man and not
a colored man.

Now examined by the Court.

Q. How long have you known
these men?

A. About six months.

Q. Which of these men have
you known the longest?

A. Freeman.

Q. How long have you known
Jackson?

A. About four or five months.

Q. How frequently did you see
him?

A. Every day or two around Blucker
St.

Q. Counsel has just said
that you did not know these

- Johnson
~~Attn.~~ I have met him.
- Q You say you meet them
every day or two
- A - Not every day - once in
a while; I used to play
craps with them once in
a while
- Q You cannot say, that
Johnson did not know you;
+ I never shot craps with
Johnson.
- Q You have known the others
about five months
- A - Yes.

City Journal to Oct 20 93.

No minutes taken of it on
Oct 20

W L Ormsby
Sentry.

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Dated.....18.....Police Justice.

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AFFIDAVIT FOR COMMITMENT OF WITNESS.

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POLICE COURT 2 DISTRICT.

CITY AND COUNTY } ss.
OF NEW YORK,

Sworn to before me, this
day of October 1893

of the 8th Precinct Police, being duly sworn, deposes

and says that Charles H. Randolph

~~(now here)~~ is a material witness for the people against

Arthur Thompson Etal charged

with Grand Larceny. As deponent has

cause to fear that the said Charles H. Randolph

will not appear in court to testify when wanted, deponent prays

that the said Charles H. Randolph be

committed to the House of Detention in default of bail for his

appearance.

John Parry

Police Justice

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Sec. 192.

District Police Court.

Undertaking to appear during the Examination.

CITY AND COUNTY } ss.
OF NEW YORK, }

An information having been laid before Edward Hogan Police Justice
of the City of New York, charging Joseph Minuto Defendant
with the offence of Stealing from Person

and he having been brought before said Justice for an examination of said charge, and it having been
made to appear to the satisfaction of said Justice that said examination should be adjourned to some other
day, and the hearing thereof having been adjourned,

WE Joseph Minuto Defendant of No. 175
W. Street, by occupation a Driver; and
Louis Minuto of No. 175 W. Street,
by occupation a Cartman Surety, hereby jointly and severally undertake
that the above-named Joseph Minuto Defendant
shall personally appear before the said Justice, at the District District Police Court in the City
of New York, during the said examination, or that we will pay to the People of State of New York the
sum of Five Hundred Dollars.

Taken and acknowledged before me this 19
day of October 1893

Joseph Minuto
Louis Minuto
E. Hogan Police Justice.

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City and County of New York, ss.

Louis Winer

the within named Bail and Surety, being duly sworn, says, that he is a resident and *San Francisco*
holder within the said County and State, and is worth *Four* **Hundred Dollars,**

exclusive of property exempt from execution, and over and above the amount of all his debts and liabilities, and

that his property consists of *Married with children in*
NY 141 Myrtle Street Ward 9 17 00
San Francisco
Louis Winer

District Police Court

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Undertaking to Answer.

vs.

Taken the day of 189

Justice.

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CITY AND COUNTY } ss:
OF NEW YORK,

POLICE COURT, DISTRICT.

of No. 8th Street, aged _____ years,
occupation *Officer* being duly sworn, deposes and says,
that on the 17th day of *Oct* 1897
at the City of New York, in the County of New York, *he arrested*

*Arthur Thompson. Alfred Freeman
William Jackson and Joseph Minetto
charged with Train committed the
crime of Larceny on the complaint of
Charles Randol. Dependent prays
that the defendants be held
to enable deponent to produce further
evidence*

John Parry

Sworn to before me, this
of *Oct* 1897

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Police Court, C District

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

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vs.

Arthur Thompson
Alfred Herman
Wm Jackson
Wm Jackson

AFFIDAVIT.

Ex Oct 18th 1893
3 P.M. LT

Dated, Oct 18 1893

H. M. M. Magistrate.

Parry Officer.

John M. M.

Witness, _____

Disposition, _____

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V.
Museum

Hon. Recorder Smyth:
This is to
certify that the bearer
of this, namely:
Alfred Freeman, was
in my employ for
the space of two
years and was known
throughout the entire
community as a steady,
reliable, trustworthy
and honest young man.
Ever since I have
been knowing him (which
has been since he was about

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Ten years of age his habits have been strictly moral. He was in my employ when locked up on this charge and when the news came to me about his being arrested and also the charge I was perfectly at a loss to comprehend knowing well his qualities. He left the house on the evening of the 17th Oct. to go to the Tailor who was making a suit of clothes for him. I can positively swear he has never been arrested before.

