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**BOX:**

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**FOLDER:**

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**DESCRIPTION:**

Wells, John

**DATE:**

08/13/88



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Witnesses:


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Counsel,  
 Filed 13 day of Aug 1888.  
 Pleads,

THE PEOPLE  
*John Wells*  
 Grand Larceny *second* degree.  
 [Sections 528, 531, Penal Code].

JOHN R. FELLOWS,  
 District Attorney.

**A True Bill.**

*Foreman.*

August 14/88  
 Pleads Petition  
 Pen. 192. P.B.M.

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Police Court—1st District.

Affidavit—Larceny.

City and County }  
of New York, } ss.

of No. Frank H. Lovell Street, aged 57 years,  
occupation Dealer in lamps being duly sworn

deposes and says, that on the 24 day of July 1888 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 day time, the following property viz :

One box of mixed lamps  
valued at forty eight dollars

the property of Orvil D. Lovell and

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

the reasons following, to wit: The  
said property was on the walk  
in front of deponent's store and  
having missed the same, is in-  
formed by Charles Ferry (now  
present) that he Ferry saw the  
said defendant take said and  
carry away the aforesaid property  
and found the same in his  
possession.

Frank H. Lovell

Sworn to before me, this 26 day of July 1888  
John Wells  
Justice

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CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

Charles Perry  
aged 25 years, occupation Truckman of No.

231 Pearl Street, being duly sworn deposes and

says, that he has heard read the foregoing affidavit of John Wells

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

Sworn to before me, this 24 day of July 1888 by Abner Deeny

A. Smith  
Police Justice.

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Sec. 198-200.

District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

*John Wells* 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.

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 may think will tend to your  
exculpation?

Answer.

Taken before me this

day of July 1888

Police Justice.

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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.....

*Defendant*

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

Dated.....*July 24*.....188.....*J. H. Williams*.....Police Justice.

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

Dated.....188.....Police Justice.

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

Dated.....188.....Police Justice.

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Police Court---

1163 District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,

ON THE COMPLAINT OF

*Frank Lovell*  
*233 Pearl St*  
*John Wells*  
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*Office of Grand Jurors*

BAILED,

No. 1, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street.

No. 2, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street.

No. 3, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street.

No. 4, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street.

Dated *July 24* 188

*W. H. ...* Magistrate.  
*W. ...* Officer,  
Precinct.

Witnesses *Charles Ferry*  
No. *231 Pearl* Street.

No. \_\_\_\_\_ Street.

No. \_\_\_\_\_ Street.

\$ *1000* to answer *lys*



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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 Wells*

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

*John Wells*

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

The said *John Wells*,

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the *24<sup>th</sup>* day of *July*, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-*eight*, at the City and County aforesaid, with force and arms,

*one box containing lamps (of a number and description to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown) of the value of forty eight dollars.*

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one *Frank H. Gould.*

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

*John R. X. [unclear]*  
*[Signature]*

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**BOX:**

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**FOLDER:**

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**DESCRIPTION:**

Distelhorst, Otto

**DATE:**

08/17/88



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**BOX:**

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**FOLDER:**

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**DESCRIPTION:**

Westerfield, Joseph

**DATE:**

08/17/88



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*17-18W. Sep 7/88*

Counsel,

Filed *17* day of *Aug* 1888

Pleas, *voluntarily*

*Burglary in the THIRD DEGREE*  
*and Grand Larceny, 2nd degree*  
*(Section 498, 506, 528, 531)*

THE PEOPLE

vs.

*Joseph Westersfield*

*by*  
*186*  
*of*  
*1856*

*Otto Distelhorst*

JOHN R. FELLOWS,

District Attorney.

*P 2 Sept 4/88*

*No 2 pleads Burg 3.*

**A TRUE BILL**

*Read the bill, with Grand Jury*  
*Proctor*

Foreman.

*No. 2. Daniel C. P. B. M.*  
*Sept 7/88*

*P 2, Sep 10 1888*

*Bill by Dist. forfeited & returned.*

Witnesses:

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Police Court 5 District.

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

of No. 157 East 9th Street, aged 47 years,  
occupation Dry goods

deposes and says, that the premises No. aforesaid 157 East 9th Street, <sup>being duly sworn</sup>  
in the City and County aforesaid, the said being a Dwelling house

and which was occupied by deponent as a Dwelling house  
and in which there was at the time of human being, of

were **BURGLARIOUSLY** entered by means of forcibly removing

the fastening of an iron door  
leading from the street into the  
basement of said premises with intent  
to commit a larceny therein

on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of July 1888 in the day time, and the

following property feloniously taken, stolen, and carried away, viz:

A black cloth suit of clothes  
A miniature clock, under clothing  
and other articles, collectively of  
the value of about two hundred  
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

Joseph Westfield now present  
and two other persons not arrested Grace

for the reasons following, to wit:

That deponent is informed  
by one John Ryan that about ten o'clock  
on said day he saw the defendants  
and said others enter the house through  
the iron door leading to the basement. He  
further informs deponent that before entering  
they asked and tried to induce said Ryan  
to accompany them. That deponent found a  
number of boxes packed into a valise and  
another pair taken and prepared to carrying the  
same away. That said Ryan is a  
rather D. Williams

*Vertical handwritten note on the left margin:*  
To Mr. Westfield  
157 East 9th St  
New York  
July 13th 1888  
Dwelling house

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CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

*John Ryan*

aged 15 years, occupation Courier boy of No.

176 East 8th Street, being duly sworn deposes and

says, that he has heard read the foregoing affidavit of Nathaniel Williams

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

Sworn to before me, this 16<sup>th</sup>  
day of July 1889 *John A. Ryan*

*Wm. H. ...*  
Police Justice.

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Sec. 198-200.

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District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, ss.

Joseph Westerfield

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

Question. What is your name?

Answer. Joseph Westerfield

Question. How old are you?

Answer. 16 Years

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. New York City

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

Answer. 1342 Lexington Avenue

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. None at present

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

Answer. I am not guilty of the charge

Witness  
Joseph X Westerfield  
marks

Taken before me this

1888

Police Justice

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Sec. 198-200.

District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK } ss.

*Otto Distelhorst*

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.  *Otto Distelhorst*

Question. How old are you?

Answer.  *19 Years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.  *New York*

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

Answer.  *436 East 69 St. 13 years*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.  *Upholster*

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 of the charge*

*Otto Distelhorst*

Taken before me this

day of  *August* 1918

*[Signature]*

Police Justice.

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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.....

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

Dated *May 4* 188*8* ..... *M. A. [Signature]* Police Justice.

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

Dated..... 188..... Police Justice.

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

Dated..... 188..... Police Justice.

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Police Court *S* District. <sup>1217</sup>

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

*Nathanial Williams*  
*161 East 90*  
*St Distilhurst*

*Offence*  
*Drugs*

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BAILED,

No. 1, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street.

No. 2, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street.

No. 3, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street.

No. 4, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street.

Dated *August 4* 189*8*

*Weld* Magistrate.  
*Soyl & Brian* Officer.

*27* Precinct.

Witnesses *John Ryan*  
No. *176 East 88* Street.

No. \_\_\_\_\_ Street.  
*This Complaint is a*  
*part of the Complaint*  
*filed in the Dist. Court*  
*Office July 19<sup>th</sup> 1898.*  
*Against Joseph Martin*  
*\$1000 to Am. Lib.*  
*Com.*

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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.....

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

Dated *July 16<sup>th</sup>* 188 *8* *Wm. Lawrence* Police Justice.

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

Dated..... 188 ..... Police Justice.

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

Dated..... 188 ..... Police Justice.

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Police Court

1105 District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

*Nathaniel D Williams*  
*151 East 90 St*  
*Joseph Westfield*  
*2nd Ave District*

*James Law*  
*Lawrence*  
Offence

BAILED, Aug. 2/88

No. 1, by *Mary Adaline Westfield*  
Residence *134.2 Lexington Ave.* Street.

