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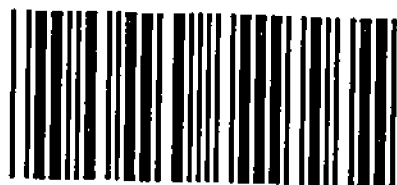
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Counsel,

Filed, 14 day of July 1887
Pleads, *Chattel*

vs THE PEOPLE
vs *John Ellis*

vs.

Lawrence Collins
vs *Washington*
vs *James*

Grand Larceny,
(From the Person),
[Sections 528, 530, 550, Penal Code].

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

District Attorney.

A True Bill.

Emmanuel

Aug 2. 1887 Foreman.

Both paid R. D. G.
S. P. G. Two yds 6 each.

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The People
John^{vs} Ellis
and
Lawrence Collins

Court of General Sessions. ^{Part I}
Before Judge Geldersleeve.
Tuesday, August 2nd 1887.

Indictment for grand larceny in first degree.
Catherine Moore, sworn and examined
testified. Where do you live? No 81 Ninth St.
Do you know Martin Gorman? Yes sir. Do
you recollect the 23^d of May at about eleven
o'clock at night seeing Mr. Gorman asleep?
on a stoop? Yes sir. Did you see these two
men that night (the defendants)? Yes sir.
Tell the jury exactly what you saw them do.
Those two men passed first, and about
five minutes after they came back with
another man and they told this man to
go for the man who was asleep on the
stoop. I fired open my shutter and I told
them, no, they would not go for them.
They said, "go for that fellow asleep." I was
inside at my window. I fired open my
shutter and I told them they would not
go for him. Between times I left the
window and coming back this man
that stole the watch had come up on the
stoop. Did you see him on the stoop?
Yes sir. Which one was it? It was
neither of them. He went and took the
watch right out of his pocket and I

halloed "Police", and he got away. Those two men had not been with the man that stole the watch after the first time, but before the watch was stolen they were with him.

Then I halloed "Police" and this man ran away. These are the two men I saw there.

Then I shouted "police" the policeman did not come; there was no policeman came till the next night, and then I identified the fellow who stole the watch corner of Washington and Watts St. Officer Finnegan arrested him. Then did you see these two men next? I did not see them until the

next night. I did not see them the second time. Were you not called to pick them out in the trucks in a crowd of people?

Yes sir. You picked them out as the two men who were in company with the other men? Yes. Cross examined. It was not five minutes before they man was robbed that I saw them; they went away then and I came back to the window again I went from the window to call my aunt who was living up stairs; we wanted to get the young man in off the stoop. Then I went back again these two men had gone away, but they were with the man who stole the watch.

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I then saw the other man go and rob the man that was lying down. There was nobody with him.

Counsel admitted that Richard McCreechy pleaded guilty to grand larceny growing out of this transaction.

Martin Gorman sworn. Where do you live? At 81 Mott st. I recollect being on my stoop on the 23^d of May. I was sitting there and fell asleep; when I fell asleep I had a watch on; it was a gold plated watch, I would not have sold it for less than twenty dollars. The witness who left the chair woke me up, it was gone when she woke me up. That is all I know about it. I was asleep where I was robbed.

Peter Hardy sworn. I live 36 Desbrosses st. I know these two boys. I saw them on the night of the 24th of May; on my way home about a quarter past nine in West st. those two men turned the corner and asked me if I would not buy a watch? I asked them what kind of a one was it? They showed it to me; I asked them where they got it, if it was straight and honest? They said, 'yes.' I asked them how much they wanted for it and they said two dollars and a half. I said, I did not think it was

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worth two dollars and a half, I would give them two dollars for it; they told me they were hard up and wanted to sell it. I gave them two dollars for it, and about fifteen minutes after I showed it to a friend of mine, and he said, "I know who owns that watch." He told me it was Mr. Gorman's watch, and I went to look for him. and found him right away, fifteen minutes after the watch was stolen. I said I bought it of Ellis and Collins and told him they were at Steinhardt's liquor store; we sent for officer Hinken and he came. I handed the watch to him and told him I bought it of Ellis and Collins; we went down to the liquor store and got the prisoners; they were taken to the station house; on the way down they said to me, "Are you going to drop on us? They told the Sergeant that they sold the watch to me and told me it was stolen. I was locked up as a witness and was put in the cell next them. I heard Ellis say to Collins, "The thing is up with us, and they have got us 'dead to rights.' They asked the other party to take a plea, and said, "it is no use you taking us with you." The prisoners pleaded guilty.

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Testimony in the
case of
John Ellis and
Laurence Collins

filed July
1887.

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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

*John Ellis and
Lawrence Robbins*

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

John Ellis and Lawrence Robbins

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

The said *John Ellis and Lawrence
Robbins, both* —

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

*one watch of the value of Twenty
dollars,*

of the goods, chattels, and personal property of one *Martin Torgman*,
on the person of the said *Martin Torgman*, then and there being
found, from the person of the said *Martin Torgman*, 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

John Ellis and Lawrence Robbins
of the CRIME OF CRIMINALLY RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY, committed as follows:

The said *John Ellis and Lawrence Robbins, both*

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,

one watch of the value of
Twenty dollars,

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one *Martin Agnew,*
and one Richard M. Steady and
by — certain *other* persons to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown, then lately before
feloniously stolen, taken and carried away from the said

Martin Agnew, —

unlawfully and unjustly, did feloniously receive and have; the said

John Ellis and Lawrence Robbins

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.

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,
District Attorney.