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BOX:

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FOLDER:

2687

DESCRIPTION:

Smith, James

DATE:

10/21/87



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POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0299

Witnesses :

Geo. Hicks

Officer O'Connor

Counsel,

Filed, 21 day of Oct. 1887

Pleads, Chas. J. ...

THE PEOPLE

vs.

14. 18 Eldridge St.  
James Smith

Grand Larceny, second degree  
(FROM THE PERSON),  
[Sections 528, 531 Penal Code].

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

District Attorney.

Read guilty of ...

A True Bill.

J. C. ...  
Foreman.

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0300

Police Court— District.

Affidavit—Larceny.

City and County } ss.  
of New York.

of No. 122 *Cooper Street* *George Milk* *George Milk* aged 64 years,  
occupation *Machinist* being duly sworn

deposes and says, that on the *9* day of *October* 188*8* at the City of New  
York, in the County of New York, was feloniously taken, stolen and carried away from the possession *of the*  
*person* of deponent, in the *day* time, the following property viz :

*One silver watch of the*  
*value of about twenty five*  
*dollars* *\$25.00*

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 *James Smith (now present)*

*for the following facts*  
*to wit:— That at the time*  
*mentioned, while deponent was*  
*in the menagerie in Central*  
*Park, in said City, with the above*  
*described property in his poss-*  
*ession on his person, he*  
*felt a tug at the pocket in which*  
*said property was kept, & saw*  
*defendant in the act of taking his hand*  
*from said pocket. That immediately*  
*thereafter deponent seized said property.*  
*That deponent is now informed*  
*by Otto Wignard, that he Wignard*

Sworn to before me, this

day

188-

Police Justice

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0301

at the time mentioned found said  
watches in the possession of De-  
fendant & saw Defendant allow  
said watches to fall from his  
hands.

George Wilkes

Sworn to before me  
this 7<sup>th</sup> Day of October 1887

Wm. H. H. H.  
Police Justice.



POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0302

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

aged 58 years, occupation Book Binder of No. 341 East 13th Street, being duly sworn deposes and

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

Sworn to before me, this 10  
day of October 1888

Otto Wigan

Wm Wm Wm

Police Justice.

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0303

Sec. 198—200.

CITY AND COUNTY  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

District Police Court.

*James Smith* 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.

*James Smith*

Taken before me by me

Notary Public

Police Justice

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0304

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

234/1664  
Police Court District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

George M. Miller  
1172 E. 10th St.  
New York City  
vs.  
James M. Miller  
1172 E. 10th St.  
New York City

2 \_\_\_\_\_  
3 \_\_\_\_\_  
4 \_\_\_\_\_

offence \_\_\_\_\_  
from the \_\_\_\_\_

Dated Oct-10 188

Magistrate  
Officer  
Precinct

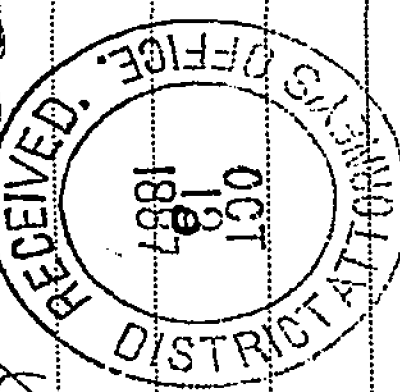
Witnesses

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

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

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

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ to answer



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 gives such bail.

Dated Oct-10 188 \_\_\_\_\_ 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.

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0305

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 Smith*

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

*James Smith* —

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

The said *James Smith*,

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the

*ninth* day of — *October*, — in the year of our Lord

one thousand eight hundred and eighty-*seven*, at the City and County aforesaid, in the

*day* time of the same day, with force and arms, *one watch*

*of the value of twenty five*

*dollars,*

of the goods, chattels, and personal property of one *Figoraz Willard*, —

on the person of the said *Figoraz Willard*, then and there being

found, from the person of the said *Figoraz Willard*, 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.

*Richard J. B. Macdonald*

District Attorney.

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0306

Witnesses :

Geo. Wilks

Officer O'Connor

Counsel,

Filed, 21 day of

1887

Pleads,

THE PEOPLE

vs.

19.  
Edwards  
James Smith

Grand Larceny, second degree

(FROM THE PERSON)

[Sections 628, 681 Penal Code].

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

District Attorney.

Read guilty of same

A True Bill.

J. C. Mues

Foreman.

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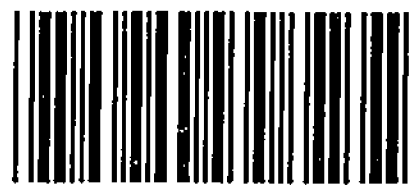
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DESCRIPTION:

Smith, John

DATE:

10/14/87



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POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0300

Witnesses:

Pietro Brasco

Officer Say

I recommend  
since the parties  
have made friends  
the discharge of  
Duffy's bail & a  
suspension of bench  
Andrew Ed of 2 acres  
D. A. D. A.

Counsel,

Filed 14 day of

1889

Pleads

THE PEOPLE

vs.

Assault in the Second Degree.  
(Section 218, Penal Code.)

John Smith

RANOLPH B. MARTINE,

Attorney at Law,  
District Attorney.

A True Bill.

Ordered to N. D. Court of  
Circuit and Criminal for trial  
transferred to Court of General  
Sessions for trial Feb. 6. 1889  
Oct 14. 1889



POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0309

Court of General Sessions:

People vs }  
John Smith }

I, am the Complainant  
in the above case, and desire to  
withdraw the complaint as we  
have become friends again.

Dated 21st April 1888.

J. Pitts  
Complainant

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0310

TO THE CHIEF CLERK.

PLEASE SEND ME THE PAPERS IN THE CASE OF

PEOPLE

vs.

*John Smith*

*Attorney*

*Ind. ex 1115*

*John*  
District Attorney.

*Part One*

City & County  
of New York } ss.

Max Meyers being duly  
sworn deposes and says = I am a  
clerk in the office of Steckler Bros  
and that Mr Alfred Steckler is  
actually engaged in the trial of an  
action in the City Court. Mr A.  
Steckler being the only gentleman  
in the office to try the case of  
John Smith = his brothers Chas<sup>ed</sup> and  
Louis Steckler being in Florida.  
that ~~such~~ the case in the City Court  
will take the rest of the day;  
Mr Steckler will try the case of  
John Smith on Monday next.

Sworn to before me

this 10<sup>th</sup> day of Feb, 1888

John M. Drummond } Max Meyers.  
Notary Public  
N Y Co

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0312

Police Court— District

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

of No. 39 Muffin Pietro Biases Street, aged 34 years,  
occupation laborer being duly sworn, deposes and says, that  
on the 25 day of June 1887 at the City of New York,  
in the County of New York,

he was violently ASSAULTED and BEATEN by John Smith  
and his wife who struck upon him

several violent blows on the head  
and arms with a wooden stick which he then  
held in his hand  
without any justification on the part of the said assailant

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

Sworn to before me, this

day of

1887

Pietro Biases  
John Smith  
Police Justice

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0313

Sec. 198-206.

CITY AND COUNTY  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

District Police Court.

*John Smith* 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

188

Police Justice.

POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL

0314

BAILED  
No. 1, by *James M. Munkton*  
Residence *39 West* Street.  
No. 2, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street.  
No. 3, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street.  
No. 4, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street.

#183  
Police Court, 1st District. 965

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

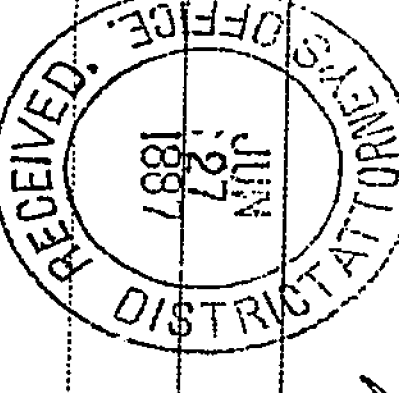
*Victor Blach*  
*John Smith*  
Offence *Assault*

Dated *June 20* 188

*John Smith* Magistrate  
*John Smith* Officer.

Witnesses *John Smith* Precinct.

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



No. \_\_\_\_\_ Street.  
to answer *John Smith*  
*John Smith*

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 *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 *June 20* 188 *A. J. White* Police Justice.

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

Dated *June 20* 188 *A. J. White* 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.

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0315

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 Smith*

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

*John Smith*

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

The said *John Smith*,

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

*Pietro Bianco*, —

in the peace of the said People then and there being, feloniously did wilfully and  
wrongfully make an assault; and the said *John Smith*,

with a certain *knife* — which *he* the said

*John Smith* —

in *his* right hand then and there had and held, the same being then and there a  
*weapon* likely to produce grievous bodily harm, *him*,  
the said *Pietro Bianco*, then and there feloniously  
did wilfully and wrongfully strike, beat, — bruise 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.

