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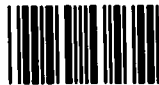
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James, John

DATE:

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Pleads

THE PEOPLE,

vs.

John James.

BENJ. K. PHELPS,

District Attorney.

A True Bill.

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Henry H. H. H.

Foreman.

W. H. H. H.

S. P. H. H. H.

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Police Court, Second District.

City and County } ss.  
of New York,

Henry C. Menck

of No. 579 Hudson Street, being duly sworn,  
deposes and says that the premises No. 579 Hudson

Street, 9 Ward, in the City and County aforesaid, the said being a dwelling house  
a part of which was occupied by deponent as a dwelling house

entered by means of forcible prying from the door  
frame the nosing of the door on the  
floor leading into the front room on  
the second floor of said premises  
on the day of the 30 day of December 1879  
and the following property feloniously taken, stolen, and carried away, viz.:

Good and lawful money, viz. a  
number of Silver Coins of the  
issue of the governments of Bremen  
and Hamburg together of the value  
of Five dollars and one Gold Ring  
of the value of Two 50/100 dollars  
and in all of the value of Seven  
50/100 dollars

the property of deponent  
and deponent further says, that he has great cause to believe, and does believe, that  
the aforesaid **BURGLARY** was committed and the aforesaid property taken, stolen  
and carried away by

John James (now here),  
for the reasons following, to wit: That on the said date at  
the hour of Two O'Clock P.M. depon-  
ent closed said door which is  
secured with a Spring Lock at which  
time said Lock and Nosing were

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in sound condition and properly  
fastened - at the hour of 4.25  
o'clock P.M. deponent found  
the said door open and the said  
locking forced from said door  
frame - that said defendant  
was seen by Jacob F. Louis com-  
ing out of said premises and after  
his arrest by said Louis he Louis  
saw the said Ring taken from  
the possession of said defendant  
Deponent further says that he saw  
said defendant while running  
away from the firming - here  
produced on the roadway in  
Hudson street - Deponent identi-  
fies said Ring as the property  
of defendant

Sworn to before me this  
31<sup>st</sup> day of December 1879  
R. H. 73126

Henry B. Mente  
Police Justice

City and County  
of New York s.s.  
Jacob F. Louis of No 579 Hudson street being  
duly sworn says on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of Decem-  
ber 1879 at 4.20 P.M. deponent saw  
John James the within named defend-  
ant coming out of the room named in the  
complaint - deponent thereafter says the Ring  
named in said complaint taken from the  
possession of said defendant  
Jacob F. Louis

Sworn to before me  
this 31<sup>st</sup> day of December 1879  
R. H. 73126  
Police Justice



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Police Court—Second District.

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK } RM.

*John James*

being duly examined before the undersigned, according to law, on the annexed charge; and being informed that he is at liberty to refuse to answer any question that may be put to him, states as follows, viz.:

Question.—What is your name?

Answer.—

*John James*

Question.—How old are you?

Answer.—

*Eighteen years*

Question.—Where were you born?

Answer.—

*New York city*

Question.—Where do you live?

Answer.—

*50 1/2 East 11th Street*

Question.—What is your occupation?

Answer.—

*Shoe maker*

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

Answer.—

*I have nothing to say—*

*John X James  
mark*

Taken before me, this

*31*

day of *December* 1887

Police Justice.

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POLICE COURT—Second District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,

ON THE COMPLAINT OF

*Henry C. Manoff*  
*579 Hudson St*

*John J. Manoff*  
RECEIVED  
610  
JAN 1 1879

Dated *December 31* 187*9*

*Ripley* Magistrate.

*Flanagan* Officer.

*9* Clerk.

Witnesses,

Officer has the primary  
which fits the  
indication on the  
div  
*Jacob F. Louis*  
*579 Hudson*

Committed in default of \$*2000* bail.

Bailed by

No.

Street.

*Com.*

OFFENCE—Burglary and Larceny.

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CITY AND COUNTY } ss.  
OF NEW YORK. }

THE JURORS OF THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,  
in and for the body of the City and County of New York,  
upon their Oath, present :

That

*John James.*

late of the *South* Ward of the City of New York, in the County of  
New York, aforesaid, on the *thirtieth* day of *December* in the  
year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-*nine* with force and  
arms, about the hour of *three* o'clock in the *day* time of the same day, at the  
Ward, City and County aforesaid, the dwelling house of

*Henry C Meuse*

there situate, feloniously and burglariously did break into and enter ~~by means of forcibly~~

he the said *John James*

then and there intending to commit some crime therein, to wit: the goods, chattels, and  
personal property of

*Henry C Meuse*

in the said dwelling house then and there being, then and there feloniously and  
burglariously to 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.