No. 2, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street.

No. 3, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street.

No. 4, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street.

Dated *July 16<sup>th</sup>* 188*8*

*Henry* Magistrate.

*George Sprau* Officer.

*27* Precinct.

Witnesses *John Ryan*

No. *176. E 88<sup>th</sup>* Street.

*John D. Duff*

No. *2nd Street* Street.

No. \_\_\_\_\_ Street.

\$ *1000* to answer *G. J. S.*



*was committed to no. 2. see inner cover*

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CITY AND COUNTY } ss.  
OF NEW YORK, }

POLICE COURT, 5<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT.

Nathaniel S. Williams

of No. 151 East 90<sup>th</sup> Street, aged 44 years,

occupation *Day Laborer* - being duly sworn deposes and says,

that on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1888,

at the City of New York, in the County of New York, at the 5<sup>th</sup> District

Police Court he made Complaint  
against Joseph Westfield and  
two other persons, who then arrested  
charged with having unlawfully  
entered premises No. 151 East 90<sup>th</sup> Street  
that Otto Distelhorst (now here)  
is one of the persons named in a Deposition  
Affidavit of same date. Deposition  
therefore prays that the said Distelhorst  
may be dealt with as the law directs

Nathaniel S. Williams

Sworn to before me, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1888

*W. J. [Signature]*

Police Justice

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vs.

LAW OFFICES OF  
**ALEX. THAIN,**  
No. 38 PARK ROW,  
(POTTER BUILDING.)

*New York,* July 17, 1888<sup>188</sup>

My dear Fitzgerald:

There will probably be sent to your office to-day, some papers in the case of Joseph Westerfield, a boy of about seventeen years of age, who is charged with having entered the house of a man named Williams, residing on 90th Street, one day last week. I have known this boy's parents for a great many years; in fact, his mother and I were children together and she came to my house very much distressed at the plight into which her boy had gotten himself. The boy himself is not over bright, and has been doubtless led away by evil companions. I know that the offense is a very serious one, but still, if by pleading guilty and having sentence suspended, he could be allowed to go, and leave the State, as his mother promises me will be done, it would relieve her distress and be a surety for his good behavior in the future. The boy is now suffering from blood poisoning, and his physician says that unless he can get prompt relief, it may result in his death.

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If any thing can be done to help out this poor mother, I wish that it might be done. If you can suggest any plan, I shall be glad to come over and see you. I send this so that it may be forwarded to you, should you not be in town.

Yours truly,

Alv. Swain.

To  
Hon. James Fitzgerald.

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Peoples

to

Washington

Pub with the  
papers

Great Britain

forwarded to you, should you not be able to  
send to some other city see you. I am sure you will be  
able to find a way to get it done. If you can't get it done, I will  
do it myself. I am sure you will be able to get it done.

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**Court of General Sessions of the Peace**

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,

*against*

*Joseph Westfield  
and Otto Dickmann*

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

*Otto Dickmann* —

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

The said *Joseph Westfield and*  
*Otto Dickmann, both* —

late of the *5th* Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York  
aforesaid, on the *13th* day of *July*, in the year of our Lord one  
thousand eight hundred and eighty-*eight*, with force and arms, in the  
*day* time of the same day, at the Ward, City and County aforesaid, the  
dwelling house of one *Nathaniel D. Williams,*

there situate, feloniously and burglariously did break into and enter, with intent to  
commit some crime therein, to wit: with intent, the goods, chattels and personal property  
of the said *Nathaniel D. Williams,* —

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.

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SECOND COUNT—

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

*Joseph Westefeld and Otto Distelhorst*

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

The said *Joseph Westefeld and Otto Distelhorst, both* —

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

*one coat of the value of ten dollars, one pair of trousers of the value of ten dollars, one vest of the value of five dollars, one docket of the value of five dollars, some articles of furniture of a number and description to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown of the value of fifty dollars, and some other goods, chattels and personal property (a more particular description whereof is to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown) of the value of one hundred dollars,*

of the goods, chattels, and personal property of one

*Nathaniel D. Williams* —

in the dwelling house of the said

*Nathaniel D. Williams* —

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

*John H. Fellows,*  
*District Attorney*

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**FOLDER:**

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**DESCRIPTION:**

Weston, John

**DATE:**

08/17/88



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**BOX:**

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**FOLDER:**

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**DESCRIPTION:**

Ahern, Edward

**DATE:**

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**BOX:**

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**FOLDER:**

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**DESCRIPTION:**

Houston, William W.

**DATE:**

08/17/88



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Counsel,

Filed

17 day of Aug 1888

Pleas, *voluntarily*

THE PEOPLE

vs.

*John Weston*  
*Edward Ahern*  
*William W. Houston*

*(2 cases)*  
*(2 cases)*

Grand Larceny in the 2<sup>d</sup> degree. [Sections 528, 531, Penal Code].

JOHN R. FELLOWS,

District Attorney.  
72 Sept 7/88  
No 1 pleads P.L.

A True Bill.

*Madame Lemmly*  
Foreman.

*Nos 2 & 3.*  
*Sentenced on 10/1 indict*  
*N. 1 Sentence suspended*  
*P.M.*  
*P.M.*

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CITY AND COUNTY } ss.  
OF NEW YORK, }

POLICE COURT, DISTRICT,

*Thomas M. Carthy*

of No. *61 Hudson* Street, aged *37* years,

occupation *Green* being duly sworn deposes and says,

that on the *1st* day of *August* 188*8*

at the City of New York, in the County of New York, he is informed

by *John Weston* (now here) that *William M. Houston* (now present) is the person named *Houston* mentioned in the annexed affidavit

*Thomas M. Carthy*

Sworn to before me this

of

*August* 188*8*

day

*John M. Williams*

Police Justice,

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Police Court— 10<sup>th</sup> District.

Affidavit—Larceny.

City and County } ss.:  
of New York,

Thomas M. McCarthy

of No. 61 Hudson Street, aged 37 years,  
occupation Grocer, being duly sworn

deposes and says, that on the 30 day of June 1888 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 day time, the following property viz:

Two barrels of sugar  
valued at fifty-two dollars.

the property of Messrs Austin, Nichols & Company

and this deponent as Co. Partner 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 John Weston, Samuel Cheam (now here), and W. M. Houston, now

yet arrested who were acting in concert for the reasons following to wit: on the above described date the said Weston and said Cheam were employed by deponent as truckman and shipping-clerk respectively and deponent having missed the said sugar, the Defendant Weston after being informed of his rights admits and confesses to the following: on the said date the said Houston had the two barrels of sugar placed in his Weston's truck

Sworn to before me this 1888

Police Justice

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found for him a piece of paper, on which was written the fact that they were two extra barrels of sugar and that the Weston should sell them to someone. The defendant Shearn told him Weston that he had a man named Henry Adams who would buy the said sugar. Said Weston went with said Shearn to the corner of Ridge and Broom streets and returned the said barrels of sugar in a factory at said corner. The said Shearn admits and confesses to having received from said Henry Adams the sum of thirty dollars for said sugar and to giving the said Weston the said thirty dollars as part of the proceeds of said sale. The said Weston further says that the said Shearn further says that the said Weston ten dollars as part of the proceeds of said sale and also gave a fund and a heavy five dollars.

Sworn to before me  
 this 30 day of July 1881

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ 1881  
 Police Justice

I have admitted the above named \_\_\_\_\_  
 to bail to answer by the undertaking hereto annexed.  
 Dated \_\_\_\_\_ 1881  
 Police Justice

I have admitted the above named \_\_\_\_\_  
 to bail to answer by the undertaking hereto annexed.  
 Dated \_\_\_\_\_ 1881  
 Police Justice

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

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

District \_\_\_\_\_  
 Police Court, \_\_\_\_\_  
 THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
 on the complaint of \_\_\_\_\_  
 vs. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Offense—LARCENY  
 Dated \_\_\_\_\_ 1881  
 Magistrate.  
 Officer.  
 Clerk.  
 Witnesses,  
 No. \_\_\_\_\_ Street,  
 No. \_\_\_\_\_ Street,  
 No. \_\_\_\_\_ Street,  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to answer Sessions.