*Richard B. Smith*

District Attorney.



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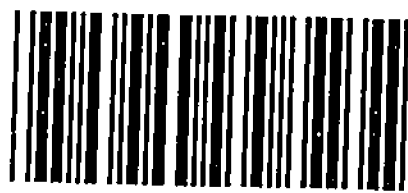
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Smith, John

DATE:

10/18/87



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Connors, John

DATE:

10/18/87



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Will 13  
100K (1000)  
Line 8ft 2 days' notice

Counsel, Oct 1887  
Filed, Oct day of  
Pleads, Chattanooga

Grand Larceny, Sections 528, 581 and 550, Penal Code  
(FROM THE PERSON)  
THE PEOPLE  
vs.  
John Smith  
John Connor

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,  
Chattanooga, Tenn.  
District Attorney.

Dec 5 PM 2 ADP  
New York 12-2 ADP to be paid then  
A True Bill. Dec 7/67  
and Nov 1 charged.  
C. M. M. C. S.  
Foreman.

Wm. E. Smith  
Wm. E. Smith

Witnesses:  
Patrick Smith 1037-22nd  
Officer McGuire  
James Meade 455 1st 13  
Officer Swivel

James Winston  
Mutual Life Ins. Co. Bury  
Wm. Smith  
W. R. + 54 St.  
James Blongton 11  
John Smith  
Chas. H. F. Wilson  
Land refiner

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0319

Commissioner's Office  
Police Department  
of the City of New York  
310 Mulberry St.

New York Nov 24<sup>th</sup> 1887

Hon. Randolph Brastine.

Dear Judge.

Several <sup>influential</sup> citizens of New Jersey who feel sure of the innocence of John Connor, charged with pocket-picking, request me to ask you to have Mr. Parody to no longer delay this case which is to be brought up before Judge (wing to) tomorrow-Friday.

These citizens - some former employers of Connor - believe in his entire innocence and that his story is true - this from the fact that they know his honesty under many opportunities when he could have been dishonest without integrity.

Yours sincerely  
Wm. Porter

**POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL**

0320

People

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*Robert Connor*  
~~Robert Connor~~

POOR QUALITY  
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0321



J. F. Coleman, Commissioner

Department of Street Cleaning,  
City of New York.

31 & 32 Park Row

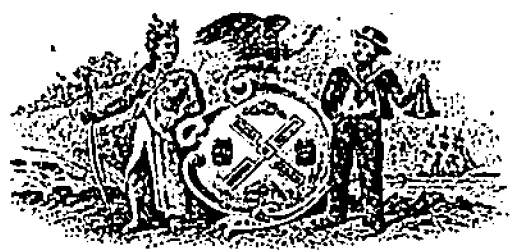
New York, 18<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1887

Hon. Randolph B. Martine  
Sir:

I beg to  
acknowledge to you herewith  
a letter addressed  
to me by the Rev. J. M. Flynn  
of Morristown N. J.  
Dr. M. M. M. called  
while I was out and  
left the letter. Mr. Flynn  
offered me a  
which I have  
which I have

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Department of Street Cleaning,  
City of New York,  
31 & 32 Park Row.

J. S. Blum, Commissioner

New York, 188

My dear Mr. Flynn  
As Mr. Flynn  
takes so much  
interest in Patrick  
Connell, I am  
gladified that  
there is some  
mistake, and  
ask you to find  
the matter careful  
consideration

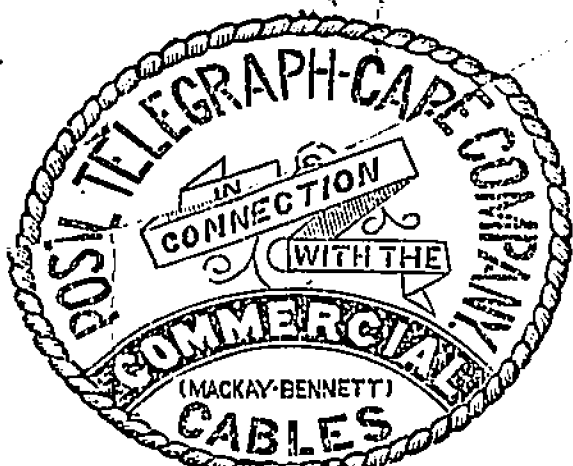
Very truly yours  
J. S. Blum



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This is an UNREPEATED MESSAGE, and is delivered by request of the sender under the conditions stated above.

ALBERT B. CHANDLER, Pres't & Gen'l Manager.  
HENRY ROSENER, Vice-President.

EDWARD C. PLATT, Treasurer.  
GEORGE W. WILLIAMSON, Sec'y and Auditor.

NUMBER	SENT BY	REC'D BY	CHECK
55428	M W	12 Nov	

Dated Nov 12 1887 Morristown N.J. Rec'd at MAIN OFFICE, 187 BROADWAY, NEW YORK.

To Jas S Coleman No 1887

That name father Flynn sent  
you should be Connors Not  
Connell My Mistake.

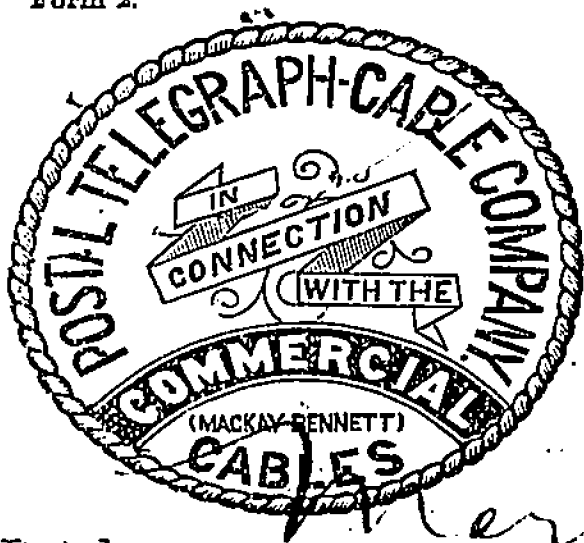
M J Lowe  
mgr

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DEPARTMENT OF  
STREET CLEANING

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NUMBER	SENT BY	RE'D BY	CHECK
11	m	La	3 p.m.

Dated

To

Rec'd at MAIN OFFICE, 187 BROADWAY, NEW YORK.

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*Harrisburg Pa*  
*James Coleman*  
*Patrick Connell*  
*Charge "packet picking"*  
*Joseph M. Flynn*

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

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Morristown N. J.  
Nov. 16, 1887

Dear Mr. Coleman,

The brave, Dr. Melcher,  
has his sympathies enlisted in saving  
an honest servant of his in the past from  
prison. He will tell you all about  
the matter; and I beg of you to bring  
your influence to bear to protect this  
innocent man, and save him from  
the stigma of a criminal.

Yours very sincerely &c

Joseph M. Flynn  
Rector

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RECEIVED.

DEC  
6  
1887  
DEPARTMENT OF  
STREET CLEANING

St. Michael's Dec 5/87

Dear Sir:

Young Cronos about  
whom Father Flynn wrote you  
some days ago has not yet been  
tried. Dr. Hebelacher and a  
number of witnesses besides my-  
self, have attended the Court of  
General Sessions for three days.  
Cronos parents are poor and  
the witnesses who go for the pur-  
pose of trying to save him from  
conviction, not only lose their  
time but pay their own expenses.

The case was set down for trial  
this morning and all were on  
hand but the case was not call-  
ed. The matter is in the hands  
of Asst. District Fitzgerald and

he can move it whenever he  
sees fit. It has been set down  
again for trial on the 7<sup>th</sup> inst.  
Wednesday, and all the witnesses  
will be in hand. No case is  
over on, and probably none will  
be on Wednesday morning -  
Will you not please see Mr.  
Fitzgerald and persuade him to  
call Omoro case the first on  
Wednesday? He can do it if he  
will.

It's rank injustice to ask  
all these witnesses to go so far, so  
often, at their own expense -

I am sure you can aid us  
if you will, and I sincerely hope  
you will -

Yours truly,  
J. B. Wood  
James Coleman Esq.

POOR QUALITY  
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The People

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John Commers

G.L.

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0329

Police Court

District

Affidavit—Larceny.

