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BOX:

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FOLDER:

1828

DESCRIPTION:

Banta, Richard A.

DATE:

07/08/85



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Witnesses:

*Just offence*

*By*

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*SEP*

Counsel,

Filed *1* day of *July* 188*5*

Pleads *Not Guilty*

THE PEOPLE

vs.

*B*

POOL SELLING.  
[Section 851, Penal Code.]

*Richard A. Banta*

*Defendant*

*Placed guilty*

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

District Attorney.

A True Bill.

*Allen D. Apgar*

*Foreman.*

*[Signature]*

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CITY AND COUNTY  
OF NEW YORK, ss.

POLICE COURT, DISTRICT.

William M. O. Sullivan

of No. 27 Precinct Police Street, aged 36 years,

occupation Police officer being duly sworn deposes and says

that on the 29 day of June 1885

at the City of New York, in the County of New York, Richard A. Banta

(now here) did unlawfully sell defendant for the sum of five dollars a pool ticket upon the result of a race or contest of speed between beasts viz Otters and Hares at a race track situated in Coney Island in the State of New York. That said Banta for said sum of money by him defendant received from defendant issued to defendant the annexed ticket which is a pool ticket on a horse called "Harrthern" by said Banta which is to run with divers other horses in said race at said Coney Island in a trial of speed.

William M. O. Sullivan.

Sworn to before me, this

June 29 day

1885

Samuel J. O'Brien  
Police Justice.

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POLICE COURT 182 DISTRICT.

City and County of New York, ss.:

THE PEOPLE,

vs.

Richard A. Banta

On Complaint of

William M. O'Sullivan

For

Pool Selling

After being informed of my rights under the law, I hereby waive a trial, by Jury, on this complaint, and demand a trial at the COURT OF <sup>General</sup> ~~SPECIAL~~ SESSIONS OF THE PEACE, to be holden in and for the City and County of New York.

Dated

June 29 1885

Samuel C. Kelly

Police Justice.

Richard A. Banta



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Sec. 198-200

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

District Police Court.

Richard A Banta 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.

Richard A Banta

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

39 years

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

New Jersey

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

Answer.

266 West 38th Street 15 years

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.

Book Keeper

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

Richard A Banta

Taken before me this

day of

1888

Sanuel C. Russell, 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 Richard A Banta

guilty thereof, I order that he be held to answer the same and he be admitted to bail in the sum of 3  
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

June 29 1885

Samuel C. Beatty Police Justice.

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

Dated

29 June 1885

Samuel C. Beatty 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Police Justice.

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BAILED,

No. 1, by

Residence

No. 2, by

Residence

No. 3, by

Residence

No. 4, by

Residence

28  
Police Court

First District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,

ON THE COMPLAINT OF

William M Sullivan

Richard A Banta

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Dated

188

Magistrate.

Officer.

Precinct.

Witnesses

No.

Street.

No.

Street,

No.

Street.

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to answer

Sessions.

Bailed

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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

Richard A. Santa

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

Richard A. Santa

of the CRIME OF RECORDING AND REGISTERING A BET AND WAGER, committed as follows :

The said Richard A. Santa,

late of the First Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the Twenty ninth day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five, at the Ward, City and County aforesaid, with force and arms, did unlawfully record and register, and cause to be recorded and registered, a certain bet and wager, then and there made by and between William W. O. Sullivan and divers other persons ~~to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown~~, upon the result of a certain trial and contest of speed and power of endurance of and between divers horses (a more particular description whereof, and of each of them, is to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown) thereafter to be had, holden and run on the day and in the year aforesaid, at a certain place and race track situated at the Town of Queens, in the County of Queens, in the State of New York, and commonly called the Brighton Beach Race Track, and which said trial and contest was had, holden and run on the day and in the year aforesaid, at the place and race track aforesaid (a more particular description of which said trial and contest, and of the said bet and wager so as aforesaid then and there made upon the same, is to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown, and cannot now be given), against the form of the statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace of the People of the State of New York and their dignity.

**Second Count.**—And the Grand Jury aforesaid, by this indictment, further accuse the said Richard A. Santa

of the CRIME OF RECORDING AND REGISTERING BETS AND WAGERS, committed as follows :

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The said Richard A. Santa

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 did unlawfully record and register, and cause to be recorded and registered, divers bets and divers wagers then and there made by and between divers persons to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown (a more particular description of which said bets and wagers is to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown), upon the result of divers trials and contests of speed and power of endurance of and between divers horses (a more particular description whereof, and of each of them, is to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown) thereafter to be had, holden and run on the day and in the year aforesaid, at a certain place and race track situated at the town of Greenvale, in the County of Queens, in the State of New York and commonly called the Brighton Beach Race Track,

and which said trials and contests were had, holden and run on the day and in the year aforesaid, at the place and race track aforesaid (a more particular description of which said trials and contests is to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown), against the form of the statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace of the People of the State of New York and their dignity.

**Third Count.**—And the Grand Jury aforesaid, by this indictment, further accuse the said Richard A. Santa

of the CRIME OF SELLING A POOL upon the result of a trial and contest of speed and power of endurance of horses, committed as follows:

The said Richard A. Santa,

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, did unlawfully sell, and cause to be sold, to one William M. O. Sullivan

a certain pool upon the result of a certain trial and contest of speed and power of endurance of and between divers horses (a more particular description whereof, and of each of them, is to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown) thereafter to be had, holden and run on the day and in the year aforesaid, at a certain place and race track situated at the town of Greenvale, in the County of Queens, in the State of New York, and commonly called the Brighton Beach Race Track,

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and which said trial and contest was had, holden and run on the day and in the year aforesaid at the place and race track aforesaid (a more particular description of which said trial and contest, and of the pool upon the same so as aforesaid then and there sold, is to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown, and cannot now be given), against the form of the statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace of the People of the State of New York and their dignity.

**Fourth Count.**—And the Grand Jury aforesaid, by this indictment, further accuse the said Richard A. Santa,

of the CRIME OF SELLING POOLS upon the result of trials and contests of speed and power of endurance of horses, committed as follows :

The said Richard A. Santa,

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, did unlawfully sell and cause to be sold to divers persons to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown, divers pools upon the result of divers trials and contests of speed and power of endurance of and between divers horses (a more particular description whereof, and of each of them, is to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown), thereafter to be had, holden and run on the day and in the year aforesaid, at a certain place and race track situated at Duane St. & Gravesend, in the County of Kings, in the State of New York, and commonly called the Brighton Beach Race Track,

and which said trials and contests were had, holden and run on the day and in the year aforesaid, at the place and race track aforesaid (a more particular description of which said trials and contests, and of the pools aforesaid upon the same, is to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown, and cannot now be given), against the form of the statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace of the People of the State of New York and their dignity.

**RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,**  
**District Attorney.**



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FOLDER:

1828

DESCRIPTION:

Barrett, John

DATE:

07/21/85



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Witnesses:

James Kelly

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Counsel,

Filed

24 day of

July 1885

Pleads

Wm. C. Kelly

THE PEOPLE

vs.

F

John Barrett

Wm. C. Kelly

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

District Attorney.

Indorsed in the 2nd Degree.

[Sections 487 Penal Code]

A True Bill.

Allen D. Apgar

Aug 10/85

Foreman

Wm. C. Kelly

Wm. C. Kelly

0045

Police Court—2 District.City and County } ss.:  
of New York,of No. 243 South 5th Avenue Street, aged 42 years,  
occupation Carrman being duly sworndeposes and says, that the premises No 243 South 5th Avenue Street,  
in the City and County aforesaid, the said being a 3 story tenementHouse  
and which was occupied by deponent as a Dwelling  
and in which there was at the time a human beings by name Mrs Harrisonand this deponent  
were BURGLARIOUSLY entered by means of forcibly forcing  
off a lock leading into the  
Cellar of said premiseson the 17th day of July 1885 in the Day time, and the  
following property feloniously taken, stolen, and carried away, viz:one sleigh and one Childs  
Wagon in all of the  
Value of about four dollarsthe property of Deponent  
and deponent further says, that he has great cause to believe, and does believe, that the aforesaid  
BURGLARY was attempted to be and the aforesaid property taken, stolen, and carried away byJohn Barrett (Prosecuted)for the reasons following, to wit: That about the hour  
of three o'clock on the afternoon  
of the above date this deponent  
was informed by Margaret Thompson  
that there was a person in his  
Cellar and on deponent going  
down into the cellar he found the  
said Barrett in the act of climbing  
up the stairs from the said Cellar  
and the lock of said cellar door had been broken open,  
deponent having  
looked the same  
on minutes before. James KellySharon Hughes (Mother)  
188 South 5th Ave  
St. Michael's  
City of New York

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CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

*Margaret Flynn*  
aged *38* years, occupation *Hook Keeper* of No. *243 South 5th Avenue* Street, being duly sworn deposes and  
says, that he has heard read the foregoing affidavit of *James Riley*  
and that the facts stated therein on information of deponent are true of deponents' own  
knowledge.

Sworn to before me, this

day of

*18*  
*July* 188*3*

*J. M. White*  
Police Justice.

*Maggie Flynn*

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Sec. 198-200.

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District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY  
OF NEW YORK, { ss

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

Question. What is your name?

Answer.

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

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

Answer.

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.

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

Answer.

Taken before me this

day of

1885

Police Justice.

*J. Barrett*

*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 1 Dec 8 1885 J. H. Kilbuck 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--

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739  
District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

James Kelly  
243 S. 5th Ave  
vs.

John Barnett

Offence Burglary

BAILED,

No. 1, by

Residence

Street.

No. 2, by

Residence

Street.

No. 3, by

Residence

Street

No. 4, by

Residence

Street.

Dated

July 18

1885

J. F. Kilbuck Magistrate.

J. L. Brunner Officer.

7 8 Precinct.

Margaret Flynn

No. 243 S. 5th Ave Street.

No.

Street.

No.

Street.

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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

*John Barrett*

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

*John Barrett*

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

The said *John Barrett*,

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

*James Kelly* —

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

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

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,

*Randolph B. Martin,*  
*District Attorney.*



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BOX:

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FOLDER:

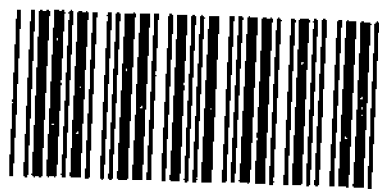
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DESCRIPTION:

Brady, Bernard

DATE:

07/13/85



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Witnesses:

Michael Dorman

Upon the affidavit of the complainant herein, filed herewith, & showing that the defendant has lead an industrious and exemplary life since the commission of this offense and relying upon the representations to the same of great faith made to me by Mr. Chavell, a lumber merchant of 128 1/2 St. & 3rd Ave., with whom I am well acquainted & who is trustworthy, I recommend that if the defendant will plead guilty, sentence be suspended.

April 14th. 1887

Wm. M. Davis  
Dep. Asst. Dist. J.

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Counsel,

Filed 13 day of July 1887  
Pleads Not Guilty (14)

THE PEOPLE

ASSAULT IN THE FIRST DEGREE, Etc.  
(Sections 217 and 218, Penal Code).

vs.  
Bernard Brady

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

District Attorney.

April 19th 1887  
See endorsement  
A True Bill. M.D.

Allen J. Apgar  
Part III April 19th 1887 Foreman.  
D. J. Apgar, J. J. Apgar, J. J. Apgar  
J. J. Apgar, J. J. Apgar, J. J. Apgar  
J. J. Apgar, J. J. Apgar, J. J. Apgar

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New York General Sessions.

PEOPLE ON MY COMPLAINT,  
VERSUS

Bernard Brachy

As complainant in the above case, I beg to recommend the defendant to such leniency and clemency as the Court and District Attorney may see fit to show; but I expressly assert that my reasons for so doing are not controlled by any advantage to myself, sympathy for himself and an aged and respectable mother, and a firm belief that the assault was committed in the heat of passion and without premeditation; the fact that he has since been steadily employed having worked under the same employer with myself, that he has proved to be industrious and his conduct exemplary, and knowing that he has deeply regretted the act which led to my injury are among the reasons why I make this recommendation which I hope will meet with the approval of the Court and District Attorney.

Dated New York  
April 14<sup>th</sup> 1887

Michael Doolan

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Police Court—15 District.

CITY AND COUNTY  
OF NEW YORK, { ss.

of No.

34.3 E 122nd  
Labourer

Street,

on

Monday the 6th

being duly sworn, deposes and says, that

day of

July

in the year 1888 at the City of New York, in the County of New York,

he was violently and feloniously ASSAULTED and BEATEN by

Bernard Brady

(now free) who stabbed this deponent  
in the side of the body with a  
knife held in the hand of said  
Brady while deponent was  
working in a lumber yard  
at the foot of 130th Street and  
East River

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

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

Sworn to before me, this

day

of

1888.

Michael Doolan

Andrew J. Smith  
POLICE JUSTICE.

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Sec. 198-200.

CITY AND COUNTY  
OF NEW YORK, { ss

District Police Court.

*Bernard Brady* 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

*Bernard Brady*

Question. How old are you?

Answer

*32 years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

*US*

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

Answer.

*127<sup>th</sup> Street & 41<sup>st</sup> Ave. 4 years*

Question What is your business or profession?

Answer.