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Sec. 198-200.

District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK } ss.

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

Question. What is your name.

Answer.

William W. Houston

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

45 years.

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

New York.

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

Answer.

14 Cannon St. 8 days.

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.

Clerk.

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 guilty.  
William W. Houston

Taken before me this

day of April 1888

Police Justice.

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Sec. 198-200.

District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

*Samuel Sheen* 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. *Samuel Sheen*

Question. How old are you?

Answer. *22 years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. *New York*

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

Answer. *52 Pitt Street, 12 years*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. *Tradesman*

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. *The statement which I made in the annexed affidavit is true.*

*S. Sheen*

Taken before me this

day of *July* 1884

Police Justice.

*W. W. W. W.*

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Sec. 198-200.

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK } ss.

District Police Court.

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

Question. What is your name.

Answer.

*John Weston*

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

*27 years.*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

*New York*

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

Answer.

*96 Lewis St., 2 years.*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.

*Truck driver.*

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

Answer.

*The statement which I make in the foregoing affidavit is true.*  
*John Weston*

Taken before me this

day of *July* 188*8*

Police Justice

*J. B. [Signature]*

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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.....

*Referred out*  
guilty thereof, I order that he be held to answer the same and he be admitted to bail in the sum of *10* Hundred Dollars,.....and be committed to the Warden and Keeper of the City Prison, of the City of New York, until he give such bail.

Dated *July 30* 188*8* *A. B. Bell* Police Justice.

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

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

Dated *August 1st* 188*8* *J. M. Patterson* Police Justice.

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

Dated.....188..... Police Justice.

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Police Court--- 1181 District

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

*James M. Conroy*  
by *Andrew S. West*  
1 *James West*  
2 *Carroll A. Chearn*  
3 *William M. Houston*  
4

*Ward J. Conroy*  
Officer

BAILED, *Aug 6/88*  
No. 1, by *Dedrick Sackmaier*  
Residence *76 Maugiu* Street.

No. 2, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street.

No. 3, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street.

No. 4, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street.

Dated *July 30* 188*8*  
*W. H. H. H.* Magistrate.  
*Howard Quinn* Officer.  
*5* Precinct.

Witnesses \_\_\_\_\_  
No. \_\_\_\_\_ Street.

No. \_\_\_\_\_ Street.  
No. \_\_\_\_\_ Street.



*1000* to answer

*Ans 3*  
*2000 to ans 200*  
*Ans*

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Cable-Nichaut.



*New York,* September 5th, 1888.

Hon. Randolph B. Martine,

New York.

Dear Sir:-

Will you kindly allow us to call your attention to the case of our late employees now under arrest under a charge of conspiracy, and we believe they come before your Honor for sentence on Friday. Their names are W.H. Houston, Edward Ahearn and Lahey, two more are now on bail including the receiver whose name is Henry Ahearn and who, we are advised, has left the country.

The several similar cases to ours recently developed in other large houses, and which seem to show a carefully arranged system of combination on the part of several employees in different departments, has caused a feeling of great uneasiness among our leading merchants, as well as ourselves, and it is with considerable anxiety that we are unable to discover any method or system to prevent such robberies where employees combine for that purpose, as has been done in most of the recent cases. We feel our only security lays in punishing such offenders as far as the law allows. We sincerely hope you will consider this matter and how important it is that dishonest employees should be made to suffer the full penalty for their crimes as an example to others and a safe guard to merchants.

Very truly yours,

*Austin Nichols & Co.*

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FRANCIS B. THURBER,  
ALBERT E. WHYLAND,  
WILLIAM A. PARSHALL,  
HENRY B. KIRKLAND,  
GEORGE B. HOWARD.  
HORACE K. THURBER,  
Special Partner.



London Office,  
9 & 11 FENCHURCH AVE., E.C.  
Sundry Goods Factory,  
17 RUE LAGRANGE, BORDEAUX.  
French Prune Factory,  
MARMANDE, FRANCE.  
Sardine Packing Establishment,  
ETEL, FRANCE.

COMPETING HOUSES MAY SOMETIMES FOR  
AN OBJECT CUT UNDER OUR PRICES, BUT IN  
THE LONG RUN WE HAVE FOUND THAT WHERE OUR  
CUSTOMERS BOUGHT AT LESS THAN OUR FIGURES  
THEY FOUND A DIFFERENCE IN QUANTITY OR QUALITY  
WHICH EXPLAINED THE DIFFERENCE IN PRICE.  
OUR MOTTO IS: LOWEST PRICES CONSISTENT  
WITH GOOD QUALITY AND HONEST QUANTITY.

Offices and Salesrooms,  
W. BROADWAY, READE & HUDSON STS. N.Y.  
Manufactory of Food Products,  
85, 87 & 89 THOMAS ST. N.Y.  
Canned Goods Factory,  
MOORESTOWN, NEW JERSEY.  
Coffee Roasting Establishment,  
19 WORTH STREET, NEW YORK.  
Butter & Cheese Department,  
DUANE & HUDSON STS. N.Y.  
Laboratory & Drug Department,  
171 DUANE ST. NEW YORK.

THURBER, WHYLAND & CO.

P.O. Box 3482.

[Dictated.]

THURBER, WHYLAND & CO.  
NEW YORK

Hon. Randolph B. Martine.

New York, September 5th 1888

Dear sir,

We are informed by our neighbors, Messrs. Austin, Nichols & Co., that <sup>the</sup> cases of the ring of employes that were recently caught robbing them will come before you, and write to call your attention to the apparent epidemic of this kind of dishonesty and its effect upon business.

A short time ago, Messrs. Stern Bros. unearthed a conspiracy among their employes to rob them. A few weeks ago, we detected a similar ~~conspiracy~~ in our employes, three of whom had pleaded guilty, the evidence being overwhelming against them, and the fourth has offered to do so if we would exert our influence to have his offense put in a low class, where his punishment would be light. Then, Messrs. Austin, Nichols & Co. discovered a similar conspiracy among their employes, above mentioned. Only three days ago, Messrs. Henry Nordlinger & Co., of No. 8 Harrison-street, unearthed a similar conspiracy, the perpetrators of which are now under arrest.

The risks and uncertainties of business are sufficient, even when conducted with honest employes; and a prominent merchant said to me the other day, that he thought of going out of business, because, no system could be established which could not be beaten by combinations of dishonest employes; that no bank even could detect robberies committed through the collusion of three or more persons in different departments, and I must confess I feel very much as my friend did. There are many merchants in business who continue more for the sake of their employes, than for the profit realized, and every house that goes out of business throws out of employment a number of honest men. It is therefore to the interest of both capital and labor that these syndicate robberies should be discouraged as much as possible, and we have therefore taken the liberty of presenting these considerations to you, thinking that they might have a bearing upon the severity of the sentences which you will impose in the cases of Messrs. Austin, Nichols & Co., above mentioned.

Very respectfully yours

Thurber Whyland & Co

Messrs. Nichols have referred to this.

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Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> 188.

To Whom it may concern.

This is to certify the bearer  
John Weston has been  
working in my employ  
for the past 3 (three)  
years I have found him  
honest sober and in-  
dustrious young man  
and I would be willing  
to trust him with  
any thing that lay in  
my power

Yours  
James Madden  
49 Morgan St.  
N.Y. City

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Mr. John Westcott -

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TELEPHONE CALL, "PEARL 147."