City and County } ss.  
of New York,

of No. 1037 Second Avenue Street, aged 24 years,  
occupation Carver being duly sworn

deposes and says, that on the 8th day of October 1887 at the City of New  
York, in the County of New York, was feloniously taken, stolen and carried away from the possession  
Person of deponent, in the day time, the following property viz :

A Silver Watch of the  
value of about "Five 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 Smith and John Connors

Acting in collusion and both now present  
that about half past four o'clock P.M.  
on said day deponent was standing  
among a crowd of persons in the "Menagerie  
Building" Central Park, and the first named defendant  
was standing close beside deponent. That  
one George Pullman then informed deponent  
that Smith had taken the watch. Deponent  
finding that the watch was stolen, took hold  
of Smith. That deponent was thereafter  
informed by one Fred Mencke that he  
saw the defendant Connors have the watch  
in his hand, and saw him drop it close by  
where he Mencke stood.

John Smith

Sworn to before me this  
1887 day of  
October  
at New York  
Police Justice.



POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0330

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

aged 23 years, occupation Waiter of No.

242 East 30<sup>th</sup> Street, being duly sworn deposes and

says, that he has heard read the foregoing affidavit of Daniel Smith

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

Sworn to before me, this 18<sup>th</sup>

day of October 1887

Wm. Murray  
Police Justice

Georg Pullman

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

aged 44 years, occupation Sea faring of No.

453 West 13<sup>th</sup> Street, being duly sworn deposes and

says, that he has heard read the foregoing affidavit of Daniel Smith

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

Sworn to before me, this 18<sup>th</sup>

day of October 1887

Wm. Murray  
Police Justice

Fred Mencke

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

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Sec. 198—200.

CITY AND COUNTY  
OF NEW YORK, } ss

4 District Police Court.

*John Smith* 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 Smith*

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

*21 Years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer,

*New York City*

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

Answer.

*218 East 20 Street*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer,

*Land Refiner*

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 charges*  
*John Smith*

Taken before me this

day of *October* 188*7*

*John Smith*  
Police Justice.

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Sec. 198-200.

CITY AND COUNTY  
OF NEW YORK, ss.

4 District Police Court.

John Connors 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 1888  
day of

Police Justice.

POOR QUALITY  
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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 \_\_\_\_\_

231 1668  
Police Court District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Michael Smith

1037 1037

John Smith

John Cornors

Dated October 10 188

Magistrate.

Quincy T. McGuire Officer.

Black Officer

Witnesses George Gullman

No. 1037 1037

No. 1037 1037

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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 Fifty Hundred Dollars, each and be committed to the Warden and Keeper of the City Prison of the City of New York, until he give such bail.

Dated Oct 10 188 Police Justice.

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

Dated Oct 12th 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.

POOR QUALITY  
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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 Smith and  
John Ransom

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

John Smith and John Ransom

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

The said

John Smith and John  
Ransom, both

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the

eight day of October, in the year of our Lord

one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven, at the City and County aforesaid, in the

day time of the same day, with force and arms, one watch

of the value of five dollars,

of the goods, chattels, and personal property of one

on the person of the said

found, from the person of the said

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.

**POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL**

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SECOND COUNT—

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

*John Ramers.* —

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

The said *John Ramers.*

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 five dollars,*

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

by— certain *other* persons to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown, then lately before  
feloniously stolen, taken and carried away from the said *Charles Smith,*

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

*John Ramers.* —

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

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

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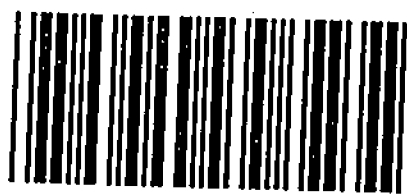
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DESCRIPTION:

Smith, William

DATE:

10/27/87



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FOLDER:

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DESCRIPTION:

Reilly, Maggie

DATE:

10/27/87



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Witnesses:

Jos W Henderson

Officer Gargas

Counsel,

Filed, 27 day of Oct 1887

Pleads, *Not guilty*

THE PEOPLE

vs.

*1st*

William Smith

and

*2nd*  
Maggie Reilly

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

District Attorney.

*Oct 31 1887 ASST*

*Pr vs 31/87*

*Not guilty. R.B.M.*

A True Bill. J.P. 14 yrd.

*Nov 11 1887 J.C. MRS*

Foreman.

*Indict. also on Mr*

*J.D.acey*

*Pr vs Nov 11/87*

Grand Larceny/degree [Sections 528, 581 - 550, Penal Code]

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Police Court—

2<sup>nd</sup> District.

Affidavit—Larceny.

City and County }  
of New York, } ss.

Joseph W. Underdunk  
of No. 683 Broadway Street, aged 31 years,  
occupation Clerk being duly sworn

deposes and says, that on the 22 day of October 1887 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 Roll of Cloth of the  
Value of fifty or more dollars

the property of in transit and in charge of deponent  
as a Clerk of the United States Express  
Company

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 Smith and

Maggie Kelly (both now known)  
from the fact that deponent  
was unloading said property and  
placing the same upon the sidewalk,  
deponent's attention was called that  
some person was carrying away said  
property. Deponent perceived said  
two defendants and caused their  
arrest with the property in their  
possession.

J. W. Underdunk

Sworn before me this  
23 day  
of October 1887

John J. Underdunk  
Police Justice.

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Sec. 198-200.

2 District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

*William Smith* 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 Smith*

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

*37 years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

*New York*

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

Answer.

*I have no place of residence.*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.

*None*

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 took the property but the defendant Maggie Reilly had nothing to do with the Larceny*

*Wm Smith*  
*mark*

Taken before me this

day of

*Oct*

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*7*

Police Justice.

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Sec. 198—200.

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District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

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

Question. What is your name.

Answer.

*Maggie Reilly*

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

*28 years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

*New York*

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

Answer.

*23 2nd Street 2 months*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.

*I am a Prostitute*

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 I don't  
know the man arrested, he  
spoke to me to take a walk with  
him, and I was arrested*

*Maggie Reilly*  
*Maggie*

Taken before me this

*Sept 1887*

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*John J. McNamee*  
Police Justice.

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BAILED,

No. 1, by

Residence

No. 2, by

Residence

No. 3, by

Residence

No. 4, by

Residence

#355  
Police Court-- 2 District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,

ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Joseph W. Hutterick  
683 1/2 Broadway

1 William Smith

2 William Smith

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Offence

Dated Oct 23 1887

Magistrate.

Officer.

Precinct.

Witnesses

No. 1 of office

No. 2 of office

No. 3 of office

No. 4 of office

No. 5 of office

No. 6 of office

No. 7 of office

No. 8 of office

No. 9 of office

No. 10 of office

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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

Defendants

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, Each and be committed to the Warden and Keeper of the City Prison of the City of New York, until he give such bail.

Dated Oct 23 1887 John Herman Police Justice.

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

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ 1887 \_\_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_ 1887 \_\_\_\_\_ Police Justice.

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VI.

STATE OF NEW YORK.  
Executive Chamber,  
ALBANY.

October 1, 1890.

Sir:

Application for Executive clemency having been made on behalf of William Smith,----- who was convicted of Rec. stolen goods in the county of New York ----and sentenced Oct. 31, 1887, to imprisonment in the Sing Sing Prison ----- for the term of four years,----- I am directed by the Governor respectfully to request that, in pursuance of Section 695 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, you will forward to him a concise statement of the facts of the case, together with your opinion of the merits of the application.

It is particularly requested that each letter of inquiry from the Executive Chamber should be separately answered.

Very respectfully yours,

*J. S. Williams.*

Private Secretary.

Hon. John R. Fellows,

New York City.



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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 Smith and  
Maggie Riddle*

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

*William Smith and Maggie Riddle*

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

The said *William Smith and Maggie  
Riddle, both* —

late of the First Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the  
*twenty second* day of *October*, in the year of our Lord  
one thousand eight hundred and eighty *seven*, at the City and County aforesaid,  
with force and arms,

*one roll of cloth of the*

*value of fifty dollars.*

of the goods, chattels and personal property of ~~one~~ a corporation called  
*The United States Express Company* —

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

*Maggie Reilly —*

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

The said

*Maggie Reilly*

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 roll of cloth of the value  
of fifty dollars.*

of the goods, chattels and personal property of ~~one~~ a corporation called  
*The United States Express Company*  
*by one William Smith, and —*  
by ~~certain~~ *other* persons to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown, then lately before  
feloniously stolen, taken and carried away from the said ~~corporation~~.

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

*Maggie Reilly —*

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

**RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,**

**District Attorney.**

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FOLDER:

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DESCRIPTION:

Solomon, Nathan

DATE:

10/11/87



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Witnesses:

Isadore Brown

Mr. Cantor

Officer Oats

For the reasons stated  
in accompanying report  
of Dep. Asst. Dist. Atty. Rudy  
I recommend that Nathan  
Solomon be dismissed  
and that bail be discharged.  
Dec. 6, 1887  
Randolph B. Martine  
Dist. Atty.