*Laborer*

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

Answer.

*I have nothing to say.*  
*B. Brady*

Taken before me this

day of

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* \_\_\_\_\_

*Edward Brady*

*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 7* *188* *Andrew 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 he to be discharged.*

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



0057

BAILED,

No. 1, by

Residence on 4<sup>th</sup> ave bet 124<sup>th</sup> & 128<sup>th</sup> Streets

No. 2, by

Residence Street

No. 3, by

Residence Street

No. 4, by

Residence Street

Police Court

698 District

THE PEOPLE, &c.,

ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Michael Doolan  
343 E 122nd  
Bernard Brady

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Dated

1885

Magistrate

Officer,

29 Precinct.

Witnesses

No.

Street.

No.

Street,

No.

Street,

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to answer

Officer J. J. [Signature]

[Signature]



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BENJAMIN BROWNE,  
REAL ESTATE & INSURANCE BROKER,

Notary Public,

Office, 116 East 125th Street.

Deeds, Bonds, Mortgages, &c., Drawn and Acknowledged.

New York, March 7 1887

Hon R. B. Martine

Dear Sir

In the Matter of the People vs. B. Brady  
to be called, as I see today, before the  
Hon. Judge Corning in the New Part 3.  
You will please permit me to bring to your  
mind the fact, that it is now nearly a  
year ago that the defendant's Mother &  
myself had the honor of an interview  
with you at your Office, and that you  
were good enough to let him off on  
the recognizance of his Mother, and on  
my vouching for her respectability  
and his promise of future good conduct.  
Now he and the Plaintiff have been,  
as I am informed, Excellent Friends

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ever since, working together again  
for the same Employer. Mr Colwell  
the London Merchant, cr 3<sup>rd</sup> dr + 29<sup>th</sup>  
at, have ever had their pictures  
taken together in the frame. And  
the Plaintiff desires that there should  
be no further Prosecution of the Matter:  
as to Bernard Brady himself, his  
conduct has been good. and I  
have no doubt but that Mr Colwell  
will vouch for that, and intercede,  
if you desire it, or are favorable  
to leniency, as I trust you are,  
for him to you; so that you may  
in your discretion quash the indict-  
ment, which I hope you will  
favorably consider, and so for  
his widowed Mother and  
yours Respectfully  
Benjamin Brown

0060

Court of General Sessions of the Peace

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

against

*Bernard Conrady*

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

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

The said *Bernard Conrady*,

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the  
*sixth* day of *July* in the year of our Lord  
one thousand eight hundred and eighty-*five*, with force of arms, at the City and  
County aforesaid, in and upon the body of one *Michael Dodan*,  
in the peace of the said People then and there being, feloniously did make an assault  
and *in* the said *Michael Dodan*,  
with a certain *knife*

which the said *Bernard Conrady*  
in *his* right hand then and there had and held, the same being a deadly and  
dangerous weapon, wilfully and feloniously did beat, strike, stab, cut and wound

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

SECOND COUNT:

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

The said *Bernard Conrady*,

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

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

*Randolph B. Martine,*  
*District Attorney*

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BOX:

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FOLDER:

1828

DESCRIPTION:

Brennan, John

DATE:

07/01/85



1828

John Fitzgerald  
Off. Mrs. Reynolds

Bernard Honderd  
Admission

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Filed

1871

## Pleads.

1881

THE PEOPLE

225.

A-

John Brennan

Grand Larceny, 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree.  
(From the Person.)  
Sections 598, 599, Penal Code.

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

*District Attorney*

# A True Bill.

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 The People } Court of General Sessions. Part I.  
 John Brennan } Before Judge Cowing. July 14. 1883.  
 Indictment for larceny.

John Fitzgerald sworn. I live 24 East Thirteenth St. and am a janitor. I saw the defendant on the 25<sup>th</sup> of June last, I lost a double case gold watch and chain on that day at the corner of University Place and Thirteenth St. John Brennan took it. He came over to me and asked me for a few pennies, I asked him what he wanted to do with it? He said he wanted the price of a drink. I told him I would not lend him money but I would treat him. I returned back to the same place where I went with him to treat him, and in about five or ten minutes he came over and snatched the watch out of my pocket. I saw him do it; he got away with it. When I first bought it, it cost three hundred dollars. I have it a good many years, since the commencement of the war; the chain was brass and was not worth anything; the watch was worth fifty dollars; it was taken about two o'clock in the day time. Cross Examined. I was sitting down in a chair when he grabbed the watch out of my pocket and I started for him. John White saw him take it and I saw him too. John White was across the other side of the street. There was no one near me beside the prisoner. I had a couple



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of glasses off beer that day; that was all. I was perfectly sober the day I was robbed; the sun was pretty hot that day and I sat down under the awning. I made a complaint and he was arrested. I did not see him ~~clearly~~ in the police Court till he was brought before the bar and then the officer asked me if I could pick him out and so I pointed him out right away. He was back in the room and there was a crowd of people there. I am 48 years old; he was arrested Friday evening.

John White sworn. I am in the express business and live at 209 Fifth st. I remember seeing the defendant on the 25th of June. I saw him taking Mr. Fitzgerald's watch when he was sitting at Thirteenth st. and University Place; he put his hand in his pocket and took it out. There was two men with the defendant. Cross Examined. I know the defendant to work for a man up the street, but I am no acquaintance; he helped me to load one load of furniture in May. I have no ill feeling against the defendant. I had no dealings with him Decoration day; he did not break a glass in the moving. I did not break a looking glass over his head and did not make a scar over his eye. I had no fight with him at all. This larceny happened



between three and four o'clock in the afternoon. Fitzgerald was not quite sober; he was standing alongside of Fitzgerald sideways, I was across the street one flight up in a window. There is an awning here but it was up at the time. There was two men got in front of Fitzgerald so that the defendant would get a chance to take his watch. Brennan stood on the left hand. Their backs (the two men) were turned to Fitzgerald and their faces to me.

Bernard Hudson sworn. I live 414 East Eighteenth St. I saw the defendant on the 25th of June corner of Thirteenth St. and University Place. I did not see him take the complainant's watch; he admitted to me and the complainant's son that he took the watch and sold it for six dollars. This was the 26th of June. Cross Examined. I am a laborer and worked on Friday at Maxwell's storage warehouse. I live at 414 East Eighteenth St. Fitzgerald's son asked me if I knew the prisoner and I said, 'yes,' and I told him where he could find him. I knew where he lived. I was half way down the block and he whistled. He went inside and took a drink and he admitted he took the watch and sold it. I asked him if he would tell where the watch was

or would he assist Mr. Fitzgerald. He said he would try and find it, he could not tell where it was; he said all the money he got for it was six dollars. He walked to Tenth Ave, he did not want to go down to where the watch was stolen. In the mean time Mr. Fitzgerald's son went to the station house. There was an officer and I told the officer to arrest him.