Between him and his sister they have an aged mother and father to support.

Hoping you will give this your very best attention I remain

Yours very truly

Charles Kelt
52 Clinton Pl.
N.Y.

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New York. April 23rd. 1889

This is to certify that
Alford Freeman has been
in my employment as a
driver for 18 months
during which time I found
him to be a steady
reliable and honest young
man

Yours

J H Holland.
112 West 84th Street.
New York City

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THE PEOPLE,

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS, PART 1.

vs.,
ARTHUR THOMPSON

BEFORE RECORDER SMYTH.

and
ALFRED F. FREEMAN,
jointly indicted with
JOSEPH MINET
and
WILLIAM JACKSON.

Wednesday, November 22, 1893.

Indicted for GRAND LARCENY in the FIRST DEGREE.

A Jury was empannelled and sworn.

CHARLES H. RANDOLPH, sworn and examined, testified:

Where do you live? I go to sea for a living; I have no permanent home. When you were in New York, where do you live? I lodge, wherever it is convenient. What is your business? Chief cook, on the steamship El Rio, of the Southern Pacific Morgan Line. You were employed in the same capacity on the 17th of October, of this year? Yes, up until 3 o'clock in the afternoon. Where did you go? I went opposite the pier, corner of West and North Moore streets; I went into a saloon and had a few drinks; I can't tell exactly how many drinks of whiskey I had with friends of mine, and from there I went on the way up Hudson street, and had a few drinks going up, about six or eight, I guess. I went up-town as far as 8th street, and back again as far as Broome street. About what time did you get to Broome street? About 7:20, I was on the corner of Broome and Thompson, about ten yards from Thompson. What happened to you, while you were in Broome street near Thompson? My watch had been taken at Bleecker and Thompson streets, had been snatched, and I raised a row about it. Who took your watch? An unknown man snatched my watch; he was a colored man. Would you know him, if you saw him again? No. What did the man do after he snatched your watch? I

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made a complaint about it to him, and I accused him of it; I demanded my watch from him; he says, "I haven't your watch." A ship-mate and friend of mine, his name is Henry Wilson, was arrested on the same night; Wilson and I had words about this man taking the watch; he said, "Leave that man alone; I have your watch." Says I, "Where did you get it?" He says "I took it, because the gang was going to get it." I said, "I wouldn't trust you; you are a thief." I got it then, and I kept it shut in my hand, and the chain was hanging down. This ship-mate gave it to you? Yes. None of those fellows took it? No, this was first; this was about 7 o'clock. I wandered down South Fifth avenue until I got to Spring street and I went down to Thompson street, as near as I could judge, being a little intoxicated, and I fetched up at Broome and Thompson. There I again took my watch out, to attach it to the chain; I saw the hook was gone, and I tried to attach the watch and chain, in doing so I succeeded. I put my watch in the pocket, and then I discovered the dark shadow of a man, Alfred Freeman, and I got a blow under the eye, and the watch was snatched at the same time, and I grabbed for him on the arm and felt something penetrate through my hand, something small like a needle, very quick, and I let go; I partly fell; I was in the act of dropping the watch in my vest pocket when it was snatched. What did you do after the watch was taken? I walked up and down the side-walk and began to swear. What did the man do who took the watch? He disappeared; he ran directly across the street, from the North-east corner of Thompson and Broome to the opposite corner. I was on the North-west corner and he ran towards the South-east corner. Did you report this to the police? No, I did not, at the time. Did you see your watch afterwards?