Counsel,  
Filed 11 day of Dec. 1887  
Pleads *Chargedly*

THE PEOPLE  
vs.  
Nathan Solomon  
(3 cases)

RECEIVING STOLEN GOODS  
[Section 550, Penn. Code].

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,  
District Attorney.

A True Bill.

*J. C. M. B.*  
Foreman.  
All true check  
on no of 1887  
Dec 11/87

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-----X  
The people &c.

vs.

Nathan Solomon  
-----X

This defendant stands charged in three indictments with receiving stolen goods.

It appears from the affidavit of Isidor Brower, that he, Brower, being a boy fifteen years old, and in the employ of S.H.H. Penton, a jeweler in John Street; that on three occasions the defendant purchased property of this boy, - a gold watch, a silver watch and a gold watch case. It appeared that the defendant paid six dollars for the gold watch, and that it was valued at twenty dollars; that for the silver watch the defendant paid one dollar and fifty cents, and for the watch case defendant paid six dollars. It does not appear in the affidavit that the witness informed the defendant that the goods were stolen but as a matter of fact, they were stolen from the witness' employer. We must infer a guilty knowledge, if it can be inferred, from the circumstances. It appeared that the defendant asked the witness if he, the witness, had anything to sell. It appeared that the witness had told the defendant where he worked; and it appeared that the transactions were upon the street and in the defendant's house.

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While these circumstances are suspicious, they - are hardly, in my judgment, sufficient to warrant a conviction.

The boy, an admitted thief, is wholly without corroboration. In addition to being without corroboration, his own employer testifies that he is not a truthful boy, and that when employed by his present employer, he lied to him regarding his address.

Strictly speaking, the boy is not an accomplice in the crime of receiving stolen goods - he being the thief - but the line between the thief and the receiver is so shadowy that it would appear safer to have corroboration before conviction should be had on the evidence of the thief .

The defendant presents witnesses as to his previous good character, in addition to that, the complainant himself, presents an application, among the papers, for the dismissal of the indictment, urging clemency on the ground that he thinks that the defendant is not of sound mind, and that also, defendant has been of assistance to him in recovering the property, and that all the property has been recovered.

In view of all the facts and circumstances, and the improbability of a conviction of the defendant on the evidence, I believe that the ends of justice will be subserved by dismissing this indictment.

Very respectfully,

*To Hon. R. B. Martine.  
District Attorney.*

*C. A. Rudy.*

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*Mr. Peopert*

*vs*

*Nathan Solomon*

REPORT.

For the District Attorney.

*Wm. B. Peopert*  
*Dec 26/87*

Dated *Dec 2*, 188*7*

*Wm. B. Peopert*  
Assistant.

Police Court, / District.

City and County } ss.  
of New York,

Sidney Brown

of No. 113 Orchard Street, aged 15 years,

occupation Jeweller being duly sworn, deposes and says,

that on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of September 1887, at the City of New

York, in the County of New York, Nathan Solomon

and Max Adler (both now here)

did buy from this deponent a

quantity of stolen property, to wit:

one gold watch, one silver watch,

and one gold watch-case, they

well knowing the same to have

been stolen for the reasons

following to wit: on or about

the 1<sup>st</sup> day of September the said

Solomon met the ~~deponent~~ deponent

in John Street and told him that

any articles of jewelry which he

deponent would get he Solomon

would buy the same from him, at

the same time procuring a large roll

of bills. On the 16<sup>th</sup> day of September

the said Solomon met deponent

on Orchard Street and asked him

(deponent) if he had anything

to sell. Deponent said he had a

gold watch and deponent brought

deponent into a room on Pearl

Street. Deponent was driving out of

the said room by said Solomon's

Proctor and the said Solomon

followed deponent to the street,

and there gave deponent six

dollars for said gold watch, it being

valued (as deponent is informed by

Samuel H. Penton) as worth by dollars.

The said Solomon told deponent to

get some more stuff and he

would buy it. On the 13<sup>th</sup> Inst de-

ponent sold said Solomon a ladies



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Silver chalalume watch, receiving one  
and 50/100 dollars for the same. Deponent  
is informed by further says that on  
the 17<sup>th</sup> day of September he was met  
on Orchard Street by the said Solomon and  
said Adler, who both asked the <sup>deponent</sup> ~~deponent~~  
if he had anything to sell. Deponent  
said he had a gold watch-case. The said  
Adler took the watch-case and said to said Solomon  
"give him six dollars for it" which the said  
Solomon did.

Wherefore deponent charges  
the said defendants with feloniously re-  
ceiving the said stolen property they  
well knowing the same to have been  
stolen.

Sworn to before me, Isidor Berman  
this 28<sup>th</sup> day of September 1885

*Isidor Berman*  
Police Justice

Dated 1885 Police Justice.

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

Dated 1885 Police Justice.

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

Dated 1885 Police Justice.

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.

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

Police Court-- District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF  
vs.  
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Offence,

Dated 1885  
Magistrate.  
Officer.  
Clerk.  
Witnesses,  
No. Street,  
No. Street,  
No. Street,  
\$ to answer Sessions.



Isadore Brown Case examined  
Q How old are you?  
A 15 years of age.

Q Where do you come from?  
A Rumania Germany.

Q How long have you been here?  
A 5 years.

Q Where is your father?  
A Rumania.

Q Who did you come here with?  
A My brother.

Q Where do you live?  
A 113 Orchard Street.

Q How long have you lived there?  
A 3 months.

Q Who do you work for?  
A Mr Denton.

Q How long did you work there?  
A 3 or 4 weeks.

Q So at the time you were in the  
employ of Mr Denton you lived  
at 113 Orchard Street?

Answer.

Q In whose employ were you  
before that?

A Newman & Gilder 136 John Street.

Q How long were you there?  
A 2 weeks.

Q When did you go in his employ?  
A 2 weeks before I went to work  
for Mr Denton.

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Q Why were you discharged there?  
A I was not discharged, I went away  
I told him I didn't like the  
trade. And I was going away  
Q How long have you been arrested  
before?

A About nine or ten years  
Q Who are you living with?  
A Meyer Schwartz at 113 Orchard Street  
Q When was the first time you  
met Mr. Schwartz?  
A The first time I saw him was  
when I was working for Mr. Newman  
Q Did you speak to him there?  
A Yes.

Q When was the first time you met  
him after you left Mr. Newman  
A On the street  
Q And that was the first time you  
spoke to him?

A Yes.  
Q And did you go up with him?  
A Yes.  
Q He came up to you?

A Yes.  
Q What did he say?  
A He asked me if I had any thing to  
sell.

Q What street did the scene in?  
A In Orchard Street between  
Broome and Hellaway

a.

Q When was the next time you  
saw him?

A In McLaney street corner of O'Connell  
street?

A Saturday

Q Did you speak to him?

A Yes sir

Q What did he say to you then?

A I said the second time I didn't  
get anything either?

Q How you see him after that?

A Yes sir every night walking up  
Grand Street

Q How you used to wait for him?

A Yes sir I used to play on the  
street where he passed.

Q How you speak to him then?

A Yes sir

Q How you tell him where you were  
working?

A Yes sir he asked me where I was  
working Mr. Stated him I worked  
at Newman's Mr. left there and  
now I was working for Mr. Packer

Q Now come down to the night  
in question how you related  
all the conversation you had  
with him?

A Yes sir

Q That was all the conversation  
that ever took place between you?

Ayes si

Q When was the next time you  
met him after that?

A The next time he asked me  
again and he took out a lot of  
bills from his pocket and said  
him I was going to bring him  
something tomorrow.

Q Tomorrow came Did you see  
him?

Ayes si

Q Where did you see him?

A Corner of Delaney and Orchard  
streets?

Q Did you meet him accidentally?  
A Yes I was playing where he  
passed and he came up to me.

Q What did you say to him?

A He called me and I came up  
to him and said yes I got  
something today.

Q What did you have?

A I had a watch.

Q Did he buy that?

Ayes si

Q Paid you for it?

Ayes si

Q It was a broken watch wasn't  
it?

Ayes si

Q Did you mean to swear that it

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was not?  
A The heyl was only crooked  
It was broken & it was padded  
A nose it was not padded.

*[Signature]*

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John Nickerson being duly sworn  
deposes and says  
of where daym reside  
to 153 Canal Street  
of what is your age  
22 years

of what is your business?  
A Auctioneer

Q How for how many years have  
you been in business in this  
city?

A 8 years

Q Do you know the defendant?  
Answer

Q How long have you known him  
as years?

Q How you know others that know him  
Answer

Q How you have heard him spoken of  
repeatedly?

Answer

Q How would you trust him?  
A From what I know of him, his  
character and reputation is good and  
has trusted him as high  
as 20 or 3 hundred dollars. And he  
always paid them.

Q How you know him to be an  
honest and respectable hard  
working boy?