John S. Sullivan sworn. I am a police officer of the 15th precinct; the defendant was arrested under my directions. After he was locked up in the cell I asked him who was with him in this larceny and what he did with the watch? He said a man named Maxwell took the watch and sold it in Sixth Ave and brought him two dollars. I did not find Maxwell although I spent two nights looking for him.

John H. Brennan sworn in his own behalf testified. I was in trouble six or seven years ago. I did not take the man's watch. I was talking with him that afternoon and left him in company with two men. I know White perfectly well. I had trouble with him Decoration day about breaking a glass. I was acquitted six years ago and was arrested before that for intoxication.

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and assaulting an officer and got a  
month. The jury rendered a verdict of  
guilty.

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Testimony in the case

of John Brennan

filed July

1883.

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What is the purpose of  
the House of Representatives?  
The House of Representatives  
is the lower branch of the  
legislative branch of the  
federal government. It is  
composed of members from  
each state, and its members  
are elected by the people of  
each state.





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Have been employed  
by the following people

Wm. Knox Mr. Rotten  
Mead & Rodman Plumbers  
E. S. Higgins & Co. Carpenter  
F. E. James Paper Man  
Warden Miller & Long " "  
Campbell & Co " "  
John Shea Wholesale Merchant  
Messrs. R. K. Horgan Builders  
Wm. Mc Carlen Plumber  
Andrew Mc Carlen Carpenter  
P. White & Son  
Mr. Jacob Ealer & Son Wood yard  
John Francis Painter  
J. B. Carmichael iron foundry

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To all whom it may concern

I hereby certify that John Spurrman  
has wrought with me for over three years  
and I found him honest and a good  
workman.

James Toland, Aug 14<sup>th</sup> 1885.

J. J. Bigan

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New York July 2<sup>nd</sup> 1885

439 W. 38. St.

John. Farrell. Sign. Printing City

To Whom it may Concern  
the Bearer John Bremner has been in my  
Service for (3) three yrs and allways found  
him Steady Sober & honest. My reasons  
for Dispehcing With his Services Were  
Slackness of Work and can be further  
Recommended by applying to

John Farrell  
Sign Printer

439 W. 38. St  
City

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People } Thursday July 9. 1885  
John Murphy }

Minutes Amended by striking out

"Messrs Brady & Smith move for  
a new trial - After hearing  
counsel thereon and the District  
Attorney in opposition thereto. The  
Court grant the motion"  
and in place thereof insert:

"Messrs Brady & Smith appear for  
the defendant and the District  
Attorney for the people. The Court,  
after consideration of the questions  
of law raised upon the ~~new~~ trial,  
of its own motion, ordered a  
new trial"

Ala. Lee Smith

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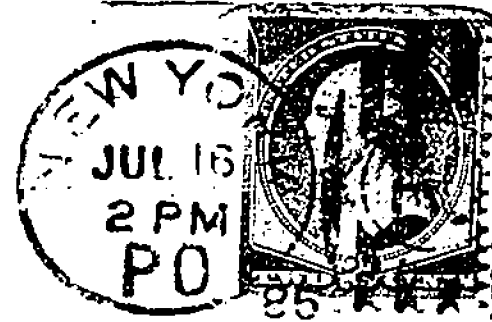
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Wm. D. (The People)  
John C. Murphy

Agrees amended

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If not delivered in Ten Days return to  
P. WHITE'S SONS,  
MANUFACTURERS OF  
COMMERCIAL FERTILIZERS,  
OF EVERY DESCRIPTION  
41 Peck Slip, New York.



*Mr. John Brennan*  
*151 Thompson St*  
*City*



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Court of General Sessions  
City & County of New York

The People vs the  
agst-  
John Murphy

City & County of New York vs: Allan Lee  
Smith of said City being duly  
sworn says

- 1 I am a Counselor at law and  
one of Counsel for defendant  
herein
- 2 This action was tried before Hon  
Judge Eldersleeve & a jury on the  
1<sup>st</sup> day of July a<sup>l</sup>. I appeared  
for the defendant.
- 3 After the evidence for the people was  
all in I moved for an acquittal  
upon questions of law. The Court  
announced that it would direct  
a conviction; take the questions of  
law, raised by me, under advice  
ment and hear me on the follow-  
ing Tuesday upon a motion for  
a new trial
- 4 On the day fixed for hearing the  
motion I appeared, protested I  
desired no new trial, presented  
my questions of law and asked  
a reversal of the conviction and for

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the defendants discharge. The Court after hearing the motion said "I think the discharge must be granted" The prisoner turned to leave the room when the District Attorney (Mr. Purdy) protested. The ruling was changed and the Court ordered a new trial and I excepted to the ruling. I never asked a new trial and one was ordered neither by the Court itself or on motion of the District Attorney

Sworn to before me J. M. Laufersmidt  
This 3<sup>rd</sup> day of August

1885  
Witness my hand and seal  
J. M. Laufersmidt

City & County of New York ss: James M.  
 Brady and James W. McLaughlin of  
 said City being duly severally  
 sworn says each for himself  
 1 That he is a Counselor at Law  
 2 That he has read the foregoing  
 affidavit of Alexander Smith  
 3 That he was present on the argu-  
 ment of the motion therein re-  
 ferred to and that what transpir-  
 ed is correctly stated in Mr.  
 Smith's affidavit

Sworn to before me

This 3<sup>rd</sup> day of Sept

1885

Joseph Phillips  
 Com. & Just.

and Clerk

James M. Brady

James W. McLaughlin

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Court of General Session

The People vs  
agst

John Murphy

Defendants Apprais

Filed August 5 1895

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Police Court—2 District.

Affidavit—Larceny.

City and County } ss.:  
of New York,of No. 24 East 18<sup>th</sup> Street, aged 48 years,  
occupation joiner being duly sworndeposes and says, that on the 25 day of June 1885 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 double case gold watch with a brass chain attached  
of the value three hundred 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 John Brennan (now here) from the fact  
that about the hour of 2 P.M. while deponent was sitting  
as a joiner on the sidewalk at the corner of University Place  
and Thirtieth Street, the defendant snatched the above  
described property from the vest; then said vest worn  
by deponent as part of his faculty clothing, the watch being  
in the left hand watch pocket of said vest, and the  
chain attached thereto being fastened in the button-hole  
of said vest, and ran away with the same.John Fitzgerald  
madeSworn to before me, this 27 day  
of June 1885

Police Justice.

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Sec. 198-200.

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District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY  
OF NEW YORK.

John Brennan 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 Brennan

Question How old are you?

Answer

Twenty-Six Years

Question Where were you born?