And the jurors aforesaid, upon their oath aforesaid, do further present: That  
afterwards, to wit, on the day and in the year aforesaid, at the Ward, City and County  
aforesaid, the said

*John James*

late of the Ward, City, and County aforesaid, *one ring of the value of*  
*Two dollars and fifty cents*  
*Others coins of a number and denomination to*  
*the jurors aforesaid unknown, the same being*  
*issued by the Government at Bremen and*  
*Hamburg, a more accurate description of*  
*which can not now be given of the value*  
*of five dollars,*

of the goods, chattels, and personal property of the said

*Henry C Meuse*

in the said dwelling house then and there being, 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.

BENJAMIN K. PHELPS, District Attorney.

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And the Jurors aforesaid, upon their oath aforesaid, do further present

That the said

*John James* —

late of the Ward, City, and County aforesaid, afterwards, to wit: on the day and in the year aforesaid, with force and arms, at the Ward, City and County aforesaid,

*one ring of the value of five dollars and fifty cents —*

*Leaving only a number and denomination to the Jurors aforesaid unknown, the same being issued by the government, at Bremen and Hamburg, a more accurate description of which can not now be given of the value of five dollars*

of the goods, chattels, and personal property of the said

*Henry C. Menke*

by a certain person or persons to the Jurors aforesaid unknown, then lately before feloniously stolen of the said

*Henry C. Menke*

unlawfully, unjustly, and for the sake of wicked gain, did feloniously receive and have (the said

*John James* —

then and there well knowing the said goods, chattels, and personal property to have been feloniously stolen), 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.

**BENJAMIN K. PHELPS, District Attorney.**

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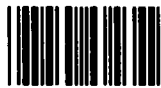
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James, Walter

DATE:

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Counsel,

Filed *2* day of *July* 187*8*.

Pleads

THE PEOPLE

VS.

*Walter James*

*John Parson*  
Larceny, and Receiving Stolen Goods.

BENJ. K. PHELPS,

District Attorney.

A True Bill.

*Wm. H. King*  
*Henry B. Lee* Foreman.

*S. J. Rogers*  
*Wm. H. King*

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Form 112.  
 STATE OF NEW YORK, }  
 CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, } ss: Police Court—First District.

of No. *the 2nd Precinct Police* Street, being duly sworn, deposes  
 and says, that on the *14<sup>th</sup>* day of *January* 18*90*  
 at the City of New York, in the County of New York, was feloniously taken, stolen, and carried  
 away from the possession *And Prisoner of one J. E. Edrich*

the following property, viz: *One Sedometer*

of the value of *Two* Dollars,  
 the property of *Said Edrich*

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 *Walter James Moore*

*present for the reason that deponent*  
*arrested the prisoner as he was running*  
*along Vesey Street that when said*  
*James was brought to the Station House*  
*he was identified by said Edrich as the*  
*person who suddenly snatched said pro-*  
*perty from a pocket of the coat then worn*  
*by said Edrich that the Sedometer in*  
*question fell from the clothing of the prisoner*  
*while he was in the Station House and was*  
*immediately identified by said Edrich as*  
*the property so taken stolen and carried away*  
*from his possession and person as aforesaid*  
*Matthew Loomer*

Sworn to, before me, this

18

day

Police Justice.

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City and County,  
of New York, ss.  
I, Isaac E. Elrich  
of No ~~97~~ 22 New Church  
Street, being sworn, depose that  
he has heard read the foregoing  
affidavit and knows the statements  
contained therein to be true to his  
own knowledge.

Subscribed  
I come to before me this  
13<sup>th</sup> day of January 1850  
J. H. H. (Police Justice)



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Police Court—First District.

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

*Walter James*

being duly examined before the undersigned, according to law, on the annexed charge; and being informed that he was at liberty to refuse to answer any question that may be put to him, states as follows, viz:

Question. What is your name?

Answer.

*Walter James*

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

*22 years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

*Boston*

Question. Where do you live?

Answer.

*38 '11*

Question. What is your occupation?

Answer.

*Go to sea*

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

Answer.

*I don't know  
any thing*

*Walter James*

Taken before me this

*13<sup>th</sup>*

day of *January* 189*6*

Police Justice.

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COUNSEL FOR COMPLAINANT.

Police Court—First District.

Name,  
Address,

THE PEOPLE, &c.,

ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Matthew Corrao  
vs.  
Joseph P. Goldich  
22 New Church St.

Walter James

BAILED:

No. 1, by

Residence,

No. 2, by

Residence,

No. 3, by

Residence,

No. 4, by

Residence,

No. 5, by

Residence,

No. 6, by

Residence,

COUNSEL FOR DEFENDANT.