OFFICE OF

\*\*\*H. A. CONKLIN\*\*\*

GENERAL FORWARDER AND TRANSFER AGENT,

TRUCKMAN AND WEIGHER OF GENERAL MERCHANDISE,

NO. 141 PEARL STREET.

Freights Procured  
at Lowest Possible Rates.

New York, Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> 1888

To whom it may concern

This is to certify that the bearer John Weston was in my employ as driver for four years, and during that time large quantities of valuable goods was entrusted to his care - and I cheerfully say, and take pleasure in attesting to his honesty and integrity, as I have always found him honest and industrious while in my employ.

Respectfully  
H. A. Conklin

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Office of HEIPERSHAUSEN BROS.,  
BOILER MAKERS,  
45 & 47 TOMPKINS STREET.

One Block from East River.

PHILIP HEIPERSHAUSEN.  
HENRY HEIPERSHAUSEN.  
FREDERICK HEIPERSHAUSEN.

New York, Sept. 6 1888

To whom it may concern

This is to certify that we have known Mr. John Weston personally for the past ten years or more and during this period of acquaintance we have always found him to deport himself in a manner to command the respect of the neighborhood. We take pleasure in commending him as an honest and hard working young man.

Respectfully  
Heipershausen Bros

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New York Sept 6<sup>th</sup> 1888  
Hon Judge Martine

Dear Sir Will you pray  
give ear to the pleading of  
a sorrowing wife, in the case  
of my Husband E<sup>d</sup>. A. Hearn who  
is to appear before you. Your Honor  
I am sure you will be doing an  
act of Mercy in listening to my  
Appeal. My Husband has always  
borne a good character heretofore  
and was never arrested has always  
been a good kind Husband to me  
and my only support of myself and  
as at present I am in delicate health  
and shortly to become a Mother it will  
break my heart to have him imprisoned,  
and oh! I pray Mercy for him

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I know it is hard to ask this favor but I am sure if you take into consideration his former good character and his youth you will be doing an act of mercy. I am very poor, and at present I am supported by my husband's family and am heartbroken through this act of his but my dear Sir, I am sure you will listen to this my prayer for mercy to my poor husband, and my dear Sir you will forever receive the heartfelt prayers of an afflicted wife & child  
Mrs Margaret H. Hearn

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Court of General Sessions, in and for  
the City and County of New York

The People & etc.

vs.  
Edward Ahearn

City and County of New York ss.

Louis Amberger,  
being duly sworn, says, that he resides  
at No 143 Broome Street, in this City, and  
that he is engaged in Wine business, at  
that number, that he knows him in-  
timately, for ten years last past, that  
his reputation for honesty and integrity,  
has always been excellent, that he has  
heard many people speak well of him,  
and knows of his <sup>own</sup> knowledge, that defend-  
ant never committed any crime, previous  
to the present charge.

Sworn to before me

Louis Am Berger

this 7<sup>th</sup> day of September 1888

Gilbert M. Brown.

Commr of Deeds.

N.Y. County.

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City and County of New York ss  
John H. White,  
being duly sworn, says that he resides  
at No. 374 East 4<sup>th</sup> Street <sup>that he is a man for the people  
New York City</sup> in this City,  
that he knows the defendant for the  
last five years past, that the defendant  
had been working for him for one  
year, and has also been handling  
money for the same period, and that  
he knows to be an honest and  
upright man.

Sworn to before me } J. H. White  
this 6<sup>th</sup> day of September 1888 }  
Gilbert M. Brown }  
Com. of Deeds N.Y. County }  
City and County of New York ss.

Walter Cathie,  
being duly sworn, says, that he resides  
at 459 West 19<sup>th</sup> Street, in this City,  
and is by occupation a Roofer, that  
he knows the defendant from child-  
hood, and always found honest and  
upright.

Sworn to before me }  
this 6<sup>th</sup> day of September 1888 } Walter Cathie  
Gilbert M. Brown }  
Com. of Deeds }  
N.Y. County }

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City and County of New York o.o.

Richard Ahearn,  
being duly sworn, says, that he re-  
sides at No 374 East 4<sup>th</sup> Street, in  
this City, and is by occupation a Col-  
lector in the New York Herald Office,  
that he knows the defendant from the  
childhood, and always found him  
to be upright and honest.

Sworn to before me.

Richard Ahearn

this 6<sup>th</sup> day of September 1888 }  
Gilbert H. Bloom  
Commiss of Deeds  
N.Y. County

City and County of New York o.o.

Mary Ann Ahearn,  
being duly sworn, says, that she re-  
sides at No 52 Pitt Street, in this Ci-  
ty, that she knows from the child-  
hood, and always found him to  
be upright and honest.

Sworn to before me

this 6<sup>th</sup> day of September 1888 } Mary Ann Ahearn

Gilbert H. Bloom

Commiss of Deeds.

N.Y. County.

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Court of General Sessions

The People vs

vs.

Edward Ahearn

Affidavit

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COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS  
NO. 21 COURT HOUSE, N. Y.

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City and County of New York o. o.

William Koster

being duly sworn, says that he resides  
at No 47 Pitt Street <sup>in this City</sup> and that he keeps  
is by occupation the owner of a Feed  
Store, that he knows the defendant  
for the last eleven years, and always  
found him to be upright and honest.  
+ I would not hesitate in <sup>instruct</sup> to give him employment.  
Sworn to before me

this 6<sup>th</sup> day of September 1888

W. Koster

Henry Hengalbach

Not. Publ. N. Y. C.

City and County of New York o. o.

John Harrick

being duly sworn, says, that he  
resides at No 102 East 105<sup>th</sup> Street  
in this City, that he is by occupation  
an officer in the Tombs Police Court,  
that he knows the defendant for a  
bout eight years, and during that  
period always found him to be up  
right and honest.

Sworn to before me

this 6<sup>th</sup> day of September 1888

John J. Harrick

Miriam J. Frisigan

Notary Public

N. Y. C.

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Annual Sessions

The People vs.

vs.

James Cheever

Affidavits

BLAKE & SULLIVAN  
COUNSELLORS AT LAW  
No. 71 CENTRE STREET, N. Y.

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In the early part of July we received information that one of our trucks had delivered 2 barrels of Granulated Sugar to a grocery store kept by Henry Ahrens on the corner of Ridge & Broome St. As we never sold this party any goods whatever, we became suspicious and had the store watched and on July 28th received information that our truck #9910 had delivered a barrel of Sugar at the same store on that morning. We made thorough examination of our books and found that we had not sold Henry Ahrens any goods on that or any other day previous. We then arrested the driver whose name was Lahey. Upon taking him to the station house he acknowledged having left the barrel of Sugar there but said that he was not the regular driver of the truck but that the regular driver was Edward Ahearn. He says that he met Ahearn at the stable on that morning and that Ahearn told him that he was sick and was so going to report to the boss carman at the store and asked him, Lahey, to go to the store with him and take his truck after he had reported sick. The truck backed into the store and was loaded by W. W. Houston, one of our shipping clerks, with miscellaneous load of goods to be shipped on the Savannah Steamer. In addition to this regular load Houston put on one barrel of Granulated Sugar. Lahey says that he went with Ahearn and drove the truck to the Savannah Steamer, they shipped the goods that were intended to go by that line and this extra barrel of sugar remained on the truck. Ahearn then told Lahey to take that barrel of sugar over to the store, corner of Ridge & Broome St., occupied by Henry Ahrens, leave it on the side walk, say nothing and drive away. Ahearn rode with Lahey to the corner of Spring St. and the Bowery and left him there to carry out the instructions. Lahey drove the truck with the barrel of sugar to the grocery store mentioned, left the barrel of sugar on the side walk and came away.

