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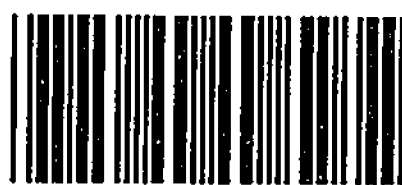
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**DESCRIPTION:**

Saslarska, Harris

**DATE:**

04/30/90



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Counsel, W. May  
Filed 30 day of April 1890  
Pleads, not guilty (verdict)

Grand Larceny, Second Degree.  
(From the Person.)  
[Sections 528, 584 Penal Code].

THE PEOPLE

vs.

I

Harold S. Salsola

JOHN R. FELLOWS,  
District Attorney.

May 12/90  
Spec. & Deputes

A True Bill.

W. J. Berry  
May 12<sup>th</sup> Foreman.

May 9<sup>th</sup>  
J. S. S.

Witnesses:

Reuben M. Mendenhall

Alfred Gardner

Off. J. W. R. R. R.



POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0300

Police Court—

9 — District.

Affidavit—Larceny.

City and County }  
of New York, } ss.

of No.

36. No. 726 -

Street, aged 19 - years,

occupation

Seamstress.

being duly sworn

deposes and says, that on the

17<sup>th</sup>

day of

April

1890 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 Pocketbook Containing

Gold and Lawful Money of the

United States in the

Amount and Value of Five  $4\frac{3}{10}$  0.

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 Harris Saslarska (now

here) from the fact - that as on

about the hour of 12<sup>30</sup> P.M. on

said date, deponent was walking

along No. 726 Street when the

said Saslarska came alongside

of deponent and did take stealth and

carry away said property from

the right hand pocket of the dress.

Then on deponent's person

Petey Albenstein  
Murd

Sworn to before me, this

17<sup>th</sup> day

1890

of Police Justice.

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0301

Sec. 198-200.

CITY AND COUNTY  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

3 District Police Court.

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

Question. What is your name?

Answer. *Harris Saslarsku*

Question. How old are you?

Answer. *27 Years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. *Russia*

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

Answer. *103 Clinton Street 3 months*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. *Tailor*

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*  
*Harris Saslarsku*  
*Munk*

Taken before me this

day of

1892

*John. G. ...*  
Police Justice.



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POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

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

No 295  
Police Court--

608  
District

THE PEOPLE, &c.,

ON THE COMPLAINT OF

John Albrecht  
261 4th St  
St. Louis, Mo.  
Lancaster, Pa.

1  
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Offence

Dated

April 14 1890

Residence

St. Louis, Mo.

No. 3, by

Michael Knight

Residence

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No. 4, by

James H. H. H.

Residence

St. Louis, Mo.

No. 2, by

27 1/2 St.

No. 1, by

St. Louis, Mo.



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 John Albrecht

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

Dated April 17 18 90 John Albrecht Police Justice.

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

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ 18 \_\_\_\_\_ Police Justice.

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

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ 18 \_\_\_\_\_ Police Justice.



POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0303

# Court of General Sessions of the Peace

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

against

*Harrie Saslarska*

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

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

The said

*Harrie Saslarska*  
late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the *seventeenth* day of *April* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and *eighty-ninety*, in the *day* time of the said day, at the City and County aforesaid, with force and arms, *one pocketbook of the value of fifty cents*

*5-43*  
*one* promissory note for the payment of money, of the kind commonly called United States Treasury Notes, of the denomination and value of *five* dollars; *one* promissory note for the payment of money of the kind commonly called Bank Notes, of the denomination and value of *five* dollars; *one* United States Gold Certificate, of the denomination and value of *five* dollars; *one* United States Silver Certificate, of the denomination and value of *five* dollars;

*two* promissory notes for the payment of money, of the kind commonly called United States Treasury Notes, of the denomination and value of *two* dollars each; *two* promissory notes for the payment of money of the kind commonly called Bank Notes, of the denomination and value of *two* dollars each; *two* United States Gold Certificates, of the denomination and value of *two* dollars each; *two* United States Silver Certificates, of the denomination and value of *two* dollars each;