Answer

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Joseph Schenck being duly  
sworn deposes <sup>that</sup> says  
Where do you reside?  
On 21 Catherine Street  
What is your business?  
Auctioneer  
How long have you been in business?  
A day or so  
Do you know this defendant  
for common  
Accession  
Do you know after that know  
him?  
Accession  
What is his reputation for  
honesty & fair dealing?  
A No good I will trust him with  
anything.

*[Signature]*



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Demand Morgan being duly  
 sworn deposes and says  
 That he does reside  
 At 1416 G Street  
 That is your age?  
 At 33 years  
 What is your business?  
 A merchant  
 Do you know this defendant?  
 Yes Sir  
 Do you know others that know  
 him?  
 Yes Sir  
 What is the defendant's character  
 and reputation as to honesty and  
 fair dealings?  
 A I have always known him to be  
 perfectly honest, I have trusted  
 him as much as 250 dollars  
 worth of jewelry. He has always  
 returned it as the money



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Charles Smith being duly sworn  
deposes, and says:

I Mr Smith do hereby certify the de  
fendant Solomon?

Answer

I How long have you known him  
A For 9 years

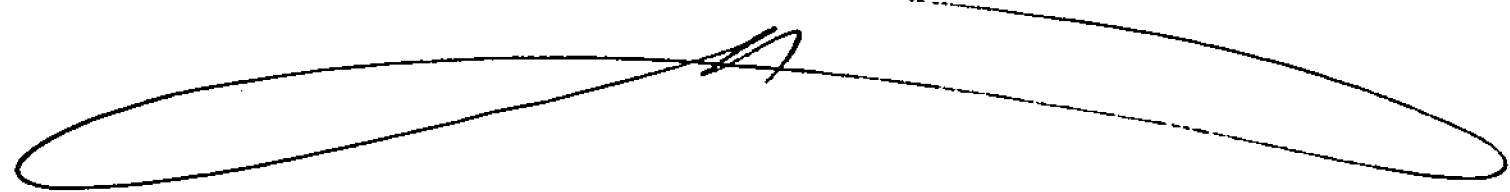
I Now you mean others that know  
him?

Answer

I Now from your acquaintance with  
him is his character <sup>and</sup> reputation  
for honesty good or bad?

A It is good I would not hesitate  
to trust him with the key of  
my safe

I You have heard him spoken of  
as being an honest man  
Answer by every body that  
knows him by the neigh  
borhood



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Samuel A. H. Penton being  
duly sworn deposes <sup>and says</sup>  
If you were the employer of the  
boy?

Answer:

If <sup>any</sup> what is the character of the  
boy Osadore Brainer for truth  
and veracity as you have found  
it

Answer: I have had no occasion to find  
him in any respects?

If <sup>there</sup> you ~~had~~ discovered <sup>him</sup> ~~him~~  
the address he gave you was  
true?

Answer:

If <sup>he</sup> lied to you about that?

Answer:

If <sup>when</sup> he came into your <sup>employment</sup>  
he gave you the address where  
he lived at 463 East 52

Answer:

If <sup>any</sup> you discovered that that address  
was untrue?

Answer:

If <sup>any</sup> in place of living there he lived  
somewhere else.

Answer:

If <sup>any</sup> from that circumstance as well as  
others you have reason to doubt  
his veracity?

Answer: Most undoubtedly <sup>no</sup>.

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0364

Sec. 198—200.

District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY {  
OF NEW YORK { ss

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

Question What is your name?

Answer

*Nathan Solomon*

Question. How old are you?

Answer

*32 years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

*Germany*

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

Answer.

*139 Adams Street, 1 year*

Question What is your business or profession?

Answer

*Jewelry*

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.*  
*Nathan Solomon*

Taken before me this

day of *September* 188*8*

Police Justice.

*[Signature]*

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0365

Sec. 198—200.

District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, } ss

*Max Adler* 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

*Max Adler*

Question. How old are you?

Answer

*22 years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

*Germany*

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

Answer.

*211-5th Street. 1 year*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer

*Carpenter*

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 all  
I know is that I was coming  
home from work. I met Mr  
Solomon talking to this boy and  
saw said Solomon buy the said  
watch case from the complainant.  
Max Adler*

Taken before me this

*23*

day of *March* 188*8*

Police Justice.

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0366

Mathias Adler being duly  
sworn deposes and says

I am a tailor at 114  
Canal Street the defendant  
Adler is my son his character  
for honesty is good he was never  
in any trouble before, he works  
at Manners Theatre as he was never  
arrested before.

Sworn to before me } Mathias  
this 26th day of Sept 1894 } Adler

J. H. Milburn  
Justice

Jacob Hertzberg being duly  
sworn deposes and says

I am in the grocery  
business at 106 Allen Street  
over 9 years. I know Adler over  
9 years. His character for honesty  
is good and he has never been  
for anything and he has a  
good reputation and I know other  
people who know him and  
will testify to his good character

Sworn to before me  
this 26th day of Sept 1907 } Jacob Hertzberg

J. H. Hertzberg

Peace Justice

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0368

Maurice Adler being duly  
sworn deposes and says

I am the wife of the  
defendant I am married to  
him years; he works on the  
stage at Munn's Theatre I never  
knew him to be in any trouble  
before. He has always been a  
hard working man and was  
never arrested since I know him

Sworn to before me  
this 26th day of September

M. Adler

J. M. Smith

Notary Public



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1617  
Police Court--  
District  
THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF  
District Court  
110 Bedford  
William Johnson  
Marshall  
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Offence  
Dumaine  
Dated  
Sept 23  
188

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Oct 9 - Oct 27 1899  
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Dated Sept 20 1887 A. J. M. Smith Police Justice.

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0370

Sec. 192.

District Police Court.

Undertaking to appear during the Examination.

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

An information having been laid before James Kilbert a Police Justice  
of the City of New York, charging Nathan Salomon Defendant with  
the offence of Receiving Stolen Goods

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

We, Nathan Salomon Defendant of No. 139  
Orford Street; by occupation a Jeweler  
and Bernard Magnus of No. 476 Grand  
Street, by occupation a Merchant Surety, hereby jointly and severally undertake that  
the above named Nathan Salomon Defendant  
shall personally appear before the said Justice, at the 1st District Police Court in the City of New York,  
during the said examination, or that we will pay to the People of the State of New York the sum of Ten  
Hundred Dollars.

Taken and acknowledged before me, this 13<sup>d</sup>

day of September 188 7

J. Kilbert  
P. J. JUSTICE.

Nathan Salomon

Bernard Magnus

POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL

0371

CITY AND COUNTY } ss.  
OF NEW YORK,

Sworn to before me, this 12th day of April 1887  
Justice.

Bernard Magen

the within named Bail and Surety being duly sworn, says, that he is a resident and holder within the said County and State, and is worth Twenty Hundred Dollars, exclusive of property exempt from execution, and over and above the amount of all his debts and liabilities, and that his property consists of

the house and lot of land situated at 449 1/2 Grand Street New York worth Seventeen thousand dollars clear of all debts - & encumbrances

Bernard Magen

District Police Court.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,

ON THE COMPLAINT OF

vs.

Undertaking to appear during the Examination.

Taken the day of 1887

Justice.

0372

**BAILLEU**

No. 1, DRY

Residence 171 W. 17th St.

No. 2, by

### Residence

NO. 3, 02

Residence

100.00

Residence

THE PEOPLE, &c.

ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Richard Brown

113 W. Schuyler

William Holmes

West Valley

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**Dated**

*W. H. H. H.*  
Magistrate.

..... Officer.

Precinct.

Witnesses James H. H. H. H.

No. 38 Maiden Lane, Street.

Marshall - Portland

No. *100* Street.

No. 1 Street, 1

to answer

is sufficient cause to believe the within named \_\_\_\_\_  
 Defendant Nathan Solomon  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Dated Sept 25 1887 A. W. Smith Police Justice.

Dated 29/1/188 188 29/1/188 Police Justice.

Dated Sept 20 1889 J. H. M. G. B. C. Police Justice.

New York General Sessions.

PEOPLE ON MY COMPLAINT,  
VERSUS

Nathan Salmonow

Receiving Stolen Goods

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. and for the further reason that I have made inquiries as to his (the defendant's) former character and found it to be good. I am also of the opinion that the defendant is demented he having been an inmate of a Lunatic Asylum, it being hereditary; his mother at present being confined in the Lunatic asylum on ~~Wards~~ Blackwells Island. This is also his first offense, and he has rendered a great deal of assistance in telling who the ~~robbers~~ <sup>thief</sup> was thereby being the means of restoring the property and bringing the true culprit to justice. and further that the profit which he made on the articles was very small. he also has a Wife & 4 Children and are very poor.