Name,  
Address,

Dated January 13<sup>th</sup> 1890

Matthew Corrao

Matthew Corrao

Matthew Corrao

Matthew Corrao

Matthew Corrao

Matthew Corrao

Matthew Corrao

at Sessions

Received at Dist. Atty's office

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CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

THE JURORS OF THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,  
in and for the body of the City and County of New York,  
upon their Oath, present:

That *Walter James*

late of the First Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York, aforesaid, on the  
*Fifteenth* day of *January* in the year of our Lord  
one thousand eight hundred and ~~seventy~~ *Eighty* at the Ward, City and County aforesaid,  
with force and arms.

*One measuring instrument [of the kind  
commonly called a Pedometer] of  
the value of two dollars  
of the goods chattels and personal property  
of one Isaac D Eldrick, on the person  
of the said Isaac D Eldrick then  
and there being found from the person  
of the said Isaac D Eldrick*

~~of the goods, chattels, and personal property of one~~

there ~~being found~~, 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. then and

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*And the Jurors aforesaid, upon their oath aforesaid, do further present*  
**That** the said

*Walter James*

late of the Ward, City, and County aforesaid, afterwards, to wit: on the day and in the year aforesaid,  
with force and arms, at the Ward, City and County aforesaid,

*One measuring instrument (of the  
kind commonly called a pedometer) of  
the value of two dollars -*

of the goods, chattels, and personal property of the said

*Isaac D. Eldrich*

by a certain person or persons to the Jurors aforesaid unknown, then lately before feloniously  
stolen of the said

*Isaac D. Eldrich*

unlawfully, unjustly, and for the sake of wicked gain, did feloniously receive and have (the said

*Walter James*

then and there well knowing the said (goods, chattels, and personal property, to have been feloniously  
stolen,) 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.

**BENJAMIN K. PHELPS, District Attorney.**

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Johnson, George

DATE:

01/12/80



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101 *St. Louis*  
Counsel, *For*  
Filed *12* day of *Jan* 1880  
Pleads *Not Guilty*

*Indictment*  
THE PEOPLE  
vs.  
*George Johnson*  
INDICTMENT.  
*Return of Money from the Prison*  
*Robbery, 1st Degree*

BENJ. K. PHELPS,  
District Attorney.

A True Bill  
*Wm. B. Hays*  
*Wm. B. Hays, Foreman.*  
*Wm. P. L. Jr.*  
*State Reformatory, Elumia.*

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*Johnson came from water car Jefferson County for in Savannah Ga. No. 1000*

STATE OF NEW YORK  
CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, ss. *for* *Richard Lawrence*  
Form 123. *Police Court - Second District.*

*of No. 75 West Houston* Street, being duly sworn, deposes and says,  
that on the *21* day of *December* 187 *7*  
at the City of New York, in the County of New York, was feloniously taken, stolen, and  
carried away from the person of deponent, by force and violence, and against the will of  
deponent, the following property, viz.:

*Good and Lawful money viz. Three National Bank Bills of the denomination of Five dollars each and Five Bills of the denomination of One dollar each in all*

of the value of *Eighteen* Dollars  
the property of *deponent* ~~Dollars,~~

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, and against his will, by

*George W. Johnson (now here) for the season following; that while deponent was in West Houston Street near said residence said defendant who had been in a saloon drinking with deponent took hold of deponent's arm and said 'I'll see you home' deponent remonstrated whereupon said defendant by force and violence said deponent on the sidewalk*

*Sworn to before me this 18th day of December 1877*  
*Police Justice*

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and while struggling with said defendant deponent felt said defendant's hand in the right hand pocket of the vest at the time worn by deponent and containing said money - defendant then ran away and deponent missed the said property - Deponent placed the said money in said pocket while in said saloon and felt said money in said pocket after leaving said saloon

Sworn to before me this } Richard L. Hunt,  
21<sup>st</sup> day of December 1879 }  
Notary Public and Police Justice



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Police Court—Second District.

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, }

*George M. Johnson* being duly examined before the undersigned, according to law, on the annexed charge; and being informed that he is at liberty to refuse to answer any question that may be put to him, states as follows, viz.:

Question.—What is your name?

Answer.—

*George M. Johnson*

Question.—How old are you?

Answer.—

*Eighteen years*

Question.—Where were you born?

Answer.—

*Matertown New York*

Question.—Where do you live?

Answer.—

*New York city*

Question.—What is your occupation?