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Not until it was brought into the station house. Is that your watch (showing watch)? Yes; that is my watch. How much is this watch valued at? \$75, without the chain. Do you know either of these defendants? I have seen Alfred Freeman several times, in a gambling house; once or twice I have seen him in Hank Anderson's, in Thompson street, just off Bleecker; a colored man's place; I usually go in there from sea, being jolly; I would go in sometimes and would look for a friend. And sometimes take a hand in? Yes, and lose a few dollars, and would go out. Can you say who it was snatched your watch? I can't solemnly swear. Can you see anybody here who resembles him? Alfred Freeman. I was taken into the station house that night by another officer; I think it was Officer Parry. You saw these defendants brought there afterwards; didn't you? Yes. Did you have any conversation with the defendants on that night? No. Did you hear the defendants have anything to say to the Sergeant at the desk? We were all searched; when Alfred Freeman was brought in, I said, "That is the party that took my watch," and we were all locked down.

BY COUNSEL: Between three and half-past seven on that afternoon and evening of October 17, had you taken as many as twenty drinks? I guess I had, and probably more; whiskey and beer combined. Had you as many as ten or twelve drinks of whiskey Yes.

AUGUST CAPPACASA, sworn and examined, testified:

What is your business? I drive a truck for Jerry Welser. Where do you live? 148 Sullivan street. Do you recollect the night of the 17th of October, the night upon which these defendants were arrested? I was around Wooster street, com-

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ing out of the stable, and I seen a mob of fellows had a watch in their hand, showing it to each other, and I went down to the corner and notified a policeman. Did you see either of these defendants look at the watch? I saw one short, very dark, fellow. Do you know these two defendants? I couldn't take a false oath, because I never seen them before. Do you recognize them now as the fellows you saw that night? The only one I can recognize is that small, dark one; he had the watch in his hand; his name is Freeman; he was showing it to the other fellows. What time in the evening was it you saw them looking at the watch? I couldn't tell you; I was just after coming out of the stable; I did not notice the time; it couldn't be as late as 12 o'clock; it was around half-ast 7 or 8 o'clock. The officer was standing on the corner off Broome and Wooster streets, Officer Parry and another officer; I spoke to them and they ran behind the wagon and chased after them, and I ran down. What did these fellows do? They ran away; there was some white and some black men; they ran up Wooster street, and I ran down Broome. Did you follow them? No; when I seen the officer he had the owner of the watch, on the corner of Thompson and Broome streets.

CROSS EXAMINATION.

How many were there in that party that you now speak of? Five; they were not all black men; I didn't notice how many black men there were. You simply saw them for an instant? Yes. Your impression is it was about forty minutes past 7 when you saw these men? Yes. You merely took a glance at them? Yes. From that glance, can you conscientiously say to this jury that you think you recognize any of these people? I can recognize that small fellow; that is the only one.

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JOHN PARRY, sworn and examined, testified:

You are a police officer connected with the 8th precinct; are you not? Yes. You were in the same precinct on the 17th of October of this year, and you made the arrest of one or more of the defendants; did you not? Yes. Upon whose complaint? On suspicion. Where were they at the time when you arrested them? About one hundred feet from Spring st., on Wooster; it was about 7:30 P. M. How many of them were there at the time? Five; Arthur Thompson, Alfred Freeman, Joseph Minet, a fellow by the name of Hackson, and a fifth who escaped; we have n't seen him since. How many officers were there at the time? Three; Hogan, Heft and myself. Where did you see these defendants first, when you sought to put them under arrest? They were standing on the northwest corner of Broome and Wooster streets; they passed us, and, in passing, after they got about twenty or twenty-five feet, they commenced to look around; they acted very suspicious; the last witness, Cappacasa, came down the street and said that the fellows up there were after taking a watch; on the strength of that, we followed them up 100 feet, near Spring street, and placed them under arrest; they were all together. When you arrested the five men, were they in the same place as they had been originally when your attention was called to their looking at a watch? No; they were one hundred feet above Spring street at the time they were looking at the watch. Did they walk or run? They walked; we were after them at the time. When you placed them under arrest and brought them to the station house, did you make any statement; what charge did you prefer against them? On suspicion; there was a young man whom I have seen--I couldn't get him to notify him to appear at this trial--who said,

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"Parry, there has been a man robbed of a watch corner of Broome and Thompson streets;" the defendants were there at the time. When you got them up to the desk didn't you tell the sergeant you took them on suspicion of taking a man's watch? Yes. What did the defendants say at that time? They all denied it. Have you had any conversation since then with the defendants, with regard to the stealing of this watch? No. You identify these as two of the five defendants? Yes; two of them.