J. H. Pulos  
In presence of Charles Smith

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0374

W. F. General Sessions

The People vs  
John Salomon

Recy. John Good

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0375

Court of General Sessions of the Peace

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

against

*Nathan Solomon*

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

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

The said *Nathan Solomon,*

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

*one watch of the value of ten*

*dollars,*

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one *Samuel M. H. Benton*, by one *Sidon Brower* and by — certain *other* persons to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown, then lately before feloniously stolen, taken and carried away from the said

*Samuel M. Benton* —

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

*Nathan Solomon* —

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

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,  
District Attorney.



POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0376

Court of General Sessions of the Peace

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

against

*Nathan S. Soman*

The Grand Jury of the City and County of New York, by this indictment, accuse *Nathan S. Soman* —

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

The said *Nathan S. Soman,*

late of the First Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the *sixteenth* day of *September*, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-*seven*, at the Ward, City and County aforesaid, with force and arms,

*one watch of the value of twenty*  
*dollars,*

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one *Samuel H. H. Benton, by one Victor Brower, and*  
by — certain *other* persons to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown, then lately before feloniously stolen, taken and carried away from the said *Samuel H. H. Benton,* —

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

*Nathan S. Soman,* —

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

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,  
District Attorney.

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0377

Witnesses:

Edw. Prover

Mr. Panton

Officer Cat

For the reasons stated  
in accompanying report  
of Dep. Asst. Dist. Atty.  
Rusby I recommend that  
whether indictments be  
dismissed & bail discharged  
Dec 6. 1887  
Randolph B. Martine  
Dist. Atty.

Counsel,

Filed

day of

188

Pleas,

Argued

THE PEOPLE

vs.

RECEIVING STOLEN GOODS

Nathan Solomon  
(3 cases)

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

District Attorney.

A True Bill.

J. C. M. S.  
Des. & Fair desch & so  
Mr. W. H. Martine  
Dec 7/87

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0378

Court of General Sessions of the Peace

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

against

*Nathan Sdomon*

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

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

The said *Nathan Sdomon,*

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

*one watch case of the value of  
Twenty dollars.*

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one *Samuel M. H.  
Penton, by one Bridget Bromerand*  
by — certain *other* persons to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown, then lately  
before feloniously stolen, taken and carried away from the said *Samuel  
M. H. Penton.* —

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

*Nathan Sdomon* —

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

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,  
District Attorney.

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DESCRIPTION:

Specht, Gustav

DATE:

10/28/87



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POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0380

Witnesses:

362-1000  
A.P.

Counsel,

Filed day of

1887

Pleads

Guilty

THE PEOPLE

vs.

1st. City of  
Plumber  
Gustav Specht

Odd days

Assault in the Second Degree.  
(Resisting Arrest.)  
(Section 218, Penal Code.)

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

Oct 31 Pr-Ad  
District Attorney.

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Pending guilty

A True Bill.

J. C. Mues  
Foreman.

S. H. Mues

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0381

Sec. 198—200.

2 District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

*Gustav Speck* 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.

*Gustav Speck*

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

*18 years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

*U. S.*

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

Answer.

*151 Attorney St - 1 1/2 months*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.

*Stumble*

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 explanation?

Answer.

*I did not know what  
I was doing at the time*

*Gustav Speck,*

Taken before me this

*21*

day of

*Sept*

188

*Am. Patterson*

Police Justice.

POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL

0302

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

#364 B 1930  
Police Court District.  
THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
vs. *Gustave Beck*  
13 Street  
13 Street  
Offence *Assaulting a*  
*Officer*  
Dated *Oct 29* 1887  
Magistrate *Patterson*  
Officer *Beck*  
Precinct *13*  
Witnesses *Georg Shuck*  
No. 157 *William* Street \_\_\_\_\_  
No. \_\_\_\_\_ Street \_\_\_\_\_  
No. \_\_\_\_\_ Street \_\_\_\_\_  
to answer \_\_\_\_\_  
RECEIVED OCT 24 1887 DISTRICT ATTORNEY

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 \_\_\_\_\_

*Gustave Beck*  
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 *Oct 29* 1887 *J. M. Patterson* Police Justice.

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

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ 1887 \_\_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_ 1887 \_\_\_\_\_ Police Justice.



POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0383

Police Court— District.

CITY AND COUNTY } ss,  
OF NEW YORK,

*Casper Boek*  
of No. *19* *Prescott Place* Street, aged *32* years,  
occupation *Police* being duly sworn, deposes and says, that  
on the *19* day of *September* 188*7* at the City of New York,  
in the County of New York,

he was violently ASSAULTED and BEATEN by *Eustace Specht*, now  
*here*, who threw bricks at deponent,  
striking deponent on the back and  
ribs while deponent was arresting a  
prisoner for burglary. That deponent  
*was so Beaten*  
without any justification on the part of the said assailant.

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

Sworn to before me, this *27* day of *October* 188*7* } *Casper Boek*  
*J. M. Patterson* Police Justice.

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0384

Court of General Sessions of the Peace

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,  
against

*Augustus S. S. S.*

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

*Augustus S. S. S.*

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

The said *Augustus S. S. S.*,

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the  
*nineteenth* day of *September*, in the year  
of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-~~seven~~, at the City and County  
aforesaid, with force and arms feloniously made an assault in and upon one

*Roscoe B. B. B.*

then and there being a *police man* of the Municipal Police of the City of  
New York, and as such *police man* being then and there engaged in the lawful  
*apprehension* of one *James S. S. S.*  
*for disorderly conduct.*

and the said *Augustus S. S. S.*

him, the said *Roscoe B. B. B.*

then and there feloniously did beat, strike, wound and otherwise illtreat, with intent  
then and there and thereby to prevent and resist the lawful *apprehension*  
of *the said James S. S. S.* 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. MARTINE,

District Attorney.

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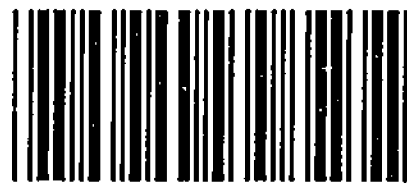
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DESCRIPTION:

Spinnetto, Vittorio

DATE:

10/12/87



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POOR QUALITY  
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Witnesses:

Jacob Vesburgh  
92 Welch St  
Officer Geo Leonard

Counsel, *[Signature]*  
Filed, 12 day of 1887  
Pleads,

THE PEOPLE  
vs. *[Signature]* vs.  
*Vittorio Spinnetto*  
Grand Larceny second degree  
[Sections 528, 581 Penal Code]

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,  
District Attorney.

A True Bill.

*[Signature]*  
Foreman.  
Headsqually.  
S. J. Goodworth

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0387

Police Court—

District.

Affidavit—Larceny.

City and County }  
of New York, } ss.

of No.

Street, aged 21 years,

occupation

being duly sworn

deposes and says, that on the

day of

1887

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 :

A valise containing plated jewelry  
silk & cotton handkerchiefs, stockings  
&c Collectively of the value of thirty  
five 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

Vittorio Spinetta who Messrs  
from the fact that deponent saw  
the defendant do take steal and  
carry away the valise from a room  
in the "Hudson River & Grand Central R.R.  
Depot" where deponent had laid it  
down while he went to purchase a  
ticket. Deponent further says that  
one Sam Glick afterwards found the  
valise in the defendant's possession as he  
Glick informs this deponent

Jacob Weissbergh

Subscribed before me, this

1887

day

Police Justice.

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0388

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss

aged 16 years, occupation Declarer of No.

92 Willett Street, being duly sworn deposes and

says, that he has heard read the foregoing affidavit of

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

Sworn to before me, this

day of October 1887

Lennie Glück

H. M. Brown

Police Justice

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0389

Sec. 198-200.

CITY AND COUNTY  
OF NEW YORK, ss.

District Police Court.

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

Question. What is your name?

Answer.

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

Question. Where were you born?

Answer,

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

Answer.

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer,

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

Answer.

*I am not guilty of the charge*  
*Vittorio Spinetta*  
*mark*

Taken before me this

1887

Police Justice.



POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

Police Court District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

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3  
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Offence \_\_\_\_\_

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

Magistrate.

Officer.

Precinct.

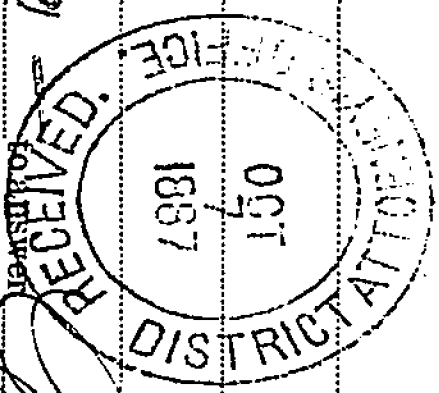
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No. \_\_\_\_\_ Street \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

\$ \_\_\_\_\_



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 \_\_\_\_\_ 188 \_\_\_\_\_ 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.