We then arrested Ahearn. He acknowledged the truth of what Lahey had stated. We charged him with taking the two barrels that we had heard of on June 30th. He denied the taking of them but said they had been put on the truck driven by John Weston by the same shipping clerk, W.W.Houston, that Weston had delivered the two barrels to Ahrens grocery store, that he, Ahearn, had collected from said Ahrens \$30. for the two barrels of sugar, that he had kept \$10. himself, that he had given Weston \$20. \$10. of which was to be given to Houston.

We then went to the grocery store and asked Mr. Ahrens where the barrel of sugar was that had been left that morning by Austin, Nichols & Co.'s truck. It stood upon the floor with the head out and Ahrens pointed to it and said "There it is". We asked him who he had bought it from; He said he didn't know. Asked him if he had bought it from Austin, Nichols & Co. He said, No. Asked him if he had bought it from any salesman; He said, No.

We arrested him and took the barrel of sugar to the 5th Precinct Station House and brought Ahrens in the presence of Ahearn and he identified him as the man from whom he had bought it. We then arrested John Weston the driver who acknowledged that he had been given 2 barrels of sugar by Houston on the 30th day of June which he knew was stolen and which he delivered under an arrangement

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with Ahearn, to the grocer, Aherns.

We then arrested Houston who in his examination at the Police Court plead guilty to taking the two barrels of sugar on the 30th of June and said that he was drunk on the 28th of July and didn't know whether he took the barrel on that day or not.

We have heard since that the receiver, Henry Ahrens, was admitted to bail in the Tombs Police Court and that he has sold out his store on the corner of Ridge & Broome St. and has left the country. We have also heard the rumor that his Bond is worthless, but about this we are not positive.

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People  
John West  
Houston  
Texas

New York



Cable-Nichausst.

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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 Weston*  
*Edward O'Brien*  
*William W. Stanton*

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

*John Weston, Edward O'Brien*  
*and William W. Stanton*

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

The said *John Weston, Edward O'Brien*  
*and William W. Stanton, all*

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the *fourth* day of *June*, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-*eight*, at the City and County aforesaid, with force and arms,

*Two trunks of baggage of the*  
*value of twenty six dollars*  
*each.*

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one

*Thomas M. McCarthy*

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

*John R. Bellows,*  
*District Attorney*

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**BOX:**

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**FOLDER:**

3025

**DESCRIPTION:**

White, George

**DATE:**

08/15/88



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Witnesses:

Counsel, *Robert S.*

Filed 15 day of Aug 1888.

Pleads, *Not Guilty* 16

Grand Larceny second degree. [Sections 528, 531, 539 Penal Code].

THE PEOPLE

vs.

*R*

*George White*

JOHN R. FELLOWS,

*District Attorney.*

*Pr Sep 6 1888*

*And acquitted.*

**A True Bill.**

*Frank L. ...*

*Foreman.*

*Sept 6 1888*  
*G. L. H.*

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CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

*Henry Meunhardt*  
aged 25 years, occupation Milkman of No.

936 1. Ave Street, being duly sworn deposes and  
says, that he has heard read the foregoing affidavit of John H. Baker

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

Sworn to before me, this 23  
day of July 1888 } H. Meunhardt

A. J. White  
Police Justice.

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Police Court—

1st District.

Affidavit—Larceny.

City and County }  
of New York, } ss.

of No. 503 E 55th Street, aged 37 years,  
occupation Miller being duly sworn

deposes and says, that on the 21 day of July 1888 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 day time, the following property viz :

One horse and wagon together of the value of Twenty Five Dollars

the property of Deponent and James Kamp

and that this deponent has a probable cause to suspect, and does suspect, that the said property was feloniously taken, stolen, and carried away by George White known to me, from the fact that deponent was informed by Henry Merrick of 936 7th Avenue that at about the hour of 1 o'clock A.M. of said date he saw said White in possession of said horse and wagon and that said White drove said horse and wagon away from the premises of deponent.

John H. Baker

Sworn to before me, this 23 day of July 1888  
John H. Baker  
Police Justice.

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Sec. 198-200.

X District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, ss.

*George White*

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

Question. What is your name?

Answer. *George White*

Question. How old are you?

Answer. *31 years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. *W.*

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

Answer. *1018, Ave A. 4 years.*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. *Carrier*

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*

*George White*  
*Sm*

Taken before me this *23* day of *July* 1938  
*J. H. Smith*  
Police Justice.

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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 Aguedo

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

Dated July 23 1888 A. J. White Police Justice.

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

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ 188 \_\_\_\_\_ Police Justice.

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

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ 188 \_\_\_\_\_ Police Justice.

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Police Court--- 1144 District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

John H. Palmer  
1503 vs East 55th  
Henry White

Officer  
Shelly

1  
2  
3  
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BAILED,

No. 1, by \_\_\_\_\_

Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street.

No. 2, \_\_\_\_\_

Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street.

No. 3, by \_\_\_\_\_

Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street.

No. 4, by \_\_\_\_\_

Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street.

Dated July 23 1888

White Magistrate.

Shelly Officer.

23 Precinct.

Witnesses Henry Meinhardt

No. 936 Street.

No. \_\_\_\_\_ Street.

No. \_\_\_\_\_ Street.

No. \_\_\_\_\_ Street.

\$ 5000 to answer



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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*

*George White*

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

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

The said *George White*,

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the *21<sup>st</sup>* day of *July*, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-*eight*, at the City and County aforesaid, with force and arms,

*one horse of the value of fifty dollars, and one wagon of the value of twenty five dollars,*

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one *John M. Baker*, —

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

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SECOND COUNT—

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

*George White* —

of the CRIME OF CRIMINALLY RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY committed as follows:

The said *George White*,

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 horse of the value of fifty  
dollars and one wagon of  
the value of twenty five  
dollars.*

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one *John M. Baker* —

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

*John M. Baker* —

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

*George White* —

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

JOHN R. FELLOWS,  
District Attorney.

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**BOX:**

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**FOLDER:**

3025

**DESCRIPTION:**

Williams, George

**DATE:**

08/17/88



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Witnesses;

Counsel,

Filed 14 day of Aug 1888

Pleads,

[Sections 528, 531 & 532 Penal Code].  
(From the Person.)  
Grand Larceny, 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree.

THE PEOPLE

vs.

# 1837  
R

George Williams

JOHN R. FELLOWS,

District Attorney.

Aug 17/88.

Pleads as follows:

S. P. 2456 mo  
A True BILL  
R.B.M.

*Robert L. Linnell*

Foreman.

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Police Court - 3 District. Affidavit - Larceny.

City and County } ss.:  
of New York,

James Seager  
of No. 79 Poplar Street, aged 29 years,  
occupation Labour being duly sworn

deposes and says, that on the 12 day of August 1888 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 day time, the following property viz:

One Gold Watch and Gold Plate Chain of the Value of forty six Dollars

the property of Deponent

and that this deponent has a probable cause to suspect, and does suspect, that the said property was feloniously taken, stolen, and carried away by George Williams (witness) from the fact that ~~the~~ previous to said larceny deponent had said watch and chain in a pocket of his vest when he was on the person of deponent and about the hour of nine o'clock deponent set down on a stoop in Clinton Street and fell asleep. And this deponent has been informed by Officer Herman Schlotman that he arrested the defendant running through Stanton Street and arrested him and found in his possession the above watch and chain which deponent identifies as his

Sworn to before me, this 12th day of August 1888  
of [Signature]  
Police Justice.

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CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

aged \_\_\_\_\_ years, occupation Herman Schlotman of No. 11 Beuret Street, being duly sworn deposes and

says, that he has heard read the foregoing affidavit of James Fugate and that the facts stated therein on information of deponent are true of deponents' own knowledge.

Sworn to before me, this 13 day of Aug, 1888 Herman Schlotman

[Signature]  
Police Justice.

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Sec. 198-200.

3 District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

George Williams 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.

George Williams

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

23 years

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

Larry Island

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

Answer.

4 River Street 4 months

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.