Answer.—

*Laborer*

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

Answer.—

*I am not guilty of the charge. The man was drunk he fell down in the middle street & I helped him up & I have a cousin a Mr. Parson who keeps a gambling shop in Houston Street near South & Avenue I am a entire stranger I have been here only about two weeks.*  
*Forgt Johnson*

Taken before me, this

*21*

day of December 1879

*Police Justice.*

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Form 123

POLICE COURT—SECOND DISTRICT.

THE PEOPLE, &C.,

OF THE COMPLAINT OF

*Richard Laurent*  
75 West Houston St.  
P.S.

*George W. Johnson*

Affidavit—Robbery.

Dated *December 21* 1874

*Bixby* Magistrate.

*Finnerty* Officer.

Witness,

*Com. without*  
*bail*

\$ to ans.

Bailed by

No.

Street.

*Com.*

CITY AND COUNTY {  
OF NEW YORK.

THE JURORS OF THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,  
in and for the body of the City and County of New York,  
upon their Oath, present:

That *George Johnson*

late of the First Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York, aforesaid,  
on the *Twenty first* day of *December* in the year of our Lord one  
thousand eight hundred and seventy-*nine* at the Ward, City, and County aforesaid,  
with force and arms, *in and upon one Richard Laurent, then*  
*and there being lawfully and feloniously did make an assault*  
*and there* Promissory Notes for the payment of money, the same being then and there  
due and unsatisfied, and of the kind known as United States Treasury Notes, of a *number*  
*denomination of five dollars, and of the value of five dollars each*  
*and denomination to the Jurors aforesaid unknown, and a more accurate description of*  
*which cannot now be given, of the value of*

*Three* Promissory Notes for the payment of money, the same being then and there  
due and unsatisfied, and of the kind known as Bank Notes, of *the denomination*  
*of five dollars, and of the value of five dollars each*  
*and denomination to the Jurors aforesaid unknown, and a more accurate description of which cannot*  
*now be given, of the value of*

*Divers* Bills of the United States of America, the same being then and there  
due and unsatisfied, and of the kind known as Fractional Currency, of a *number and*  
*denomination to the Jurors aforesaid unknown, and a more accurate description of*  
*which cannot now be given, of the value of*

*Divers* Coins, of a *number, kind, and denomination to the Jurors aforesaid un-*  
*known, and a more accurate description of which cannot now be given, of the value of*

*Three* promissory notes for the payment of money of the  
said *called United States Treasury notes, the same being*  
*then and there due and unsatisfied, of the value of*  
*one dollar each,*

*Three* promissory notes for the payment of money the same  
being then and there due and unsatisfied and of the  
kind called Bank notes, of the denomination of five  
dollars and of the value of five dollars each  
of the goods chattels, and personal property of the said  
Richard Laurent, from the person of the said  
Richard Laurent, against the view and by violence  
to the person of the said Richard Laurent, then and  
there violently and feloniously did not steal take and  
carry away

of the goods, chattels, and personal property of the said Richard Laurent  
on the person of the said *then and there being found,*  
from the person of the said *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.

BENJ. K. PHELPS, District Attorney.

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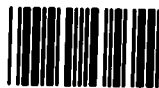
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Jones, James

DATE:

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Counsel,

Filed *21* day of *June* 18*80*

Pleads *Not Guilty 23*

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THE PEOPLE

vs.

*James Jones*

*(Another charge against him  
by name of James Jones)*

INDICTMENT.

Petit Larceny of Money from the Person.

BENJ. K. PHELPS,

*County Ct.  
June 27, 80*

District Attorney.

A True Bill

*W. H. Kiey*

Foreman.

*State Ref. Court of Conn.*

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Fourth District Police Court,

57th Street, near Third Avenue.

New York, <sup>16</sup>Aug 15 1880

Moses P Clark Esq

Sir - The papers in  
Case of People v Jones were  
misplaced in this court at  
the time of commitment of  
prisoner. I send them to  
day.

Yours Truly

R D Hamilton

Clerk

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Police Court, Fourth District.

CITY AND COUNTY } ss.  
OF NEW YORK,

*James Jones*

being duly examined before the under-  
signed, 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.

*James Jones*

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

*17 years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

*New York*

Question. Where do you live?

Answer.

*513 Third Ave*

Question. What is your occupation?

Answer.

*Painter*

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

Answer.

*I am not guilty -*  
*James Jones*

Taken before me this

18 day of

the month of

1887

Police Justice

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4<sup>th</sup> District Police Court

CITY AND COUNTY  
OF NEW YORK.

of No. 233 East 19<sup>th</sup> Street,  
being duly sworn, depose and saith, that on the  
at the  
in the County of New York, was feloniously taken, stolen and carried away from the possession  
of deponent,

Agnes E. Dobbs

17<sup>th</sup>

day of December 1879  
Ward of the City of New York,

and from deponent's person  
the following property viz.: one pocketbook containing

One American Gold coin of the value of  
Five Dollars.