DANIEL CROW, sworn and examined, testified:

I am an officer connected with the 8th precinct; my post, on the night of the 1st of October of this year, was the upper end of Wooster street; it took in between Spring and Houston. Did you see this watch on that night (watch shown)? Yes; the first place I saw it was in a sub-cellar, or vault, under the side-walk, in front of the new building in Wooster street, between Spring and Prince. Were you one of the officers who saw these five defendants together on Wooster street? Yes, I saw the five together. How far was that away from the place where you found the watch in the sub-cellar of the new building? It was about two or three hundred feet or more. The five were together, and, when I saw the officers come up behind them, started to run; they broke away in different directions; Arthur Thompson started to run; I was on the same side the five were coming up on; he saw me, and he ran in the middle of the street, as far as Prince street; I pursued him, and, going by this new building, he kept a little close to the guard-rail around the excavation, and, I suppose, threw it in there, running by. What was it caused you to go down to the sub-cellar to get the watch?

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He acted very suspiciously in running so close to it, in going by; and that led me to go there. How soon after he had passed, did you go down to the sub-cellar? About fifteen minutes; just as soon as they could be searched. I brought the watch and chain to the station house afterwards, and it was shown to Randolph, who identified it as his watch. Did you have any conversation with any of the defendants at that time? No, but I did in court, the next day, with Arthur Thompson; he admitted throwing the watch there; I said, "I suppose you thought we couldn't get the watch;" and he said, "I didn't take it; a fellow gave it to me." I did not have any more conversation. Did he say who the fellow was who gave it to him? No; and I didn't ask him. I found the watch on a heap of sand.

ELLIS C. FRAZEE, being duly sworn, testified as follows: I am an officer of the 8th precinct, and on the night of the 17th of October, the night on which this crime is said to have been committed, I saw the complainant, Randolph, and brought him to the station house. I saw him on the northeast corner of Broome and Thompson streets. What was his condition; drunk or sober? He had been drinking considerably. What caused you to bring him to the station house? He complained of losing his watch? What time in the evening was this? Between 7 and 7:30. I brought him to the station house of the 8th precinct, which is on the corner of Prince street and Wooster. When you got there were any of the defendants arrested at that time? Yes; all four had been arrested. At the time when Randolph was brought in, did he identify any of the defendants? Yes, Freeman; he said, "There is the man that took my watch." What did Freeman

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say? He denied it; he said, "You know I didn't take it," or something to that effect. Did the complainant have any conversation with any of the other defendants? No. Were there charges preferred against the defendants at that time? I do not know, I was not there; they had been drawn up before the desk. I saw the watch the next morning, at the Jefferson Market Police Court. Did Randolph identify the watch as his? I couldn't say that; I didn't see.

WILLIAM G. HOGAN, being duly sworn, testified :

I am an officer of the 8th precinct, and on the night of the 17th of October my post was between Canal street and 74 Wooster street, which is between Spring and Broome streets. On that night did you see these two defendants, Thompson and Freeman? Yes; on the corner of Broome street, about half-past 7. Officers Parry and Heft were with me; the defendants came up Wooster street and passed us on the corner; they were on their way going up the street when this young man came along, the driver, and he mentioned something about them stealing a watch. Officer Parry said, "We will give chase and see what they have done." We ran behind a wagon at Seping street, and then we went on the other side of the way, and when we were in front of 99 Wooster street we ran over and Officer Crow was coming down the street and two of them got away. Officer Crow caught one of them in Prince street, near Thompson. I arrested Minet. Was he at the place where you three officers originally saw them, when you arrested him? Yes. Did he stand in the same place? No; when we saw him first, it was at Broome and Wooster street. How far did he get away before he was caught? He did not have a chance to get away; I was on him before he saw me.

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Did the other defendants get away, either Freeman or Thompson? Yes, they started to run; I couldn't say how far they got; I know they scattered. Did you see them when they were caught? Yes.

(The People rest.)

THE CASE FOR THE DEFENCE:

ALFRED F. FREEMAN, being duly sworn, testified as follows: I live at 52 Clinton place; my sister has charge of the flats at 52 and 17 Clinton place. Have you ever been arrested for any crime or any offense before, in your life? No, I never have been arrested. I have heard the evidence that has been given about this watch; I have heard Cappacasa say that he saw me on the evening of October 17, looking at a watch; that is not so. Did you ever see the watch of this complainant, Randolph? No, I never saw that watch before in my life. You did not steal it, and do not know anything about it? No; I do not know anything about it.