Answer

New York City

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

Answer

541 East 49<sup>th</sup> St Seven Years

Question What is your business or profession?

Answer

Laborer

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

Answer

I am not guilty

John Brennan

Taken before me this

day of

June 17 1885

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  
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 June 27 1885 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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BAILED,  
No. 1, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
No. 2, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
No. 3, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
No. 4, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street.

*Schoon* 634  
Police Court *2* District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

*John Fitzgerald*  
*24 1/2 E 13 St.*  
*John Brennan*

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2 \_\_\_\_\_  
3 \_\_\_\_\_  
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*Offence Narcany from the*  
*more*

Dated *June 27* 188 *6*

*Charles Melde* Magistrate.  
*John Hallman & Geo. P. Hall* Officer.  
*13* Precinct.

Witnesses *Edward Hudson*  
No. *417* *East 18th* Street.

*John White*  
No. *209 - 5th* Street.

No. \_\_\_\_\_ Street.  
\$ *20.00* to answer \_\_\_\_\_ Sessions.

*Qu*  
*#500*

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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 Brennan*

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

*John Brennan*

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

The said *John Brennan*,

late of the First Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the *twenty-fifth* day of *June*, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-*five*, in the *day* time of the said day, at the Ward, City and County aforesaid, with force and arms,

*one watch of the value of three hundred dollars, and one chain of the value of one dollar,*

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one *John E. Fitzgerald*, on the person of the said *John E. Fitzgerald*, then and there being found, from the person of the said *John E. Fitzgerald*, 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.

*Randolph B. Martine,*  
*District Attorney.*

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BOX:

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FOLDER:

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DESCRIPTION:

Bressels, William

DATE:

07/17/85



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Witnesses:

William T. Hammond  
James Gray

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*L. Stewart*

Counsel,

Filed *17* day of *July*, 188*5*  
Reads *W. H. Russell & Co.*

THE PEOPLE

vs.

*R*

*William Bussels*

Grand Larceny 2<sup>nd</sup> degree  
[Sections 628, 68, Penal Code].

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

*Aug 5/83*  
District Attorney.

*Reads attempt*

A True Bill.

*Judge suspended.  
Judge 7/16/83: 3389  
Alfred O. Applegate*

Foreman.

*Adm. exp. item at  
court, amount*

*MIA*

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Police Court—1st District.

Affidavit—Larceny.

City and County } ss.:  
of New York,

William J. Henderson

of No. 332 W. 11th Street, aged 34 years,  
occupation Carman being duly sworn

deposes and says, that on the 13th day of July 1885 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:

Three hundred reams of paper  
Benjamin all of the value of  
Ninety Dollars

the property of

In the care and custody 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 William Dressell (now Lee)

for the reason, that on said day said paper was in a freight car at St Johns Park, Deponent is informed by James Dunn a detective of the 15th precinct police that he saw said Dressell loading the said property on the corner of Laight and Varick Street from a truck which broke down and load it on another truck and drive away with the same and that said Dunn followed said truck and said Dressell from Laight Street to Fourth Street and Avenue C. and there arrested said Dressell, Deponent fully identifies

Sworn to before me, this 185 day of

Police Justice.



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the said property, and charges said Russell  
with having taken street and  
carried away said property

Subscribed before me  
this 13th day of July 1885 } William K. Henderson  
Solomon R. Smith  
Deputy 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 1885 Police Justice.  
I have admitted the above named  
to bail to answer by the undertaking hereto annexed.  
Dated 1885 Police Justice.  
There being no sufficient cause to believe the within named  
guilty of the offence mentioned, I order he to be discharged.  
Dated 1885 Police Justice.

Police Court, District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
on the complaint of

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Offence—LARCENY.

Dated 1885  
Magistrate.  
Officer.  
Clerk.

Witnesses,  
No. Street,  
No. Street,  
No. Street,  
\$ to answer Sessions.

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CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

aged 30 years, occupation

James Dunn  
Police Officer of No.

The 5th Avenue Police Street, being duly sworn deposes and

says, that he has heard read the foregoing affidavit of

Wm. J. Henderson

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

Sworn to before me, this

day of

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3d July 188  
James Dunn  
Solomon Grant  
Police Justice.

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STATE OF NEW YORK,  
CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, } ss:

POLICE COURT, 1st DISTRICT.

James Grey  
of No 94 Vandam St. Truckman Street, being duly sworn, deposes and says,

that on the 13th day of July 1885

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

hour of half past nine o'clock  
A.M. on the morning of the afore-  
said day. while deponent was standing  
with his truck on the corner of  
Canal Street and Hudson, William  
Bressell came to him and asked  
him to go to the freight offices  
in St. Johns park at Court House  
park from there to Fourth Street  
and Avenue C, that deponent consented  
to go and said Bressell accompanied  
him and when deponent arrived  
at the said park said Bressell  
permitted a freight car and told  
deponent to back his team up  
to said car, and said Bressell went  
into said car and began loading  
said property on said truck, and then deponent  
started to drive away, and when  
deponent arrived at the corner  
of Laight and Varreck Streets his truck  
broke down, thereupon said Bressell  
coined another truck and began  
loading said property from deponent's  
truck onto said other truck.  
Deponent fully identifies said Bressell  
as the person who employed him to  
take the said property from the  
said freight depot and as being

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the person who accompanied  
him and who loaded the said  
property from said freight  
car on to his truck

Sworn to before me  
this 15<sup>th</sup> day of July 1885  
Solomon Smith  
Police Justice

POLICE COURT— DISTRICT.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,

ON THE COMPLAINT OF

vs.

AFFIDAVIT.

Dated

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Magistrate.

Officer.

Witness,

Disposition

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Sec. 198-200.

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, ss

127 District Police Court.

*William Russell* 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 Russell.*

Question. How old are you?

Answer *34 years.*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. *Ireland*

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

Answer. *304 W 10th Street 2 months*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. *Labourer*

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 of the charge.*  
*William Russell*

Taken before me this

13th

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*Wm. H. ...*

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POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINALS

*John C. ...*  
*1871 ...*



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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*  
\_\_\_\_\_ *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 13* 188

*Solomon R. Smith* 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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Police Court

Dist. 721

THE PEOPLE, &c.,

ON THE COMPLAINT OF

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W. H. St.

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Dated

1885

Magistrate

Officer.

Precinct.

Witnesses

No.

Street.

No.

Street.

No.

Street.

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to answer

BAILED,

No. 1, by

Residence

Street.

No. 2, by

Residence

Street.

No. 3, by

Residence

Street.

No. 4, by

Residence

Street.

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HEFFERNAN & ROSSMAN,  
MANUFACTURERS AND WHOLESALE  
PAPER DEALERS,  
No. 180 FULTON STREET.