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0391

Court of General Sessions of the Peace

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,  
against

*Victorio S. Simeone*

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

*— Victorio Simeone —*

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

The said *Victorio Simeone*,

late of the First Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the *21st* day of *October*, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-*seven*, at the City and County aforesaid, with force and arms,

*one value of the value of ten dollars, fifty handkerchiefs of the value of fifty cents each, fifty other handkerchiefs of the value of twenty cents each, twenty pairs of stockings of the value of forty cents each pair, and divers articles of jewelry of a number and description to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown, of the value of twenty dollars,*

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one *James J. Simeone*,

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.

*Richard B. Smith*

District Attorney.

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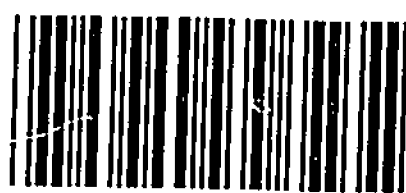
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Witnesses:

*Officer Levitt*

Counsel,

Filed, *13* day of *Oct* 188*7*

Pleads, *Not guilty*

THE PEOPLE

vs.

*Francis Spratt*

*Assault, second degree*

[Section - 218 - Penal Code]

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE

*Nov-14 013200 District Attorney*

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A True Bill

Foreman

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Witnesses:

Officer Levitt.

Counsel,

Filed, 13 day of Oct 1887

Pleads, *Not guilty*

THE PEOPLE

vs.

*B*  
Francis Spratt

*Assault, second degree*  
[Section - 2 - 18 - Penal Code]

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE

*Nov-14 0130*  
District Attorney.

*Dec 9 0130*

A True Bill

Foreman.

The People  
vs.

Francis Spratt

Court of General Sessions. Part I  
Before Judge Gilderdeere  
Tuesday, May 15, 1888

Indictment for assault in the second degree.

Patrick Devitt, sworn and examined.

I am a police officer and was in that position on the second of August 1887. It was my day off. I saw the defendant on that day. I was on car No 7 of the Grand street line to go on duty at 5.30 in the evening; the defendant who was driving a truck ran into this cross town car, and the driver of the car wanted me to lock him up; he was going through Centre st. at the time. I said there was no necessity for me to lock him up, "you can report him up to the office, he could not help it I do not think." The defendant would not give the driver of the car his number. I told him I was a police officer and pulled out my shield; he hit me with the butt end of a whip and the right leg went under the wheel. I got hold of the horses and he galloped the horses two or three blocks on a full gallop; it was an express wagon and it hit the rear part of the car. I went after the defendant and told him I was an officer. I asked him for his number and he said, "you be damned." I showed him my shield before I asked him for his number. I was



in citizen's clothes. I went to step up on the wagon and the defendant struck me over the left wrist and struck me again on the right cheek with the butt of the whip. I fell and I held on to the truck and my leg got under the wheel. The defendant did not stop his truck, he was driving all the while I know James Haley, he was present at that time. I arrested the defendant. I was taken to the hospital in an ambulance and got the wound in the leg stitched up. I was laid up nine weeks. Cross Examined I have been a police officer fifteen years and attached to the precinct I am in about eight years. The name of the driver of the horse car is James Haley. I saw him on the car going back and forward about eight months. I was riding on the rear platform of the car. I wore a plaid suit of spring clothes. I had my shield in the right vest pocket; the car was going eastward over through Duane St. The rear hind wheel of his truck collided with the car; the car was going slowly. I do not believe the defendant was driving fast; the car stopped after the defendant's truck collided with it. The name on the truck was "Lawshe, New York and Newark Express; the sign was conspicuous on the wagon.



You could not see the number on the wagon, it was covered over by the canvass, but the proprietor's name was clearly indicated. I thought it was my duty to get the number of the truck as the driver requested me, and as I might be called as a witness. I did not take hold of the reins of the horses until after I was struck and run over. I held on to the bridle. I drew my revolver on the defendant after I got struck the first time. I did not strike him with the butt end of it. I did not bring the defendant in a bruised condition into the station house. I was afraid of him, the man was trying to kill me, and I think it was an exhibition of common sense to draw it under the circumstances. I made a charge of felonious assault ~~against~~ the defendant at the station house. I got up on the truck after the horses had stopped running; it was then that I pulled the pistol.

James R. Healey sworn. I am a car driver; on the 2nd of August 1887 I was driving a car. I saw the assault made by the defendant upon Officer Devitt. The defendant was going up Centre St. walking and I had just passed him when the tail of his truck struck the rear guard of my car. Officer Devitt was on the tail end and I stopped and requested him to arrest the man

because I had been run into previously by one of their trucks, and knowing it was a Jersey truck I could not possibly recover any damages from them. The officer followed the defendant and requested him to stop until I would get the number. I could not possibly see the number. Finally he did stop at Reade St. and the officer showed him his shield and requested him to wait till I would take his number, which he refused to do. He said to the officer when he showed him his shield, "What the hell do I care for that?" and he struck him one blow across the cheek and another one across the hand, and started up the horses and partly threw Devitt down, and the forewheel of the truck ran up on his ankle. Then the defendant started to get across Centre street over to City hall place when Devitt grabbed the horses by the head; the defendant got down and commenced beating him repeatedly on the hand with the butt end of the whip. It was then that Devitt drew the pistol and requested him to stop striking or he would shoot; the defendant got up on the truck and started to go away on a gallop. The officer grabbed the bridle of the horses and was thrown off his feet and was carried two blocks hanging on to the bridle of the horses, his feet off the ground. He ran down Park street, it

was there he was brought to a final halt and was arrested. Cross Examined. The officer and I have not talked together as to what testimony I we should give in the case. The address was in small letters in the first three panels of the truck. The defendant got down off the truck and struck the officer after running over his leg; it was then that the officer tried to arrest him and he got down and beat him repeatedly over the hands with a whip. The Newark address on the wagon was Lombardy st. and the New York address was Pearl st. I do not recollect that in words the officer told the defendant that he was a policeman.

Francis Spratt, sworn and examined. I reside at 72 Jefferson st. Newark. I reside with my parents. I believe my father is in Court. I have lived in Newark six or seven years. I drive an express wagon for Lawshe & Co; they have an express from Newark to New York. I have been in their employ a little over four years. I was in New York on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of August last. I first saw the complainant when he took the horses by the head and stopped them; it was a little after five o'clock in the afternoon. I asked the man when he took hold of the horse's head what he was doing that for? He told me he

would show me. I had a lot of bundles in the wagon and some of them were very valuable. I did not know but he might reach in and take some of them out. I had a short whip with no lash on it. I struck him on the knuckles. I wanted to get on the seat and he made another grab and stopped the horses. Again I got down and shoved him away; he made to hit me in the face but he did not quite reach up. I hit him on the shoulder, and the next thing I knew he had a revolver. I asked him what was the matter? He said, "I am an officer." I said, if you had said that before you would have saved all this trouble. That was the first time he said he was an officer; he was not dressed in officer's uniform; he had on a dark drab suit. He did not produce any shield that I saw. The most of the packages I had were new harness. I did not know that my wagon had collided with the car; there was no jar to bring it to my knowledge. The officer drew a revolver and pointed it at my head, but up to that time he had not disclosed to me the fact that he was an officer; he did not say at any time that he desired to arrest me. Some



of the bystanders said it was an outrage the way the officer acted. After he disclosed the fact that he was an officer I made no resistance whatever. At this time I had an affection of the eye, and after he struck me on the head with the butt of a revolver the pain went into my eyes and the pain continued for six weeks after; the pain in the eye was aggravated after the assault by the officer and I had to have a glass eye put in its stead. I now wear a glass eye. The photograph now shown me is a photograph of the truck which I have been driving for two years. No 12 is on the right hand corner of the truck. I have never been arrested before for anything. I worked for E. Simon Bros. before I worked for the express man. Cross Examined My eye sight has been slightly impaired for the last five years I had my eyes treated in New York by a physician. The policeman was the only man who took hold of my horses that day; he told me to stop and I told him to let go; he would not do it. I shoved him away; he let go. I went to get back in the wagon; he took hold of the horses again. I struck him on the shoulder with my hand. I did not have my whip at that time. I meant to chuck it back in the wagon.

but the whip must have fell on the street, for I did not see it any more. He let go, and we made a pass for each other, and the next thing I knew he had a pistol at my ear neither one of us hit. I made a pass with my hand; there was quite a crowd around; he drew his pistol right alongside of me. I told him he ought to put it where it would do him some good. The officer struck me on the back of the head. I told him if he had not been an officer it would be the sorriest striking he ever made. I meant by that I would have struck him hard.