CROSS EXAMINATION:

What were you doing down on Wooster street on the night of the 17th of October? The night of the 17th of October, Tuesday night, I had been down to the tailor's, in Varick street, near the corner of Canal. I ordered a suit of clothes, and went down to fit them. I came down Canal to Wooster and went up Wooster on my way home. As I got to the corner of Grand and Wooster I met Joseph Minet, and he says to me, "Hulloa, where have you been?" I told him I had been down to the tailor's; so me and him came along together. We walked up Wooster street, and there were some fellows going ahead of us, two or three or four; it looked to me they were half a block ahead of us; they were walking

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pretty slow, and finally we got on top of them, about fifteen or twenty feet, I guess. As I got to the corner of Spring and Wooster, this officer grabbed me and another officer grabbed Minet, and all the other fellows jumped and ran. He says to me, "Where is that watch?" I says, "What watch?" "I haven't got any watch." He began to search me, standing on the side-walk; he couldn't find anything on me. At that time, another officer came from the other side of the street with Jackson, and he searched all three of us. He did not find anything on us, and finally decided to turn us loose. During that time, a white boy came up the street, in his shirt sleeves. The officer says, "Come up here; he has got the fellow that has got this watch;" and he took us to the station house. There was another officer in the station house who had Arthur Thompson. They searched us in the station; and, while they were searching us, another officer came in with Randolph. I have seen Arthur Thompson several times; the first time I ever saw him was in Brooklyn; it must have been five months ago; I did not know him then to speak to him; I knew him by sight. I did not know Jackson any more than seeing him that night. Didn't you see this watch in the hands of some of those fellows down on Wooster street that night? No, I did not; I came up Wooster street and saw these other fellows there; I couldn't say positively that I had seen Thompson in Wooster street; I do not know whether he was in the crowd; I did not know any of the other fellows in that crowd, except myself and Minet. I heard the officers say that they saw me and the other defendants running away, but I did not run. When I came into the station house, I saw Randolph, the complainant, there. The officer had hold of me, and says to him, "Is this the man

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who took your watch?" He was drunk; he held his head down and said, "I think that is the man; I don't positively point him out, but only I think that is the man." Don't you recollect him going into the station house and pointing you out and saying that you were the man that took his watch? No. You heard him say, on the witness-stand, that you resembled the man who took his watch? Yes. You did not take it, and do not know anything about it at all? No. Did you tell the story about your being down to get a suit of clothes on the night you were arrested? No; not on the night I was arrested; I said it in Jefferson Market. Why didn't you tell it the night you were arrested? Because I was not asked any questions; all I was asked was where I lived, where I worked, how old I was, and what my business was. You heard the charge that was made against you, of participating in stealing this watch; didn't you? Yes. Then you did not tell anything at all about why you were down on Wooster street? No; he didn't ask me; I came up Wooster street; I didn't speak of it. Did you tell the officer, the next morning, that the watch had been given to you, and that you did not take it? No.

ARTHUR THOMPSON, sworn and examined, testified:

Where do you live? I live in Crosby street. You understand the evidence that has been given in regard to this case? Yes. Did you ever tell the officer that another fellow gave you that watch? No. You did not throw it into an excavation, you never had it in your hand, never saw it before, and don't know anything about it? No; I was coming up from work when this crime was done. Me and another fellow walked up Wooster street; and, while we was walking up

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Wooster, we seen a crowd of fellows; we did not pay any attention, and looked at them. So we kept on walking until I got to Prince street; these officers came up and chased after us. One fellow went down Prince street and I went up Prince street. The officer brought me back; I didn't run. The witness, Cappacasa, says that he saw you and the other defendant looking at a watch; is that so? No. Were you looking at a piece of cloth or anything else? No, I didn't see him have any cloth; I was not looking at anything like that; I was not with him; I was coming up with another fellow.