New York, Aug 7. 1885  
Hon Henry A. Gildersleeve  
City Judge

Dear Sir

In relation to the case of William Bressels now before you for sentence I would respectfully say that I am not personally acquainted with the prisoner, but I have made inquiry and from information received I am satisfied that it is his first offence and that his character has been good heretofore he having worked for one of the Cartmen doing our trade for two years. I would respectfully ask that in consideration of his previous record the imprisonment already suffered by him and the condition of his wife's health that you will be lenient with him and suspend sentence on him,

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believing that the prisoner will avail  
himself of the leniency shown him &  
become again a useful member of society  
and that it is a proper case for  
you to exercise your power and that  
the ends of justice will be served,

Respectfully Yours.  
Heffernan *R. A. Heffernan*

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N. Y. General Sessions

The People v. c.

vs  
William Bressels

City & County of New York S.S.

William Hayes being duly sworn says that he knows  
William Bressels above named  
and has been acquainted with him  
about between two and three years.

That deponent resides at 163 Charles  
Street in said city and is a boss  
cartman in the paper business

That said Bressels worked for  
deponent for about two years as  
<sup>a helper to</sup> driver of a truck and up to about  
November or December last, when he  
left deponent's employment.

That deponent always found him  
honest and trustworthy and never  
heard of his being any trouble before

~~Sworn to before me this~~

~~4th day of August 1888~~

Deponent further says that when  
said Bressels left deponent, he

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bought a horse & wagon and went peddling coal and deponent rented him a stall in his stable and trusted him there at all times.

That after that during the spring of 1885 he peddled ice & wood and finally & shortly before his arrest sold his horse & wagon.

Sworn to before me this

4<sup>th</sup> day of August 1885

John A. O'Brien

Notary Public

William Hayes



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N Y General Sessions

The People &c

aget  
William Bressels

City & County of New York

Thomas Delaney of No 447 West  
16<sup>th</sup> Street being duly sworn says  
that he is a wagon maker by  
occupation, that he has been  
intimately acquainted with the above  
named defendant for the past two  
years and a half, associating with  
him and being in his company  
evenings and on Sundays.

Deponent further says that he  
has known him to be a sober, honest &  
hardworking man and never heard  
of his doing any dishonest act  
before, and was very much surprised  
to hear of his being arrested this time.

Sworn to before me this

4 day of August 1885

John A O'Brien

Notary Public  
N.Y.C.

Thomas Delaney

N. Y. General Sessions

The People &c  
 agt  
 William Bressels

City & County of New York ss

Thomas Mc Meice of No 742 Washington Street in said city being duly sworn says that he is a blacksmith by occupation and has been engaged in business for over nine years past.

Deponent further says that he has been acquainted with the above named defendant for two years last past. - that he has frequently during that time seen him and has always known him to be a very hard working man.  
 Sworn to before me this

4<sup>th</sup> day of August 1885  
 John A O'Brien  
 Notary Public  
 N. Y.

Thos Mc Meice

N. Y. General Sessions

The People vs

agent

William Boersels

City & County of New York

Hugh Danaher being duly sworn says that he is engaged into the oyster business with Wm Foster & Co at Barge No. 9, foot of Charles Street in said City in season & has been working for them for the past two years & has a business of his own at No 56 Tenth Avenue in said City corner of 14th Street and resides at 498 West Street in said City.

Deponent further says that he has been acquainted with the above named defendant for the past two years and over, and intimately, said defendant being a member of the same Temperance organization as deponent.

Deponent further says that said defendant has always been known to deponent as a sober, honest &

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hardworking man. and has never been  
in any trouble before to deponents  
knowledge

Sworn to before me this  
4<sup>th</sup> day of August 1885 }  
John A. O'Brien } George Danaher  
Notary Public }  
N.Y.

N. Y. General Sessions

The People vs

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William Dressels

Affidavit in  
Mitigation of  
Sentence

C. J. Spencer  
Att'y. in

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Court of General Sessions of the Peace

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,

against

William Crossed

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

William Crossed

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

The said William Crossed,

late of the First Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid on the ~~thirteenth~~ day of ~~April~~ in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-~~five~~, at the Ward, City and County aforesaid, with force and arms,

Three hundred reams of paper

of the value of thirty four

cents each ream,

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one William W.

Henderson,

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.

Randolph B. Martinie,  
District Attorney.

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BOX:

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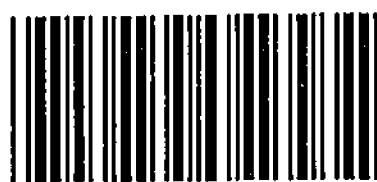
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Brosnan, Daniel

DATE:

07/16/85



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Counsel,

Pleas *C. W. Wright* 117

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Daniel Brozman

Headed April 3 day

*District Attorney*

*Leaves me.*  
**A True Bill.**

Florence

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Assault in the Second Degree,  
(Resisting Arrest.)  
(Section 216)

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Daniel Brogan

August 13  
(Res)

Head of 3 deg

Robert J. Williams

*D. C. D.*  
*District Attorney.*

*Pen & Ink*  
**A True Bill.**

Allen J. Apperson

Foreman.

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*L. Long Term*

*John C. Brown*

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Police Court— District.

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

aged 34  
of the 18<sup>th</sup> Precinct Police Street,

being duly sworn, deposes and says, that  
on Wednesday the 8<sup>th</sup> day of July  
in the year 1885, at the City of New York, in the County of New York,

and feloniously  
he was violently ASSAULTED and BEATEN by Daniel Brosnan  
(nowhere) who threw a Stone at deponent, striking  
deponent on the head while deponent was in  
uniform, and having a Prisoner in custody.  
Deponent is informed by Mary Ellen Schaffer of No. 519 East 15 Street  
that she saw said defendant throw said Stone, saying at the time  
"Well that son of a bitch, meaning deponent, said assault was committed."

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

Sworn to before me, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of July 1885 } Charles Schoell

John J. ... Police Justice.

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CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

aged 21 years, occupation Married,  
519 East 15th Street, being duly sworn deposes and  
of No.

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

Sworn to before me, this

day of

July

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Mary Ann Schaffer

John J. Hornum

Police Justice.

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Sec. 198-200.

CITY AND COUNTY  
OF NEW YORK, ss

4 District Police Court.

Harold Brosnan 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. Harold Brosnan

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. 517 East 15 Street, 7 years

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. Painter

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

Answer. I throw a Stone, but not with the  
intent to hit the Policeman

Harold Brosnan

Taken before me this

day of July

1885

John J. Brown 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

*Raaiel Broeman*

*Seven* ~~Seven~~ Hundred Dollars. I order that he be held to answer the same and he be admitted to bail in the sum of 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 9* 188 *5* *Whitney* 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 District.