One American Gold coin of the value of,  
Two Dollars and Fifty Cents

One National Bank Note of the value  
of One Dollar and

One silver coin of the value of  
Fifty Cents

In all of the value of One  
Dollar

the property of

Charles J. Dobbs

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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

James Jones (now here)  
deponent was walking through 42<sup>nd</sup>  
street on the afternoon of said date  
when said pocketbook was snatched  
out of deponent's hand. Deponent  
was informed by Mida Krugoch  
that said Jones was the person  
who snatched said pocketbook  
as aforesaid

Agnes E. Dobbs

POLICE JUSTICE.

Sworn before me this

16<sup>th</sup> day of December 1879



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City & County of New York S.S.  
Aida Kruschok residing at 163 East 42<sup>d</sup>  
street being sworn says that on the  
afternoon of the 17<sup>th</sup> day of November 1879  
in 42<sup>d</sup> street defendant saw James  
Jones (now here) snatch a pocketbook  
from the hand of Agnes E. Dodd.  
Sworn to before me  
This 18<sup>th</sup> day of December 1879

For the Plaintiff

Police Court

Paul  
Ellen Martin  
513 - 3rd Ave

41 DISTRICT POLICE COURT  
THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
OF THE COMPLAINT OF  
Agnes E. Dodd  
vs.  
James Jones

DATED Dec 18 1879

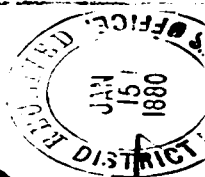
Spauld  
MAGISTRATE.

Henry  
21<sup>st</sup> Ave  
OFFICER.

WITNESSES:  
Aida Kruschok  
163 East 42<sup>d</sup> St.

\$1000 & Costs

Conrad



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CITY AND COUNTY {  
OF NEW YORK. }

THE JURORS OF THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,  
in and for the body of the City and County of New York,  
upon their Oath, present:

That *James Jones*

late of the First Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York, aforesaid,  
on the *seventeenth* day of *December* in the year of our Lord one  
thousand eight hundred and seventy-*nine* at the Ward, City, and County aforesaid,  
with force and arms,

~~The Divers~~ Promissory Notes for the payment of money, the same being then and there  
due and unsatisfied, and of the kind known as United States Treasury Notes, of ~~a number~~  
~~denomination of one dollar~~ <sup>and of the value of one dollar</sup> and ~~denomination to the Jurors aforesaid unknown~~ and a more accurate description of  
which cannot now be given, of the value of

~~The Divers~~ Promissory Notes for the payment of money, the same being then and there  
due and unsatisfied, and of the kind known as Bank Notes, of ~~a number and denomination~~  
~~of one dollar and of the value of one dollar~~ <sup>The denomination</sup> and ~~denomination to the Jurors aforesaid unknown~~ and a more accurate description of which cannot  
now be given, of the value of

~~Divers~~ Due Bills of the United States of America, the same being then and there  
due and unsatisfied, and of the kind known as Fractional Currency, of a number and  
denomination to the Jurors aforesaid unknown, and a more accurate description of  
which cannot now be given, of the value of

Divers Coins, of a number, kind, and denomination to the Jurors aforesaid un-  
known, and a more accurate description of which cannot now be given, of the value of  
*Eight dollars*

*One coin of the United States of America of  
the kind commonly called a half Eagle.  
of the value of five dollars*

*One coin of the United States of America  
of the kind commonly called a Quarter Eagle  
of the value of two dollars and fifty cents*

*One coin of the kind called a half dollar  
of the value of fifty cents.*

*One pocket book of the value of one dollar*

of the goods, chattels, and personal property of one *Charles E. Dobbs*,  
on the person of ~~the said~~ *Agnes E. Dobbs* then and there being found,  
from the person of the said *Agnes E. Dobbs*, 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.

BENJ. K. PHELPS, District Attorney.

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Johnson, James B.

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See memorandum  
on other indict-  
ment.  
DGR

Counsel,  
Filed *14* day of *May* 187*8*  
Pleads *Not Guilty, 28*

*JRP* THE PEOPLE  
vs.  
~~*[Signature]*~~  
*James D. Johnson*  
*[Signature]*  
*[Signature]*  
*[Signature]*  
S. E. GARDIN,  
District Attorney.