CROSS EXAMINATION:

I heard Cappacasa say that I was standing with the crowd, but that was not so; I was coming up. You heard him say that the crowd was looking at a watch; didn't you? Yes; that is not so. You heard Officers Parry and Hogan testify that they pursued you and the other defendant, and that you ran away; that is not so either, is it? Yes, I ran. Why did you run? Because officers were coming towards me, and the other fellow ran down Prince street and I ran up Prince street; I don't know why I ran, and I don't know what he was running for. The only reason you ran away was because officers were running too? They ran towards me and came across after me. You did not do anything? No, I was coming from work; After I get through work, I generally stand on the corner. How long have you known Freeman? No more than about three months; I met him around in Bleecker street; I didn't meet him every day; I stood on the same corner with him in the evening once in a while. I ran past the new buildings; me and another fellow, but I didn't run near the railing; in that respect, Officer Hogan is wrong. I live

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in 97 Chrystie street; I must have made a mistake when I said I lived in 80 Crosby street. We have been here only eight months. I said I knew Freeman from Brooklyn; I have been living about four months in the house that I now live in. I have never been arrested for lounging on the corners.

The Jury rendered a verdict of GUILTY of
GRAND LARCENY in the SECOND DEGREE.

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Testimony in the case
of Arthur Thompson
and Edward E. Freeman
filed Oct. 11/93
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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
Arthur Thompson, William Jackson,
Alfred E. Freeman and Joseph Minet

The Grand Jury of the City and County of New York, by this indictment, accuse
Arthur Thompson, William Jackson,
Alfred E. Freeman and Joseph Minet
of the CRIME OF GRAND LARCENY in the first degree, committed as follows:

The said Arthur Thompson, William Jackson,
Alfred E. Freeman and Joseph Minet, all
late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the seventeenth
day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and
ninety-three, in the night time of the said day, at the City and County aforesaid,
with force and arms,

one watch of the
value of seventy-five dollars

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one
on the person of the said

Charles H. Randolph
then and there being found, from the person of the said Charles H. Randolph
then and there feloniously did steal, take and carry away, against the form of the statute in
such case made and provided, and against the peace of the People of the State of New York
and their dignity.

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SECOND COUNT—

AND THE GRAND JURY AFORESAID, by this indictment, further accuse the said
Arthur Thompson, William Jackson,
Alfred E. Freeman and Joseph Minet,
of the CRIME OF RECEIVING STOLEN GOODS, committed as follows:

The said *Arthur Thompson, William Jackson,*
Alfred E. Freeman and Joseph Minet, all
late of the City and County aforesaid, afterwards, to wit: on the day and in the year afore-
said, at the City and County aforesaid, with force and arms,

one watch of the value of
seventy-five dollars

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one

Charles H. Randolph

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

Charles H. Randolph

unlawfully and unjustly, did feloniously receive and have; the said *Arthur*
Thompson, William Jackson,
Alfred E. Freeman and Joseph Minet,
then and there well knowing the said goods, chattels and personal property to have been
feloniously stolen, taken and carried away, against the form of the statute in such case made
and provided, and against the peace of the People of the State of New York and their dignity.

DE LANCEY NICOLL,

District Attorney.

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FOLDER:

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DESCRIPTION:

Townsend, Jefferson

DATE:

10/26/93



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Witnesses:

John Sullivan

The Complainant in this case
has never appeared on the same
day or which it has been
on the calendar. It is fair to
infer from this that he has no
further interest in the prosecution.
In addition, from the inquiry I
have made from Captain Post, the
Commander of the vessel on which
the autopsy was done & from others
the debt undoubtedly did the
autopsy in self defense. I am
satisfied. I recommend his
discharge upon his own recognizance.
Nov 893 Stephen J. Howard
S. J. Howard

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Counsel,

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Pleads,

THE PEOPLE

vs.

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Jefferson C. Townsend.

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DE LANCEY NICOLL,

District Attorney.

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

A TRUE BILL.

Edward G. Taylor

Foreman.

Part 3. November 8/93-
Def. discharged on his
personal recognizance.

Part 11. Com. v. Townsend (47)

Police Court— District.