*three* promissory notes for the payment of money, of the kind commonly called United States Treasury Notes, of the denomination and value of *one* dollar each; *three* promissory notes for the payment of money of the kind commonly called Bank Notes, of the denomination and value of *one* dollar each; *three* United States Gold Certificates, of the denomination and value of *one* dollar each; *three* United States Silver Certificates, of the denomination and value of *one* dollar each; *and divers coins, of a number, kind and denomination to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown, of the value of five dollars and forty three cents*

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

*John R. Fellows,*  
District Attorney

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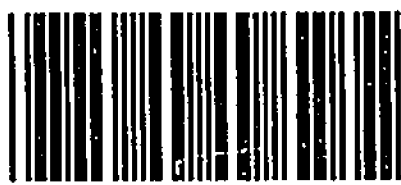
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**DESCRIPTION:**

Schafer, Edward

**DATE:**

04/10/90



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**DESCRIPTION:**

Larchan, Charles

**DATE:**

04/10/90



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Apr 24

Witnesses;

M. Diefman  
J. Callahan  
Fred Miller

Counsel,

Filed

Pleads,

1890

THE PEOPLE

vs.

Edward Schaefer  
and  
Charles Latham

Grand Larceny (second degree),  
[Sections 528, 53], Penal Code.

JOHN R. FELLOWS,

District Attorney.

A True Bill

William J. Berry  
Foreman.  
J. W. Berry  
Edmund J. Berry  
E. J. Berry

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

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CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

aged 24 years, occupation Frederick Miller Merchant of No. 114 Mercer Street, being duly sworn deposes and

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

Sworn to before me, this April day of 1889 Frederick Miller

A. J. White  
Police Justice.

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

aged 28 years, occupation John Callahan Clerk of No. 57 Green Street, being duly sworn deposes and

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

Sworn to before me, this April day of 1889 John Callahan

A. J. White  
Police Justice.

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0308

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

aged 16 years, occupation Cluck of No.

37 Greener Street, being duly sworn deposes and

says, that he has heard read the foregoing affidavit of Chas. Supermann

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

Sworn to before me, this

day of April 1890

Louis Frank

A. J. White  
Police Justice.



POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0309

Police Court— District.

Affidavit—Larceny.

City and County }  
of New York, } ss.

of No. 57 Greene Street, aged 30 years,  
occupation clerk being duly sworn

deposes and says, that on the 21 day of March, 1890 at the City of New  
York, in the County of New York, was feloniously taken, stolen and carried away from the possession  
of deponent, in the day time, the following property, viz:

Two pieces of satchel of the value  
of seven, five dollars

the property of Oelhermann Flourmiller's  
Company but in deponent's  
charge and care

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 Edward Schaffer and  
Charles Larchew (both now here),

from the fact that on said date  
the deponent Schaffer called at  
the above address and  
represented that he had been sent  
by the firm of J. B. Mast Company  
to procure two samples of flour.  
That deponent gave him two samples  
and they informed Louis Frank  
that he had given Schaffer the samples  
for the approval of the Mast Company.  
That deponent is now informed by  
said Frank that said Schaffer  
called for said goods and the

Sworn to before me, this  
18 day

Police Justice.

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afternoon and that he Frank  
instructed John Callahan as shipping  
or delivering Clerk to deliver said  
goods to said Schaffer.  
Repleunt is now informed by said  
Callahan that he delivered said  
goods to said Schaffer who departed  
with the same. Repleunt is further  
informed by Frederick Muller of the  
Firm of H B Mast Company that said  
Schaffer had no connection with said  
firm and had no right to obtain  
goods on their account and that  
said firm has not received said  
goods and further that said Larcher  
has confessed a guilty knowledge of  
the stealing of said property.

Sworn before me this  
1<sup>st</sup> day of April 1890

A. J. [Signature]  
John Justice



POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0311

Sec. 198-200.

District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY } ss.  
OF NEW YORK,

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

Question. What is your name?

Answer. *Edward Schaffer*

Question. How old are you?

Answer. *17 years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. *no*

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

Answer. *no home*

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 am innocent*  
*Edw Schaffer*

Taken before me this

day of

Police Justice.