A True Bill.  
*[Signature]*  
Foreman.  
*[Signature]*  
*[Signature]*  
*[Signature]*  
*[Signature]*

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House of Detention N.Y.  
 Feb 7<sup>th</sup> 1880  
 Hon Benj. K. Phelps  
 Dist. Atty. N.Y. County.  
 Dear Sir:

It is said "that the Lawyer who argues his own case has a fool for a client": paradoxical as this may be, I wish to trespass upon your time for a moment, in my own behalf. It is now nearly four weeks since I was consigned to this place & in that time I have been allotted a great deal of unenviable undivided notoriety. I formed a resolution while paying the penalty of my misfortune to never intentionally wronging, maliciously, a single being in my life. I also decided to go to a section of the country where I was unknown and obtain an honest livelihood. Of course I am open to severe censure for the foolish course I pursued; but that is now past & gone. & my prayer to you is, to liberate me from this place. I assure you that never again will you hear & see me, except in such calling as every citizen has a right to follow. I feel today I have felt for the past two years that if my life was to be continually cast in this "sea of trouble" that the spongy the Almighty covered this "mortal coil" the better it must be for me and for the world at large. I know that there is but little credence to be given to the

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professions to one who has  
lived. But as I have a  
chance for employment at  
Leadville Col. I am determined  
to go & embrace the opportunity.

Trusting this will meet  
with your approbation

I have the  
misfortune to be

Yours truly  
James P. Johnson

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House of Detention  
Feb 19 1880  
Hon. J. P. Collins  
West Just. N.Y. County  
Dear Sir:

I permit me to lay before you a few facts in regard to the charges against me, which will tend to dispel the base fabrications lodged against me. 1<sup>st</sup> The young lady you were talking with this p.m. alleged at police head-quarters, that the party who robbed them, had a front tooth missing - such is not the case with me. 2<sup>nd</sup> At Jefferson Market, on the morning of Aug. 16<sup>th</sup> she said in the presence of the Times reporter, that it was not Pantio's I was the man - yet in the p.m. she ascertains that I was the man yet she could not describe a single article of clothing which was worn by the party who robbed them; if they were robbed at all. 3<sup>rd</sup> Although she could not describe the deed of the individual, her memory was very vivid as to the beard mark, which consisted of heavy side-beard and a moustache. Now, it was the established custom during my sojourn at Sing Sing, that all convicts were clean shaven on the morning of their discharge, such was my case.

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"I understand that she now comes forward and asserts that I called at her house on Dec 30<sup>th</sup> 1879. Why did she not state this before? Now, let me say that I left Sing Prison at 2.30 p.m. Dec 30 - 1879. After making a few purchases in the village I went to the Dépôt, about 4 p.m. there being no train until 5.33 p.m. I went into the Saloon kept by Tom Daly, and in this saloon I saw the two deputy sheriffs who had just delivered to the prison authorities Kelly of "Manhattan Bank" integrity, & remember distinctly some remarks made by these men relevant to Kelly. Of those two deputies can be found they can verify what I here state to be true.

It seems strange that this young girl has should transact so much business. Why does not her mother come to the front? Because she knows that the charges are as false as water & that by placing youth & innocence in the French sympathy might be accorded, whereby in matured persons they would be handled without gloves. Begging your pardon for the annoyance which I have caused you I am your servant  
 Julius Johnson



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MUNICIPAL POLICE,  
300 Mulberry St.,  
NEW YORK CITY.

*Thos A. Rallies*  
*Asst Dist Atty*  
*NY*

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Leh Robinson  
alias Robinson  
be returned to Home  
of Detention  
Russell  
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EVIN GREEN, President.

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A. R. BREWER, Sec'y.

NORVIN GREEN, President.

Dated *Aug 27* *Amherst* *Ny* 1880.

Received at **575 BROADWAY.**

To *Mr Golden*

*Detective*  
*Room 24, D*

READ THE NOTICE AT THE TOP.

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*thirtish*

*Joe Jackson*

*Waiter*  
*to*

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

FORM 891

POLICE COURT—SECOND DISTRICT.

of No. 206 East - 53

*Oscar Simon*

and says, that on the

31

day of

*December*

1879

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

the following property, to wit:

*One pair of Diamond Ear rings value Two hundred and fifty dollars one diamond Ring value Seventy five dollars, one Gold necklace, and Eket value Sixty dollars one gold bracelet value one hundred dollars one opera glass value five dollars and other property*

all of the value of *five hundred or more* Dollars,  
the property of *Oscar Simon deponent*  
*mother*

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

*James B Johnson*  
*from here from the fact that on said day he called at said premises and asked to be shown some furnished rooms saying he desired to rent the same Deponent showed him the room on the rear of the second floor which he remarked would suit Deponent then left him in said room. That said property was contained in a Bureau drawer in the front room on said floor and which was accessible from the apartment in which deponent had left said Johnson. Said Johnson went out shortly after remarking to deponent whom he met in the hall way that he would return in a few moments that he never came back and a few moments after his departure said property*

*Oscar Simon*

*Sworn to before me, this*

*16th*

*day*

*Police Justice*

*back and a few moments*

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Police Court—Second District.