City and County } ss.:
of New York,

of No. 10 North Transportation Co Pier 8 & 9 Street, aged 22 years,
occupation Fireman being duly sworn

deposes and says, that on the 18 day of September 1887 at the City of New
York, in the County of New York, Samuel Sheehan

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

Jefferson C. Townsend (nowhere)
for the following reasons, that at
about 9 o'clock A.M. deponent was
attracted by loud language in
the gallery of the Steamer Anne
Laurel that was then in the North
River. that immediately the defendant
came out of the gallery to the deck
and was carrying a large carving
knife in his hands. that the said
Sheehan then came out of gallery
and stated that he had been
feloniously cut and stabbed by the
defendant that deponent then
saw that the said Sheehan had
been cut in the left shoulder
that the Steamer then made a landing
at Pier 36 North River where the
said Sheehan was transported to St.
Vincent's hospital where he is now confined

~~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 18 day
of Sept 1887

Michael Morgan

Police Justice.

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CITY AND COUNTY } ss.
OF NEW YORK,

POLICE COURT, 2 DISTRICT.

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of No. 37 Precinct Street, aged years,
occupation being duly sworn, deposes and says,
that on the day of September 1893
at the City of New York, in the County of New York, he arrested

Jefferson E. Townsend, (nowhere) upon complaint
of Timothy Sheehan who charged that
said Townsend with having cut him Sheehan
with a Carving Knife inflicting injuries such
as to cause his removal to the hospital
where he is now confined and unable
to appear in court

Therefore deponent prays that said
Townsend be held to await the result of
said injuries. George Connor

Sworn to before me, this
day of September 1893

day

Police Justice.

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

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Police Court, _____ District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

vs.
Jefferson G. Townsend

AFFIDAVIT.

24 Sept 1893
3 P.M.

[Signature]

Dated, _____ 189

[Signature]
Magistrate.

[Signature]
Officer.

Witness,

37
Mitchell W. W. W.
18 North River

Disposition, _____

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

0473

Sec. 198—200.

2 District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY } ss.
OF NEW YORK, }

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

Question. What is your name?

Answer. Jefferson E. Townsend

Question. How old are you?

Answer. 29 years

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. U.S.

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

Answer. 924 West 29th St. N.Y.C.

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. Book

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.

Jefferson E. Townsend

Taken before me this
day of Sept 1888

Police Justice.

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

0474

Sept 20-1893
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Police Court...

District

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Michael J. Ryan
James J. Ryan, Jr.
John J. Ryan, Jr.

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Dated, Sept 18, 1893

Magistrate
Officer

Witness
No. 1, by
Residence
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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

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 in the City of New York, until he give such bail

Dated, Oct 20, 1893 Police Justice.

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

Dated, 189 Police Justice.

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

Dated, 189 Police Justice.

0475

CITY AND COUNTY } ss.
OF NEW YORK,

POLICE COURT, 2 DISTRICT.

Timothy Sheehan

of No. 484 Ryder Avenue Street, aged 23¹/₂ years,
occupation Fishman being duly sworn deposes and says,
that on the 18 day of September 1893

at the City of New York, in the County of New York, he was assaulted
by Jefferson E. Townsend in the
manner following to wit. Deponent and
defendant were employed on the Steamboat
Miss Lewis on the North Hudson River -
then deponent and defendant had
some words that defendant
did cut deponent on the left
shoulder.

Timothy Sheehan

Sworn to before me, this

1893

day

Police Justice

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

0476

St. Vincent's Hosp.
Sept. 22 '93

This is to certify that
Timothy Sheehan is a
patient in this Hospital
- that his condition while
not one of immediate
danger, prevents his
leaving the Hospital.
By order of H. E. Walker M.D.
Surgeon.

St Vincent's Hosp
Sept 19th 93

This is to certify that
Timothy Sheehan is a patient
in this Hospital suffering
a Stomach Ulcer. He
is not yet able
to leave hospital.

H. E. Walker
Surgeon

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

0477

St. Vincent's Hospital
Sept. 7th '93.

This is to certify that
Timothy Shuckan is in
this hospital and is unable
to appear in court.

J. E. Smith

John E. Smith
J. E. Smith
Am.

GRAND JURY ROOM.

PEOPLE
Part III

J. E. Shuckan
Member 8th

at St. Vincent's

Part III

Verd Nov 6/73

H. J.

District Attorney's Office.

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Nov 18/73

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

0478

PART II.