THE PEOPLE, & c,

ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Charles School  
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vs.

David Brown

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Offence  
Get arrested

BAILED,

No. 1, by

Residence Street.

No. 2, by

Residence Street.

No. 3, by

Residence Street.

No. 4, by

Residence Street.

Dated

July 9

1885

Magistrate.

School

Officer.

18

Precinct.

Witnesses

Mary Ann Schaper

No. 519 East 15 Street.

No.

Street.

No.

Street.

\$

700 to answer

David



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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

*Daniel Brown*

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

*Daniel Brown*

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

The said *Daniel Brown*,

late of the City and County of New York, on the *eight* day of  
*July* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred  
and eighty *five*, at the City and County aforesaid, with force and arms feloniously  
made an assault in and upon one *Charles Schell*,

then and there being a *police man* of the Municipal Police of the City  
New York, and as such *police man* being then and there engaged in the lawful  
*apprehension* of one *John Randall*,  
for an assault,  
and the said *Daniel Brown*, him, the said

*Charles Schell*

then and there feloniously did beat, strike, wound and otherwise ill-treat, with intent  
then and there to prevent and resist the lawful *apprehension*  
of *the said John Randall*, as aforesaid,  
against the form of the Statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace  
of the People of the State of New York and their dignity.

*Randolph B. Martin*

~~JOHN H. HUTTON~~

District Attorney.

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FOLDER:

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DESCRIPTION:

Brown, Adam

DATE:

07/21/85



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Witnesses:

*William Smith*

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*Wm. C. Speer*

Counsel,

Filed 24 day of July 1885

Pleads Not guilty vs.

THE PEOPLE

vs.

*P*

*Adam Brown*

ASSAULT IN THE FIRST DEGREE, ETC.  
(Sections 217 and 218, Penal Code).

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

District Attorney.

A True Bill.

*Allen D. Applegate*

Foreman.

*Wm. C. Speer*  
*Wm. C. Speer*  
*Wm. C. Speer*

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Police Court—4 District.

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

*William Rüb.*  
of No. 914 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue Street, aged 28 years,  
occupation House Painter being duly sworn  
deposes and says, that on the 17 day of July 1885 at the City of New  
York, in the County of New York,

he was violently and feloniously ASSAULTED and BEATEN by

*Adam Brown (now here)*

*who struck upon me two blows on  
the head with a Slungshot (here shown)  
he then held in his hand*

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

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

Sworn to before me, this 18 day }  
of July 1885 }

*William Rüb.*

*John Horner* Police Justice.

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Sec. 198—200.

District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY  
OF NEW YORK, { ss

Adam Brown 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 Adam Brown

Question. How old are you?

Answer Twenty

Question. Where were you born?

Answer Germany

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

Answer 241 East 54 Street 2 weeks

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer Brown,

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 the complainant and two others assaulted me

Adam Brown.

Taken before me this

18

day of

July  
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John J. Brown 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

Adam Brown  
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 18 188 5 John J. Jones 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 District. *740*

THE PEOPLE, &c,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

*William Rink*  
*914 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave*  
vs.

1 *Adam Brown*

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*Ed. Carroll*  
Offence

Dated *July 18* 188*5*

*Wm. Rink* Magistrate.

*Buff* Officer.

*19* Precinct.

Witnesses

No. Street.

No. Street.

No. Street.

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

*Carroll*

BAILED,

No. 1, by

Residence Street.

No. 2, by

Residence Street.

No. 3, by

Residence Street

No. 4

Residence Street.

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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

Adam Brown

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

Adam Brown

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

The said Adam Brown,

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the  
fourteenth day of July, — in the year of our Lord  
one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five, with force of arms, at the City and  
County aforesaid, in and upon the body of one William Rids —  
in the peace of the said People then and there being, feloniously did make an assault  
and in the said William Rids, —  
with a certain slung shot —

which the said Adam Brown —  
in his right hand then and there had and held, the same being a deadly and  
dangerous weapon, wilfully and feloniously did beat, strike, stab, cut and wound

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

SECOND COUNT:

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

Adam Brown —

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

The said Adam Brown,

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

with a certain slung shot —

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

Randolph B. Martinie  
District Attorney

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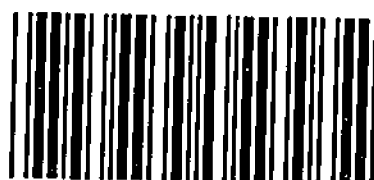
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Brown, Henry

DATE:

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Witnesses:

*Ant. L. M. M. M. M. M.*

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Counsel,

Filed

day of

1885

Pleads

THE PEOPLE

*Chas. D. D.*

*Speed & Granted P*

*Henry Brown*

Forgery in the Second Degree.  
(Section 511 and 591, Penal Code.)

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

District Attorney.

A True Bill.

Foreman.

*V. L. L. L. L.*

*S. P. Five years.*

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Case of Fawcett  
Brown & Rail  
The People ~~vs.~~  
vs.  
Henry Brown

District Attorney's Office.  
City & County of  
New York.

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1<sup>st</sup> Dis Com.

The People

<sup>2nd</sup>  
~~Henry~~ Brown

~~City~~ City & County of }  
New York } N.Y.

Not hereby being only even  
days that at the City of  
New York. <sup>Henry</sup> ~~Edward~~ Brown  
now there on the 17<sup>th</sup> day  
of June. did falsely make  
false and counterfeit the  
signature of Edward Pfau  
to a recognizance in bond  
which is hereto annexed  
and binds said of this  
affair the the said  
Brown ~~there to~~ at  
the time he signed said  
bond well knowing the  
was forging the same.

Now to keep me Anne M. King  
June 17<sup>th</sup> 1885

David O. Reilly, Police Justice



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Sec. 198—200.

CITY AND COUNTY { ss  
OF NEW YORK,

District Police Court.

*Henry Brown* 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.

*Henry Brown*

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

*36 years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

*Virginia*

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

Answer.

*No home*

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 have nothing to say at present*

*[Signature]*

*Henry Brown.*

Taken before me this

day of

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*James C. [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 defendant

guilty thereof, I order that he be held to answer the same and he be admitted to bail in the sum of 25  
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

June 11

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Samuel C. Butler Police Justice.

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

Dated

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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

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Police Justice.

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Police Court-- 1 District. 621

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Ambrose H. Pundy

vs.  
Edward Brown

BAILED.

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

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

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

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

Dated July 17 1885

D. O. Reilly Magistrate.

Oluman Officer.

Detective Sergt. Precinct.

Witnesses Jas. P. Williamson

No. 194 Broadway Street

Edward Platt Top floor

No. 183 Rivington Street,

Edward Freudenburg

No. 183 Rivington Street,

\$ 2.500 to answer

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The People  
vs.  
Henry Brown

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

Thursday, August 30, 1885.