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ORIGINAL

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Sec. 198-200.

CITY AND COUNTY  
OF NEW YORK,

5 District Police Court.

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

Question. What is your name?

Answer.

Charles Larchan

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

21 years.

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

Austria

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

Answer.

162 Stanton St.

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.

Bar tender.

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

Answer.

I am guilty  
Chas Larchan

Taken before me this  
day of April 1904

John J. Smith

Police Justice

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0313

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

Police Court No. 24 512 District

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Max Sipowans

Edward J. Schaller  
Charles J. Schaller

Offence

Bara Larey

Dated April 1<sup>st</sup> 1890

White-  
Magistrate

Oliver & M. C. Kelly  
Co. Officer

Precinct

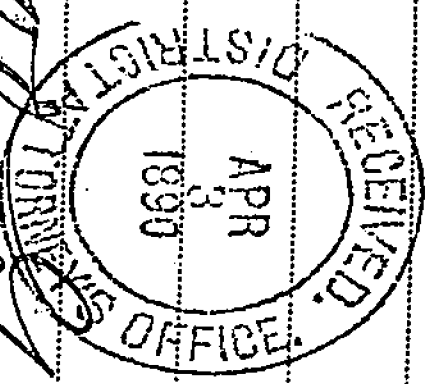
Witnesses

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

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

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

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



Don't  
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It appearing to me by the within depositions and statements that the crime therein mentioned has been committed, and that there is sufficient cause to believe the within named Defendant

guilty thereof, I order that he be held to answer the same and he be admitted to bail in the sum of 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 April 1<sup>st</sup> 1890 W. J. Schaller Police Justice.

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

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ 18 \_\_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_ 18 \_\_\_\_\_ Police Justice.

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0314

Court of General Sessions of the Peace  
OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,  
AGAINST

*Edward Schaffer*

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

*Edward Schaffer*

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

The said *Edward*

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the *eighteenth*  
day of *March*, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and  
*eighty-ninth*, at the City and County aforesaid, with force and arms, with intent to  
deprive and defraud *Walter H. Graetz and Otto S.*

*Schaffer, partners, then and there*  
*doing business in and by the firm,*  
*name and style of Walter H. Graetz*  
*and Company.*

of the ~~proper moneys~~ goods chattels and personal property hereinafter mentioned, and of  
the use and benefit thereof, and to appropriate the same to *his* own use, did then and  
there feloniously, fraudulently and falsely pretend and represent to *the said*  
*Walter and Otto,*

That *he the said Edward* had received  
*by the firm of J.B. Mast Company* to  
*the said Walter H. Graetz and Company,*  
*then and there* to obtain and procure from  
*them three species of cotton* for and on  
*account of the said J.B. Mast Company,*  
*and that he was then and there authorized*  
*and empowered by the said J.B. Mast*  
*Company then and there* to receive and



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obtain the same from the said Walter  
H. Rydell and Company for and on  
their account.

And the said Walter and Otto —

then and there believing the said false and fraudulent pretenses and representations so made  
as aforesaid by the said Edward, —

and being deceived thereby, was induced, by reason of the false and fraudulent pretenses and  
representations so made as aforesaid, to deliver, and did then and there deliver to the said  
Edward, three pieces of cotton of the  
value of thirty four dollars each  
piece.

of the ~~proper moneys~~, goods, chattels and personal property of the said Walter  
and Otto. —

And the said Edward  
did then and there feloniously receive and obtain the said ~~proper moneys~~, goods, chattels, and  
personal property, from the possession of the said Walter and Otto. —

by color and by aid of the false and fraudulent pretenses and representations aforesaid, with  
intent to deprive and defraud the said Walter and Otto —

of the same, and of the use and benefit thereof, and to appropriate the same to his own use

Whereas, in truth and in fact, the said Edward had not  
been sent by the said firm of J. S. West  
Company to the said Walter H. Rydell and  
Company then and there to obtain or

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procure from them these species of action  
for and on account of the said Barnett  
Company; and the said Edward was not  
then and there authorized or empowered  
by the said Barnett Company then  
and there to receive or obtain the same  
from the said Walter H. Grafton Company  
or on ~~Walter H. Grafton~~ their account.