THE COURT ROOM IS IN THE THIRD STORY AND FRONTING THE PARK.
If this Subpoena is disobeyed, an attachment will immediately issue.
Bring this Subpoena with you, and give it to the officer at the Court Room door, that your attendance may be known.
[SEE OTHER SIDE FOR OTHER DIRECTIONS.]

SUBPOENA FOR A WITNESS TO ATTEND THE GENERAL SESSIONS OF THE PEACE.

In the Name of the People of the State of New York.

To Timothy Sheehan
of No. 484 Cyder Ave. Street,

YOU ARE COMMANDED to appear before the Court of General Sessions of the Peace, in and for the City and County of New York, at the Sessions Building, adjoining the New Court House in the City Hall Park in the City of New York, on the 18th day of NOVEMBER 1893 at the hour of 11 in the forenoon of the same day, as a witness in a criminal action prosecuted by the People of the State of New York, against

Jefferson C. Townsend
Dated at the City of New York, the first Monday of NOVEMBER
in the year of our Lord, 1893

DE LANCEY NICOLL, District Attorney.

**POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL**

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*Stimpson Landing
Co. Co.*

Should the case not be called on for trial, and no reason assigned in Court, please inquire in the District Attorney's Office about it, and you may save time.

If inconvenient to remain, and you prefer another day, state this early to the District Attorney, in the Court.

If ill when served, please send timely word to the District Attorney's Office.

If you know of more testimony than was produced before the Magistrate, or if a fact which you think material was not there brought out, please state the same to the District Attorney or one of his Assistants.

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

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PART II.

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[SEE OTHER SIDE FOR OTHER DIRECTIONS.]

SUBPOENA FOR A WITNESS TO ATTEND THE GENERAL SESSIONS OF THE PEACE.

In the Name of the People of the State of New York.

To *Timothy Sheehan*

of No. *484* *Lyder Ave.* Street,

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Jefferson C. Townsend
Dated at the City of New York, the first Monday of *1893*
in the year of our Lord, 189*3*

DE LANCEY NICOLL, *District Attorney.*

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

0481

Shugart Landing
Co. Co.

Should the case not be called on for trial, and no reason assigned in Court, please inquire in the District Attorney's Office about it, and you may save time.

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If ill when served, please send timely word to the District Attorney's Office.

If you know of more testimony than was produced before the Magistrate, or if a fact which you think material was not there brought out, please state the same to the District Attorney or one of his Assistants.

Court of General Sessions of the Peace

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

against

Jefferson E. Townsend

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

Jefferson E. Townsend

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

The said

Jefferson E. Townsend

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the *eighteenth*
day of *September* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and
ninety—*three*—, with force and arms, at the City and County aforesaid, in and upon
the body of one *Timothy Sheehan* in the peace of the said People
then and there being, feloniously did make an assault, and *him* the said
Timothy Sheehan with a certain *knife*

which the said

in *his* *Jefferson E. Townsend* right hand then and there had and held, the same being a deadly and
dangerous weapon, then and there wilfully and feloniously did strike, beat, cut, stab and
wound,

with intent

him

the said

Timothy Sheehan

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

Jefferson E. Townsend

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

The said

Jefferson E. Townsend

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 the said
Timothy Sheehan in the peace of the said
People then and there being, feloniously did wilfully and wrongfully make another assault,
and *him* the said *Timothy Sheehan*

with a certain

knife

which the said

in *his* *Jefferson E. Townsend* right hand then and there had and held, the same being a weapon and
an instrument likely to produce grievous bodily harm, then and there feloniously did wilfully
and wrongfully strike, beat, cut, stab 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.

THIRD COUNT—

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

Jefferson E. Townsend

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

The said

Jefferson E. Townsend

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 said *Timothy Sheehan* in the peace of the said People then and there being, feloniously did wilfully and wrongfully make another assault, and *him* the said with a certain *knife* *Timothy Sheehan*

which *he* the said *Jefferson E. Townsend* in *his* right hand then and there had and held, in and upon the *shoulder* of *him* the said *Timothy Sheehan*

then and there feloniously did wilfully and wrongfully strike, beat, stab, cut, ~~bruise~~ and wound, and did then and there and by the means aforesaid, feloniously, wilfully and wrongfully inflict grievous bodily harm upon the said

Timothy Sheehan

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.

DE LANCEY NICOLL,

District Attorney.