Indictment for forgery in the second degree.

William M. Penny sworn and examined by Mr Purdy.  
What is your business? Recognisance Clerk in the District  
Attorney's office. Do you recollect seeing the prisoner  
Brown? I do. Did you see him sign that? I saw him make  
those four signature attached to that bond; that is the  
signature of Edward Pfau. Four times on the bond? Yes..

Mr Purdy. I offer the bond in evidence. (Marked Peoples' Exhibit  
A.)

Counsel. I desire to know what it is going in evidence as.

Mr Purdy. It speaks for itself, I offer this paper in evidence.

The Court. It shows for itself.

Counsel. I object to its going in evidence as a bond.

The Court. This paper now offered you need not call it a bond,  
you may call it whatever you like.

Mr Purdy. I offer it in evidence.

By the Court. You saw the defendant sign it? Yes sir.

Cross Examined. Mr Penny, what are your duties in  
the office in relation to bonds? I am recognisance  
clerk. When do you deem a man sufficient to become a  
surety for any person in prison? When he justifies in the  
proper amount and is properly identified. Then if a  
man presents himself from the benches in the Park and  
says, I want to go on a bond for two or three prisoners  
in the Tombs and he is willing to sign his name on an  
instrument which is intended to be a bond will you take  
him.

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The Court. What has that got to do with it?

Counsel. It will support the motion.

Mr Purdy. Mr Penny cannot take anybody, the Court takes bail.

The Court. You want to get his opinion of what he considers a good surety?

Counsel. Yes sir.

The Court. I do not see how that is material.

v Counsel. Do you know the defendant? No. Do you know his name?

Only as he gave it himself. What is it? The name he gave after arrest was Henry Brown. When did you learn that his name was Henry Brown? Immediately after his arrest. Well, do you know Edward Pfau? He came to my office the same morning, I saw Mr Pfau in the office. On what morning? The morning of the day upon which this bond was signed, the 17th of June. And that was the morning of the day on which the bond was signed was it? Yes. Before the prisoner signed the bond? Before the prisoner signed the bond. Do you know where Mr Pfau lives? The same address given by this prisoner, 183 Rivington Street. What property did the prisoner give? A house and lot 183 Rivington Street. Did you find that this Edward Pfau was the owner of a house and lot there? I found he was not. You found that he was not? Yes sir. Then before this bond was signed you learned that this man here was not Edward Pfau and that Edward Pfau owned no property? I did. That is correct isn't it? Correct. What is this paper? A recognisance, a bail bond.

Henry Welsh sworn. By Mr Purdy. What is your business Mr Welsh? I am third deputy clerk of this Court. Will you look at the paper that I now show you and state

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what it is? It is an order admitting the defendant to bail. Who is it signed by? Signed by his honor, Recorder Smyth. You have seen him write, you know his signature? I have, yes sir and I saw him sign this.

Mr Purdy. I offer that in evidence, an order for bail.

Now look at the bail bond and see if you find any of your initials on it? I do sir. Do you recollect taking that bail bond? I do sir. Do you recollect the prisoner? I do sir. Did he acknowledge it? He acknowledged it. Did you administer to him the oath? I did sir. And he was sworn by whom? By myself in the presence of the Recorder in open court. Look at that paper and see what that is? That is an indictment taken from the files of our court, filed on the 17th of June this year.

Mr Purdy. I offer that in evidence, an indictment against James McGerald for robbery in the first degree, filed June 17, 1885.

By Counsel. Was McGerald admitted to bail? He was remanded, he was not admitted to bail.

By the Court. He was not discharged? No, he was not discharged.

By Counsel. Do you know if he was discharged two days afterward? Objected to as immaterial. Objection sustained.

Edward Pfau sworn and examined by Mr Purdy.  
Where do you reside? 183 Rivington Street. What is your name? Edward Pfau. Is that your signature Mr Pfau? (Paper shown.) No sir. Is that your signature over there and is that your signature here? (Pointing to the paper.) No sir. Did you ever sign a bail bond down here in the District Attorney's office for one James McGerald? No sir.



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By Counsel. What is your full name Mr Pfau? My name is Edward  
Pfau. Have you any middle name? No sir. Do you own  
the house and lot 183 Rivington Street? I do not.

By Mr Purdy. Who does it belong to? E. D. Friedenberg, I live  
with Mr Friedenberg.

Mr Purdy. That is the case for the People.

The Jury rendered a verdict of guilty with a recom-  
mendation to mercy.

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Friedenberg  
is  
the  
case  
1922*

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Testimony in the case

of  
Henry Brown

filed July  
1885-



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POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINALS

to the past, and I  
wonder if you will  
be able to find them. There are  
no records in the  
in your name to the  
extent to be given me in  
this paper, and the  
date of the old man, and  
the date of the new man. The  
old man has been  
dead.

Very truly yours,

To the  
checked out  
at

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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

*Denny Brown*

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

*Denny Brown*

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

The said *Denny Brown*,

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the  
*seventeenth* day of *June*, in the year of our Lord  
one thousand eight hundred and eighty-*five* with force and arms, at the City and  
County aforesaid, feloniously did forge, and cause and procure to be forged, and willingly act  
and assist in the forging a certain instrument and writing, *to wit: a certain*  
*undertaking and recognizance,*

which said forged *undertaking and recognizance*,  
is as follows, that is to say:

State of New York, City and County of New York, ss.  
An indictment having been found on the *14th*  
day of *June*, 1885, in the Court of General Sessions  
of the City and County of New York, charging *James*  
*Mc Fitzgerald* with the crime of Forgery in the first  
degree, and the having been duly admitted to bail  
in the sum of Twenty-five hundred dollars:  
We, *James Mc Fitzgerald* defendant, residing  
at No. 135 Third Street Williamburgh and Edward  
O'Farrell, residing at No. 183 Livingston Street, County  
Kings, jointly and severally undertake that the  
above-named *James Mc Fitzgerald* shall appear and  
answer the indictment above mentioned, in whatever  
Court it may be prosecuted, and shall at all times  
render himself amenable to the orders and process  
of the Court; and, if convicted, shall appear for judg-  
ment, and render himself in execution thereof, or, if  
he fail to perform either of these conditions, that  
we will pay to the people of the State of New York, the  
sum of Twenty-five hundred dollars.  
Done and acknowledged before  
me this *14th* day of *June* 1885 } *James Mc Fitzgerald, Principal.*  
*J. Smyth* } *Edward O'Farrell, Surety.*  
*Rec*

with intent to defraud, against the form of the Statute in such case made and provided, and  
against the peace of the People of the State of New York and their dignity.

*Randolph B. Martine,*  
District Attorney.