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

*James B. Johnson* being duly examined before the undersigned, according to law, on the annexed charge; and being informed that he is at liberty to refuse to answer any question that may be put to him states as follows, viz.:

Question.—What is your name?

Answer.—

*James B. Johnson*

Question.—How old are you?

Answer.—

*Forty years*

Question.—Where were you born?

Answer.—

*New York City*

Question.—Where do you live?

Answer.—

*New York City*

Question.—What is your occupation?

Answer.—

*Bookkeeper*

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

Answer.—

*I am not guilty of the charge*

*J. B. Johnson*

Police Justice.

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Form 894.

POLICE COURT—SECOND DISTRICT

THE PEOPLE, & C.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

*Olger Simon*  
*248 East 53rd St*  
*James B. Johnson*

*breed*  
Affidavit—larceny.

DATED *Jan* 16 1880

*Duffy*—MAGISTRATE.

*Duscher* *Golden* OFFICER.  
*Central office*

WITNESS:

\$1000 TO ANS.

BAILED BY

No.



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CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

THE JURORS OF THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,  
in and for the body of the City and County of New York, upon their  
oath present:

That *James B. Johnson*

late of the *fifteenth* Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York, aforesaid,

on the *twenty ninth* day of *December* in the year of our Lord  
one thousand eight hundred and seventy-*nine*, at the Ward, City and County aforesaid,  
with force and arms

*one pair of the value of twenty five dollars,*  
*One cap of the value of fifteen dollars,*  
*One pipe of the value of Eight dollars,*  
*One coat of the value of two dollars,*

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one *David H. Dawson*

in the dwelling house of one *David H. Dawson*, there situate, then  
and there being found, did then and there, in the dwelling house aforesaid, feloniously  
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.

*Benjamin K. Phelps*  
District Attorney.

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1880 March 3

This defendant was in Sing Sing prison at the time when he is alleged to have committed this larceny - The Clerk of the prison says that he was discharged on Dec 30 at noon. It is a case of mistaken identity - DCR

Counsel,  
Filed 19 day of May 1878  
Plends

THE PEOPLE

vs.

James D. Johnson

2 cases

Guantanamo  
S. B. GARVIN,  
District Attorney.

A True Bill

W. H. King

Foreman.

W. H. King  
S. B. Garvin  
ant. D. C. attn

Indictment - Grand Larceny in a Dwelling-House.

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

FORM 8912

POLICE COURT, SECOND DISTRICT.

*Emma Frohman*

of No. *250 East 78*

Street, being duly sworn, deposes

and says, that on the

*29*

day of

*December*

*1879*

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

the following property, to wit: *one cluster diamond  
pin of the value of twenty five dollars  
one seal skin cup value fifteen dollars  
one mechanical pipe value eight dollars  
one overcoat value ten dollars*

all of the value of *Fifty Eight* Dollars,  
the property of *Doctor David H. Davison*

*and in complainant's care and charge*

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 *James B. Johnson*

*(unpresent) from the fact that on  
said day the said Johnson called  
at the said premises and asked  
for Doctor Davison, deponent admitted  
him and as the doctor was absent  
he Johnson said he would wait until  
the doctor returned. Subsequently and  
before the return of the doctor said  
Johnson departed from the house  
secretly and said property was missed.  
Deponent fully identified Johnson as the  
person as the person who admitted to  
the apartment wherein the said property was  
contained and no other person had access  
to said apartment on the day when said property  
was stolen except the said Johnson Emma Frohman.*

*Sworn to before me, this 16 day of December 1879*  
*[Signature]*  
Police Justice.

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Police Court—Second District.

CITY AND COUNTY  
OF NEW YORK.

*James B. Johnson* being duly examined before the undersigned, according to law, on the annexed charge; and being informed that he is at liberty to refuse to answer any question that may be put to him, states as follows, viz:

Question.—What is your name?

Answer.—

Question.—How old are you?

Answer.—

Question.—Where were you born?

Answer.—

Question.—Where do you live?

Answer.—

Question.—What is your occupation?

Answer.—

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

Answer.—

*I am not guilty  
of the charge  
J. B. Johnson*

Taken before me this

Police Justice.

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Form 89j.

POLICE COURT—SECOND DISTRICT.

THE PEOPLE, & C.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

*Emma Frohman*  
*250 East 7th St*

*James B. Johnson*

*Affidavit—Larceny.*

DAIED *January 16* 18 *80*

*Druffy* MAGISTRATE.