Clerk

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

George Williams

Taken before me this

day of March 1888

[Signature]

Police Justice.

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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

*Reynolds*

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

Dated July 13 1888

*J. J. Kelly*

Police Justice.

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

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ 188 \_\_\_\_\_

Police Justice.

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

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ 188 \_\_\_\_\_

Police Justice.

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Police Court--- 3 1277 District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

James Fraser  
129 Poplar St.  
Brooklyn  
George Williams

Offence *See entry*  
*James Fraser*

BAILED,

No. 1, by .....

Residence ..... Street.

No. 2, by .....

Residence ..... Street.

No. 3, by .....

Residence ..... Street.

No. 4, by .....

Residence ..... Street.

Dated *Aug 13* 188 *8*

*Keuff* Magistrate.

*Schottman* Officer.

*11* Precinct.

Witnesses *Quinn offic*

No. .... Street.

No. .... Street.

No. .... Street.

\$ *1000* to answer *g*

*Quinn*



0406

Court of General Sessions of the Peace

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

against

*George Williams*

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

*George Williams*

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

The said *George Williams*,

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the *thirtieth*  
day of *August*, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and  
eighty-*eight*, in the *day* time of the said day, at the City and County  
aforesaid, with force and arms,

*one watch of the value of forty*  
*dollars, and one chain of the*  
*value of six dollars,*

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

*George Williams*—

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

The said *George Williams*,

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  
forty dollars and one chain  
of the value of six dollars,*

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one *James Snager*,

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

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

*George Williams*—

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

JOHN R. FELLOYS,  
District Attorney.

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**BOX:**

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**FOLDER:**

3025

**DESCRIPTION:**

Wilson, James

**DATE:**

08/17/88



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*W/S*

Counsel,

Filed *17* day of *Aug* 188*8*

Pleads,

THE PEOPLE

vs.

*Ed. V. 34. with S*  
*perpetrated with S*

*James Wilson*

*Burglary in the second degree,  
Grand Larceny, first degree  
and Stealing*  
[Section 497, 506, 528, 530, 550, 550.]

JOHN R. FELLOWS,

District Attorney.

*Aug 17/88*

*pleaded guilty*

*J. P. 2 yrs. P.B.M.*  
**A TRUE BILL.**

*Barthold Lemmle*

Foreman.

Witnesses;

0410

Police Court— H District.

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

of No Steamboat Florence Fort 6 13th St Street, aged 48 years,  
occupation Deckhand

deposes and says, that the ~~premises~~ said Steamboat lying at foot being ~~depos~~ sworn Dist 22 district 4  
~~No.~~ Street, Ward

in the City and County aforesaid the said being an Excursion Steamboat  
running between New York and Roney Bay Beach  
and which was occupied by deponent as a sleeping place  
and in which there was at the time a human being ~~by name~~

were BURGLARIOUSLY entered by means of forcibly Opening a slide  
door leading into the Cabin on the  
lower deck and thence down a flight  
of stairs to the sleeping apartment with  
intent to commit a felony  
on the 15 day of August 1888 in the night time, and the  
following property feloniously taken, stolen, and carried away, viz:

a valise and a quantity of gentlemen's  
clothing, an alarm clock,  
three pocket knives, an imitation  
Mercedman Pipe, four shirt studs  
and a five cent nickel piece

the property of deponent and William Smith

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

James Wilson (now here)

for the reasons following, to wit: That at about 12<sup>30</sup>  
o'clock AM of the above date  
deponent was awakened by William  
Smith the Steward on said Steamboat  
who informed deponent that some  
person had entered the Cabin of  
said Steamboat and reached across  
said Smith's head while he was  
lying in his berth and when said

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North asked him what he was doing there the defendant replied that he thought there was some Beer down there and immediately thereafter defendant ran off of said Steamboat. Defendant is informed by Officer Thomas Byron at about a half hour said Burglary was reported to him he found the defendant hiding behind a fence on the dock at foot of East 73<sup>rd</sup> street and when searched the said Pipe, Sticks and Nickel piece was found upon the person of said defendant. Wherefore defendant prays that defendant be held to answer and be dealt out as the law directs.

Given to before me  
 this 15<sup>th</sup> day of August 1888 Patrick <sup>his</sup> Kevin  
 James O'Connell  
 Police Justice

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  
 of the City of New York, until he give such bail.  
 Dated 1888  
 Police Justice.

I have admitted the above named  
 to bail to answer by the undertaking hereto annexed.  
 Dated 1888  
 Police Justice.

There being no sufficient cause to believe the within named  
 guilty of the offence within mentioned, I order he to be discharged.  
 Dated 1888  
 Police Justice.

Police Court, District

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
 on the complaint of

vs.

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Offence—BURGLARY

Dated 1888  
 Magistrate.

Officer.

Clerk.

Witness.

No. Street,

No. Street,

No. Street,

\$ to answer General Sessions.

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CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

*William Lovett*

aged 41 years, occupation Steward of No. 10

*Stearns Street* Street, being duly sworn deposes and

says, that he has heard read the foregoing affidavit of *Patrick Kevin*  
and that the facts stated therein on information of deponent are true of deponents' own  
knowledge.

Sworn to before me, this 15 day of Aug 1888 *William Lovett*

*Samuel C. ...*  
Police Justice

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CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

*Thomas Byron*

aged 28 years, occupation Police of No.

the 18<sup>th</sup> Precinct Street, being duly sworn deposes and

says, that he has heard read the foregoing affidavit of Patrick Kevin

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

Sworn to before me, this

day of

15  
Aug 1888

Thomas Byron

San J. C. Hill

Police Justice.

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Sec. 108-200.

H District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

*James Wilson* 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. *James Wilson*

Question. How old are you?

Answer. *28 years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. *New York City*

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

Answer. *No 321 East 32<sup>nd</sup> St. 8 months*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. *Paper Box maker*

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*  
*James Wilson*

Taken before me this

day of

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*W. J. Kelly*  
Police Justice.

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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.....

*Dependant*

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

Dated *Aug 15* 188*8* *Sam'l A. Miller* Police Justice.

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

Dated.....188..... Police Justice.

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

Dated.....188..... Police Justice.

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Police Court--- 14 District. 15/6 8

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Patrick Kevin  
Steamboat vs. Florence  
Foot 23<sup>rd</sup> St  
James B. Kern

Offence *Angry*

BAILED,

No. 1, by .....

Residence ..... Street.

No. 2, by .....

Residence ..... Street.

No. 3, by .....

Residence ..... Street.

No. 4, by .....

Residence ..... Street.

Dated August 15 1888

*O'Reilly* Magistrate.

*Byron* Officer.

18 Precinct.



Witnesses *Call the Officer*

No. .... Street.

*William South*  
*Steward*  
No. *Steamboat Flamer*  
*Foot 23<sup>rd</sup> St East River*

No. .... Street.

\$ *15.00* to answer *G.S.*

*Com*

0417

**Court of General Sessions of the Peace**

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

against

*James Wilson*

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

*James Wilson*

of the CRIME OF BURGLARY IN THE ~~second~~ DEGREE, committed as follows:

The said *James Wilson,*

late of the *Eighth* Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the *19th* day of *August*, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-*eight*, with force and arms, about the hour of *twelve* o'clock in the *night* time of the same day, at the Ward, City and County aforesaid; the dwelling house of one *Patricia Kerin,*

there situate, feloniously and burglariously did break into and enter, there being then and there some human being, to wit: *the said Patricia Kerin,*

within the said dwelling house, with intent to commit some crime therein, to wit: the goods chattels and personal property of the said *Patricia Kerin.*

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,

0418

SECOND COUNT—

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

*James Wilson*

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

The said *James Wilson,*

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

*one* value of *the* value of *five* dollars, *silver* articles of *clothing* and *wearing* apparel, of a *number* and *description* to *the* *Grand Jury* aforesaid *unknown*, of *the* value of *thirty* dollars, *one* *dozen* of *the* value of *three* dollars, *three* *hundred* of *the* value of *fifty* cents each, *one* *piece* of *the* value of *one* dollar, *four* *hundred* of *the* value of *one* dollar each, and *one* *nickel* coin of *the* United States of *the* kind called *five-cent* - *pieces*, of *the* value of *five* cents,

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one *Patricia Kerin.*

in the dwelling house of the said *Patricia Kerin.*

there situate, then and there being found, from the dwelling house aforesaid, 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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THIRD COUNT—

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

*James Wilson* —

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

The said *James Wilson,*

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

*one pipe of the value of one dollar, four studs of the value of one dollar each, and one nickel coin of the United States, of the kind called five-cent-pieces, of the value of five cents,*

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one *Patricia Kern.* —

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

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

*James Wilson* —

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

JOHN R. FELLOWS,  
District Attorney.