Edgar Vanderhill, sworn and examined. I live at 170 West Seventy Sixth St. and my business is wholesale hardware; the firm is Vanderhill, Clinch & Co 94 Chamber St I have known the defendant three or four years and I have always known him to be upright, respectable and gentlemanly.

Thomas St Campbell sworn. I am a grocer at 1622 Third Ave. and have known the defendant from childhood. I have never known him to be in any kind of an altercation.

Lewis H. Lawshe sworn. I own the express wagon and live in Newark; the defendant has been in my employ about three years; he has always been a sober, steady, good workman. The jury rendered a verdict of guilty of assault in the third degree with a commendation to

**POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL**

0403

Testimony in the  
card of  
Francis Whitt

filed Oct.  
1887.



POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0404

The Society of the New York Hospital,

HOUSE of RELIEF, 160 Chambers St.

New York, 188

This is to Certify That  
~~Patrick~~ Patrick Devill 38 years  
old Married Policeman  
of 169 Franklin St. was  
brought by the Ambulance  
from the 4th Dist.  
Station house on the  
evening of Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> '87  
suffering with a severe  
lacerated wound of  
the leg for which he  
has been under treatment  
here at the Hospital  
since that time.

P. T. Kimball M.D.

Ambulance Surgeon

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0405

Police Court—1<sup>st</sup> District.

CITY AND COUNTY } ss.  
OF NEW YORK, }

of Patrick Devitt 38 years,  
occupation Police Officer being duly sworn, deposes and says, that  
on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of August 1889 at the City of New York,  
in the County of New York,

(he was violently ASSAULTED and BEATEN by Francis Shvatt  
Now hear two blows on the left forearm  
and once on the head with the butt end of a  
whip the defendant held in his hands knocking  
deponent down and causing one of the wheels of an  
express wagon defendant was driving to him and  
cross deponent's right leg cutting and wounding badly  
without any justification on the part of the said assailant

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

Sworn to before me, this 29<sup>th</sup>

day of August 1889

Patrick Devitt

Police Justice. Patrick Devitt

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0406

Sec. 192.

1st District Police Court.

Undertaking to appear during the Examination.

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

An information having been laid before Henry Murray a Police Justice  
of the City of New York, charging Francis Spratt Defendant with  
the offence of Assault on

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

We, Francis Spratt Defendant of No. 102  
Jefferson Street; by occupation a Truck Driver  
and Thomas A. Campbell of No. 171 East 90th  
Street, by occupation a Grocer Surety, hereby jointly and severally undertake that  
the above named Francis Spratt Defendant  
shall personally appear before the said Justice, at the 1st District Police Court in the City of New York  
during the said examination, or that we will pay to the People of the State of New York the sum of Twenty  
Hundred Dollars.

Taken and acknowledged before me, this 3rd day of August 1887.  
Francis Spratt  
Thomas A. Campbell  
POLICE JUSTICE.

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0407

CITY AND COUNTY } ss.  
OF NEW YORK,

Sworn to before me, this

188

Police Justice

Thomas A Campbell

the within named Bail and Surety being duly sworn, says, that he is a resident and free holder within the said County and State, and is worth Twenty Hundred Dollars, exclusive of property exempt from execution, and over and above the amount of all his debts and liabilities, and that his property consists of

A Plot of Land  
Situated And Known as Plot No  
46. On Morris Avenue 225 feet  
North of Columbia Ave 24 ft wide  
And Worth five thousand dollars

Thomas A Campbell

District Police Court.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,

ON THE COMPLAINT OF

vs.

Undertaking to appear  
during the Examination.

Taken the

day of

188

Justice.

CITY AND COUNTY  
OF NEW YORK. ss

POLICE COURT, DISTRICT.

*James F. Buckley*  
of the *4th* Precinct - Street, aged *34* years  
occupation *Police Officer* being duly sworn deposes and says  
that on the *2nd* day of *August* 188*7*

at the City of New York, in the County of New York, *Daniel David*  
An officer of the *4th* Precinct  
was struck and injured by the  
wheel of a truck driven and  
in charge of "Francis Spratt  
now present. That deponent  
is informed by the injured officer  
that his injuries was caused by  
the carelessness of the defendant  
whom he charges with ~~causing~~ <sup>inflicting</sup> the  
cuts and bruises and so disabling  
said David from appearing in Court to prosecute  
*James F. Buckley*

Sworn to before me, this *3rd* day  
of *August* 188*7*

Police Justice.

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0409

Police Court, 1st District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,

ON THE COMPLAINT OF

James F. Buckley

vs.

Francis Spratt

Remand to be

Dated August 3 188

Murray

Magistrate.

Buckley

Officer.

Witness,

Disposition

1000 - Bail

for Examination

later

AFFIDAVIT

Arrest on Complaint



POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0410

Sec. 198—200.

1st District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, } ss

Francis Spratt 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

Francis Spratt

Question. How old are you?

Answer

28 years

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

Ireland

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

Answer.

12 Jefferson St Newark NJ 5 years

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer

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.

I am not guilty I struck the complainant on the hand because he caught hold my horse by the head he was in Citizens dress and I did not know he was an officer

Francis Spratt

Taken before me this

day of March 1887

Police Justice.



POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0411

BAILED  
No. 1, by Samuel Campbell  
Residence 1622 3rd St  
Street  
No. 2, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
Street  
No. 3, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
Street  
No. 4, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
Street

Police Court- 1st District. 1389

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF  
Patrick Derritt  
Francis Shatt  
Offence Assault  
Dated August 29th 188  
Magistrate William David  
Officer H  
Witnesses James Healy  
John Henry  
No. \_\_\_\_\_ Street  
No. \_\_\_\_\_ Street  
No. \_\_\_\_\_ Street  
to answer David

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 Three 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 29th 188 Samuel Campbell Police Justice.

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

Dated August 29th 188 Samuel Campbell 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.

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0412

BAILED  
No. 1, by Samuel Campbell  
Residence 1622 3rd St  
No. 2, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
No. 3, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
No. 4, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_

Police Court-- 1st District. 1889

THE PEOPLE, &c.,

ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Patrick Blunt

4th Street

Francis Stewart

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Offence Assault

Dated

August 29th 188

Johnson

Magistrate.

David

Officer.

4

Precinct.

Witnesses

James Healy

No.

91 Henry

Street.

No.

RECEIVED  
AUG 30 1887  
DISTRICT

Street.

No.

200

Street.

\$

to answer

David

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 \$100 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 29th 188 Levy Police Justice.

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

Dated August 29 188 Wm. M. M. 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.

We the undersigned know Francis Spratt a driver for Lawshe's Express of Newark N.J. We believe him to be an honest, sober and peaceable man, and don't think he would use unjust measures in defending his rights.

Names	Address.
Underhill, Clark & Co.	94 Chambers St.
Topping & Fox	96 Chambers St.
Geo B. Curtis	96 Chambers St.
The Union Natl. Bk. of N.Y.	99 " "
J. C. M. Larty & Co.	97 " "
Quackenbush & Co.	85 " "
Burger & Baumgard	105 Chambers St.
Wm G. Short & Co.	27 Nassau St.
Sadler & Co.	49 Murray St. N.Y. City
R. Luquet & Co.	67 Murray St. N.Y. City

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0414

Court of General Sessions of the Peace

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

against

Francis Syrett

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

Francis Syrett

of the CRIME of Assault in the second degree,

committed as follows:

The said Francis Syrett,

late of the First Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York afore-  
said, on the second day of August, in the year of our Lord  
one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven, at the Ward, City and County aforesaid,

with force and arms, in and upon one  
Patrick Deitt, then and there being, unlawfully,  
willfully and feloniously did make an  
assault, and then the said Patrick  
Deitt, with a certain riding handle  
which he the said Francis Syrett in  
his right hand then and there had  
and held, in and upon arm and head  
of him the said Patrick Deitt, then  
and there feloniously did willfully and  
unlawfully strike, beat and wound;  
and the said Francis Syrett, a certain  
wagon, drawn by a certain horse, then  
and there being driven by him the said  
Francis Syrett, to, at against and upon

the said Patrick Deirt, then and there  
willfully and wrongfully did feloniously  
force and drive, and him the said  
Patrick Deirt, with the horse and the  
wagon aforesaid, so forced and driven  
as aforesaid, then and there feloniously  
did willfully and wrongfully strike,  
knock down and run over, whereby  
one of the wheels of said wagon was then  
and there forced and driven over and  
across the right leg of the said Patrick  
Deirt. In the said Francis, Syrett,  
by the means aforesaid, then and there  
willfully and wrongfully, feloniously  
inflicting grievous bodily harm upon  
the said Patrick Deirt, 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

Richard J. Macdonald

District Attorney.