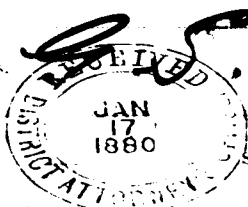
*Dasenbury & Golden* OFFICER.  
*Central Office.*

WITNESS:

*seen* TO ANSWER.

BAILED BY

NO.



STREET.

*Allen*

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CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

THE JURORS OF THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,  
in and for the body of the City and County of New York, upon their  
oath present:

That *James B Johnson*.

late of the *Nineteenth* Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York, afore-  
said,

on the *Thirty first* day of *December* — in the year of our Lord  
one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine, at the Ward, City and County aforesaid,  
with force and arms

*Two earrings of the value of one hundred and  
twenty five dollars each.*

*One ring of the value of seventy five dollars.*

*One necklace of the value of thirty dollars,*

*One locket of the value of thirty dollars,*

*One bracelet of the value of one hundred  
dollars*

*One opera glass of the value of five dollars.*

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one *Alvine Simon*

in the dwelling house of *one Alvine Simon* — there situate, then  
and there being found, did then and there, in the dwelling house aforesaid, feloniously  
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.

*Benjamin R Phelps*  
~~Benjamin R Phelps~~, District Attorney.

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*172*  
Counsel,

Filed *15* day of *July* 1880

Pleads,

THE PEOPLE

vs.

*Samuel Johnson*

BENJ. K. PHELPS,

District Attorney.

INDICTMENT—Concealed Weapons.

A True Bill.

*W. King*

*James S. Smith* Foreman.

*Thad. Allen*

*Pen: Six months.*

0270

Police Court—First District.

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

*Samuel Johnson* being duly examined before the undersigned, according to law, on the annexed charge, and being informed that he was at liberty to refuse to answer any question that may be put to him, states as follows, viz:

Question. What is your name?

Answer.

*Samuel Johnson*

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

*23*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

*Pennsylvania*

Question. Where do you live?

Answer.

*66 Bayard St-*

Question. What is your occupation?

Answer.

*Sailor*

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

Answer.

*A man gave it to me to keep for him last night and to return it to him this morning*  
*Samuel Johnson*  
*mark*

Taken before me, this

day of

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Police Justice.



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Form 10.

POLICE COURT FIRST DISTRICT.

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

*Christian Gohl*  
the 14<sup>th</sup> Precinct Police Street

being duly sworn, deposes and says,

that on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of January 18<sup>90</sup> at the City  
of New York, in the County of New York

Sworn to, this  
before me.

he arrested Samuel Johnson now  
here in Baxter Street at about  
1.30 O'clock A.M. That defendant  
at the time of such arrest found  
concealed upon the person and within  
the clothing of said Johnson that  
certain instrument or weapon here shown  
and commonly known as a *billy* or  
bludge. Defendant believes that  
said Johnson did willfully and knowingly  
obtain and conceal said weapon with  
the intent and purpose of using the same  
in violation of law. Defendant prays he  
may be dealt with as the law directs.  
*Christian Gohl*

Police Justice.

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Form 10.

Police Court--First District

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Christian Gohl  
vs. Samuel Johnson

AFIDAVIT

*Carrying concealed  
weapons*

Dated January 6<sup>th</sup> 1880  
B. H. Bilby Justice.

Officer.

Lordman  
ls. S



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CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

THE JURORS OF THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,  
*in and for the body of the City and County of New York, upon  
their Oath, present :*

That

*Samuel Johnson*

late of the First Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York, aforesaid,  
on the *Fifth* day of *January* in the year of our Lord  
one thousand eight hundred and ~~seventy~~ *eighty* at the Ward, City and County  
aforesaid, with force and arms, at the Ward, City and County aforesaid, feloniously,  
knowingly and secretly, did conceal upon his person a certain instrument and weapon  
of the kind known as a *revolver*, with intent then and there  
feloniously to use the same against some person or persons to the Jurors aforesaid  
unknown, against the form of the Statute in such case made and provided, and against  
the peace of the People of the State of New York and their dignity.

*And the Jurors aforesaid, upon their Oath aforesaid, do further present :* That  
the said *Samuel Johnson* late of the Ward,  
City and County aforesaid, afterwards, to wit, on the day and in the year aforesaid, at  
Ward, City and County aforesaid, with force and arms, feloniously, wilfully and  
furtively did possess a certain instrument and weapon of the kind known as a *revolver*  
*shot* with intent then and there feloniously to use the same against some  
person or persons to the Jurors aforesaid unknown, against the form of the Statute in  
such case made and provided, and against the peace of the People of the State of New  
York and their dignity.

**BENJ. K. PHELPS, District Attorney.**