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**BOX:**

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**FOLDER:**

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**DESCRIPTION:**

Wilson, John

**DATE:**

08/15/88



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Counsel,

Filed 15 day of Aug 1888,

Pleads,

THE PEOPLE

23, 3 1/2 1888  
165 points

John Wilson

Grand Larceny/degree  
[Sections 628, 68 1, 559 Penal Code].

JOHN R. FELLOWS,

District Attorney.

Aug 16/88

Yours O. D.

Ben 1 yr. P.B.M.

A True Bill.

Arthur Loomis

Foreman.

Witnesses:

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Police Court— 14 District.

Affidavit—Larceny.

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

of No. 23 Elm Street, aged 35 years,  
occupation peddler being duly sworn

deposes and says, that on the 23 day of July 1888 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 day time, the following property viz :

One horse of the name of  
One hundred and fifty dollars

the property of

L. Deponent

and that this deponent

has a probable cause to suspect, and does suspect, that the said property was feloniously taken, stolen,  
and carried away by John Wilson (alias Lee)

for the reasons, that on said day  
said horse was in the stable at  
the premises aforesaid and that when  
deponent came to said premises  
between 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> o'clock on said  
day he found the stable door open  
and said horse gone, and shortly thereafter  
he saw said deponent in Duane  
Street with said horse leading him  
away when deponent said deponent  
to give said horse to another person  
that ran away and deponent pursued him  
and caused him to be directed out  
charged him with the larceny aforesaid

John Wilson  
his Successor

Sworn to before me, this 23 day of July 1888

[Signature]  
Justice

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Sec. 198-200.

District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY } ss.  
OF NEW YORK, }

*John Wilson* 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.

*John Wilson*

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

*23 years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

*New York City*

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

Answer.

*No Home*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.

*Composer*

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

Answer.

*I am not guilty*  
*John Wilson*

Taken before me this  
day of *July* 188*8*  
*J. H. Mack*  
Police Justice.

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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

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guilty thereof, I order that he be held to answer the same and he be admitted to bail in the sum of 10 Hundred Dollars, and be committed to the Warden and Keeper of the City Prison, of the City of New York, until he give such bail.

Dated July 13 1888 J. P. [Signature] Police Justice.

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

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ 188 \_\_\_\_\_ Police Justice.

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

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ 188 \_\_\_\_\_ Police Justice.

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Police Court--- 1132 District

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

*John Wilson*  
23<sup>rd</sup> Elm St  
*John Wilson*

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BAILED,

No. 1, by \_\_\_\_\_

Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street.

No. 2, by \_\_\_\_\_

Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street.

No. 3, by \_\_\_\_\_

Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street.

No. 4, by \_\_\_\_\_

Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street.

Dated *July 23* 188

*W. H. Bennett* Magistrate.

*Granville* Officer.

*6* Precinct.

Witnesses *Case officer*

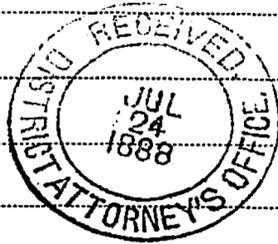
No. \_\_\_\_\_ Street.

No. \_\_\_\_\_ Street.

No. \_\_\_\_\_ Street.

\$ *1000* to answer *Case*

*Case*



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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 Wilson*

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

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

The said *John Wilson*,

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the *22nd* day of *July*, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-*eight*, at the City and County aforesaid, with force and arms,

*one horse of the value of one hundred and fifty dollars.*

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one *John Sullivan*,

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

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SECOND COUNT—

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

*John Wilson* —

of the CRIME OF CRIMINALLY RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY committed as follows:

The said *John Wilson*,

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 horse of the value of one  
hundred and fifty dollars.*

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one *John Sullivan* —

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

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

*John Wilson* —

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

JOHN R. FELLOWS,  
District Attorney.

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**BOX:**

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**FOLDER:**

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**DESCRIPTION:**

Wilson, Mary

**DATE:**

08/17/88



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*1888*

Counsel

Filed *17* day of *Aug* 188*8*

Pleads *Guilty copy*

THE PEOPLE

Grand Larceny in the *1st* degree.  
(MONEY.)  
(Sec. 598 and 599, Penal Code.)

*241* *167*  
*Edward L. Wilson*

*Mary Wilson*

JOHN R. FELLOWS,

District Attorney.

*72 Sept 1888*  
*Ind. & convicted*  
*Pen 5 yrs 10 mo. P.M.*  
**A True BILL.**

*Foreman.*

*Sept 18 10 Sept 10 10*  
*Sept 12 5:50*  
*Sept 12 5:50*

Witnesses:

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COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS OF THE PEACE:

City and County of New York.

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The People

x

against

x

Mary Wilson

x

Indicted for Grand Larceny in the  
first degree.

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Indictment filed, August, 1888.

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Tried, September 18th., 1888.

APPEARANCES:

Assistant District Attorney Bedford, for the People.

Jacob Berlinger, for the Defence.

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JOHN GRAHAM, the complainant, testified that he  
lived at 320 West 36th. Street, in the City of New York.  
On the 30th. day of July, at one o'clock in the morning,  
he met this defendant. She was with another woman. He  
met her in Seventh Avenue near 37th. Street. The

Thos. S. Lewis, Stenographer, 280 Broadway, New York.

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defendant addressed him first. Both of the women spoke to him. They called to him and he stopped, and they asked him if he would go in and see their place. The defendant asked him to go into the house and he went. The defendant asked him if he would not go in and have something. Both of the women went in the house with him. He went into the room with the other woman, a small room on the ground floor of the house. He had \$185 in the inside pocket of his vest. The defendant came running out of the room where she was and put her hand over his shoulder and plucked out the \$185. He had the vest on at the time and she ran out of the room into the yard and he followed her. She ran into the hall-way and he lost sight of her. He saw the money in her hand when she was running out, and he didn't see her again until she was arrested on the following night.

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UNDER CROSS-EXAMINATION, he testified that he was a stranger in the City and came to the United States from Ireland about two months before. He came from County Armagh, Ireland. He was in Montreal for about 6 months

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before he came to New York. He was a white linen lapper by trade. He left his work about 8 o'clock in the morning of the preceding day, Sunday, and walked about City to see the sights. He took his meals at various places. He didn't drink in any place. He was an unmarried man. He could not tell what streets he went into, because he was unacquainted with the City, except that he spent several hours in the Riverside Park. He had a glass of beer in the evening when he took his supper, at eight o'clock, in a restaurant. The defendant asked him if he would go into the house and have some hump. The defendant had two rooms on the ground floor in the back building. They had to pass through a dark hall-way and cross the yard, to get to her room. Both women were colored. In the women's room he took a dollar from the roll of money and put it back into his pocket; he gave the dollar to the defendant; she brought him back four quarters as change, and he gave her 50 cents. When he lost sight of the defendant he went into the street and stood in front of the door expecting them to come back. The other woman ran out after the defendant.

THOS. S. LEWIS, Stenographer, 280 Broadway, New York.

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At about 5 o'clock in the morning on the other side of the street he saw an officer and told him about the larceny. The policeman told him to go to the station house to make his complaint. The next morning, at about 10 o'clock, he went to the police station, having been home in the meanwhile. He had to ask his way from a stranger to the station house. Early on Tuesday morning he was sent for to the station house, and identified the defendant.

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OFFICER JACOB W. FEISS, testified that he was a member of the municipal police of the City of New York. He arrested the defendant at the southeast corner of 36th Street and Seventh Avenue, at about one o'clock on the morning following the larceny. He asked her what she had done with that money that she took from the man the night before, and she said, "I ain't got it" He arrested her, and took her to the station house and want to look for the complainant. Complainant positively identified the defendant as soon as he saw her.  
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UNDER CROSS-EXAMINATION, the officer testified that he had been attached to the precinct for nearly 7 years and had been on duty in citizens clothes as a ward detective. There was a large colored population in the precinct. He didn't know that there were many other colored women in the precinct that would answer to the description of the defendant.

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IN RE-DIRECT EXAMINATION, the officer testified that he had known the defendant before the 30th. of July.

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FOR THE DEFENCE. MARY WILSON, the defendant, testified that she never seen the complainant before the morning of her arrest, and she never spoke to him on the street and she didn't take any money from him or assist anyone else in taking any. She was standing at the corner of 36th. Street and Seventh Avenue, selling corn, when the officer arrested her. She made a living by washing and ironing. She had a child in an asylum and her husband was dead.

THOS. S. LEWIS, Stenographer, 280 Broadway, New York.

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UNDER CROSS-EXAMINATION, she testified that she was not intoxicated or under the influence of liquor at all when she was arrested. She had never been convicted of any offence, and she hadn't been sent to the penitentiary for keeping a disorderly house. She had rooms on the ground floor of a house on Seventh Avenue between 36th. and 37th. Streets, on the left hand side going up.

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IN REBUTTAL. OFFICER WEISS, being re-called, testified that he was in the Special Sessions when Mary Wilson was convicted of keeping a disorderly house. She was arrested by Officer Strahan.

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The People

Mary Wilson

Before

Hon. Randolph B. Hartke  
and a jury.

Indicted for Grand Larceny  
in the first degree

Indictment filed August 1887.

Filed Sept. 18, 1887.

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Police Court - 2 District.

Affidavit - Larceny.

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

John Graham

of No. 320 West 26th Street, aged 29 years,

occupation. Linen cloth maker being duly sworn

deposes and says, that on the 30th day of July 1888 at the City of New

York, in the County of New York, was feloniously taken, stolen and carried away from the possession  
and person of deponent, in the night time, the following property viz:

One hundred and eighty five dollars in good and lawful money of the United States

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the property of Deponent

and that this deponent has a probable cause to suspect, and does suspect, that the said property was feloniously taken, stolen, and carried away by

Mary Wilson (now free)

On said date, about 10 o'clock A.M.

deponent was passing along Seventh Avenue near 27th St. when deponent

was accosted by defendant, and deponent went into a room at No

492 Seventh Avenue immediately there-

after. The defendant followed in said room and then and there took

the said property from an inside vest

pocket of deponent while deponent was

sitting on a bed wearing the said vest.

The defendant then ran away and was arrested

the following night. Deponent asks that she be

dealt with according to law. John Graham

Sworn to before me, this 9th day of July 1888

Police Justice.

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Sec. 103-200.

District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

*Mary Wilson* being duly examined before the under-  
signed 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. *Mary Wilson*

Question. How old are you?

Answer. *2 years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. *U.S.*

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

Answer. *692 7th Avenue*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. *Housework*

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. Counsel  
was in examination  
Mary Wilson  
truth*

Taken before me this

day of

*July*

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Police Justice.

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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*  
*Fine* \_\_\_\_\_ *Hundred Dollars, and be committed to the Warden and Keeper of the City Prison of the City of New York, until he give such bail.*

*Dated* July 31 1888 *J. Bennett* *Police Justice.*

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

*Dated* \_\_\_\_\_ 188 \_\_\_\_\_ *Police Justice.*

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

*Dated* \_\_\_\_\_ 188 \_\_\_\_\_ *Police Justice.*

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\$1000. bail for *By*  
Aug 1<sup>st</sup> 2.0. m

The Justice presiding  
at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Dist Police  
Court in my absence  
will please hear and  
determine the within case

BAILED,  
No. 1, by *J. M. Ford*  
Residence *Police Justice* Street.

No. 2, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street.

No. 3, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street.

No. 4, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street.

Police Court-- 2 1193 District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

*John Graham*  
*320 West 26<sup>th</sup> St*  
*Mary Wilson*

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Offence *Larceny*  
felony

Dated *July 31* 188*8*  
*J. M. Ford* Magistrate.

*Fees* Officer.  
*20* Precinct.

Witnesses \_\_\_\_\_  
No. \_\_\_\_\_ Street.

No. \_\_\_\_\_ Street.

No. \_\_\_\_\_ Street.  
\$ *200* to answer *9-8*



*J. M. Ford*

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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

*Mary Wilson*

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

*Mary Wilson*

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

The said *Mary Wilson*,

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York, aforesaid, on the *thirteenth* day of *July*, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty *eight*, at the City and County aforesaid, with force and arms, in the *night* time of the same day, *Five* promissory notes for the payment of money, being then and there due and unsatisfied (and of the kind known as United States Treasury notes), of the denomination of twenty dollars, and of the value of twenty dollars *each*; *ten* promissory notes for the payment of money, being then and there due and unsatisfied (and of the kind known as United States Treasury notes), of the denomination of ten dollars, and of the value of ten dollars *each*; *Twenty* promissory notes for the payment of money, being then and there due and unsatisfied (and of the kind known as United States Treasury notes), of the denomination of five dollars, and of the value of five dollars *each*; *fifty* promissory notes for the payment of money, being then and there due and unsatisfied (and of the kind known as United States Treasury notes), of the denomination of two dollars, and of the value of two dollars *each*; *one hundred* promissory notes for the payment of money, being then and there due and unsatisfied (and of the kind known as United States Treasury notes), of the denomination of one dollar, and of the value of one dollar *each*; *Five* promissory notes for the payment of money (and of the kind known as bank notes), being then and there due and unsatisfied, of the value of twenty dollars *each*; *ten* promissory notes for the payment of money (and of the kind known as bank notes), being then and there due and unsatisfied, of the value of ten dollars *each*; *Twenty* promissory notes for the payment of money (and of the kind known as bank notes), being then and there due and unsatisfied, of the value of five dollars *each*; *Five* United States Silver Certificates of the

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denomination and value of twenty dollars *each* ; *ten* United States Silver  
Certificates of the denomination and value of ten dollars *each* ; *twenty* United  
States Silver Certificates of the denomination and value of five dollars *each* ; *twenty*  
United States Silver Certificates of the denomination and value of two dollars *each* ;  
~~one hundred~~ United States Silver Certificates of the denomination and value of one dollar  
*each* ; *one* United States Gold Certificate of the denomination and value of  
twenty dollars *each* ; *ten* United States Gold Certificates of the denomination  
and value of ten dollars *each* ; *twenty* United States Gold Certificates of the  
denomination and value of five dollars *each* ; and divers coins, of a number, kind and  
denomination to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown, of the value of *twenty five*

*dollars,*

of the proper moneys, goods, chattels and personal property of one *John T. Graham,*  
*on the person of the said*  
*John T. Graham,* then and there being  
found, *from the person of the said John T. Graham,* then and there  
feloniously did steal, take and carry away, against the form of the statute in such case made and  
provided, and against the peace of the People of the State of New York and their dignity.

JOHN R. FELLOWS,  
District Attorney.