And Whereas, in truth and in fact, the pretenses and representations so made  
as aforesaid by the said Edward  
to the said Walter and Otto was and were  
then and there in all respects utterly false and untrue, as he the said  
Edward  
at the time of making the same then and there well knew

And so the Grand Jury Aforesaid, do say that the said  
Edward  
in the manner and form aforesaid, by the means aforesaid, the said proper moneys, goods,  
chattels and personal property of the said Walter and Otto  
then and there feloniously did STEAL, against the form of the Statute in such case made and  
provided, and against the peace and dignity of the said people.

JOHN R. FELLOWS,

District Attorney.

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No 58

Counsel, \_\_\_\_\_  
Filed 10 day of April 1886  
Pleads, \_\_\_\_\_

THE PEOPLE

vs.

*Edward Schaffer*  
*2 cases*

JOHN R. FELLOWS,  
District Attorney.

A True Bill.

*W. J. C. Berry*  
Foreman.

Witnesses:

*E. A. Schaffer*  
*Officer W. C. Canby*

[Section 628, and 68 J, Penal Code].  
(False Pretenses).  
Grand Larceny



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ORIGINAL

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CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

aged 24 years, occupation Merchant of No. 111 Murder

Frederick Miller Street, being duly sworn deposes and  
says, that he has heard read the foregoing affidavit of Emil A. Hadth  
and that the facts stated therein on information of deponent are true of deponents' own  
knowledge.

Sworn to before me, this

day of April 1890

Frederick Miller

A. J. White  
Police Justice.

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

aged 20 years, occupation City Clerk of No. 33 & 35 West Houston

Charles Eyrich Street, being duly sworn deposes and  
says, that he has heard read the foregoing affidavit of Emil A. Hadth  
and that the facts stated therein on information of deponent are true of deponents' own  
knowledge.

Sworn to before me, this

day of April 1890

Chas Eyrich

A. J. White  
Police Justice.

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0319

Police Court—2 District.

Affidavit—Larceny.

City and County } ss.  
of New York, }

of No. 33 & 35 West Houston 1011 Gray St. 24 years,  
occupation Stock Clerk being duly sworn  
deposes and says, that on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1890 at the City of New  
York, in the County of New York, was feloniously taken, stolen and carried away from the possession  
of deponent, in the day time, the following property, viz:

Three pieces of satin together of the  
value of One hundred dollars

the property of

Matt H Graef Company but  
in deponent's charge and care

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 Edward Schaffer (now here)

from the fact that on said date  
said Schaffer called at the  
above address and represented  
that he had been sent by the  
firm of J. B. Mast Company  
to procure three samples of satin  
describing the kind of satin he  
wanted. That deponent gave  
him three samples and that he  
then departed, shortly returning  
and requesting the delivery of  
three pieces of satin that deponent  
then laid aside three pieces of  
satin and placed the same

Sworn to before me, this

18

day  
Police Justice.

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in the care of Charles Cyrick an  
entry clerk for delivery and that  
deponent is informed by said  
Cyrick that he delivered said  
property to Schaffer who departed  
with the same. Deponent is further  
informed by Frederick Miller of the  
firm of H B Mest Company that  
said Schaffer had no right to  
represent or procure goods for  
said firm and that said firm  
has not received the goods obtained  
by said Schaffer. Deponent therefore  
charges said Schaffer with  
feloniously obtaining said  
property by fraud and with  
stealing and appropriating the  
same to his own use and benefit.

Sworn before me this  
1<sup>st</sup> day of April 1890  
J. J. White  
Police Justice



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ORIGINAL

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Sec. 198-200.

2 District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

Edward Schaffer being duly examined before the under-  
signed according to law, on the annexed charge; and being informed that it is 4-6 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

Edward Schaffer  
Police Justice

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

Police Court... 2, District

THE PEOPLE, &c.,

ON THE COMPLAINT OF

David A. Mather

David A. Mather

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Officer

Dated

April 1st

1890

Magistrate

Officer

Precinct

Witnesses

No.

Street

No.

Street

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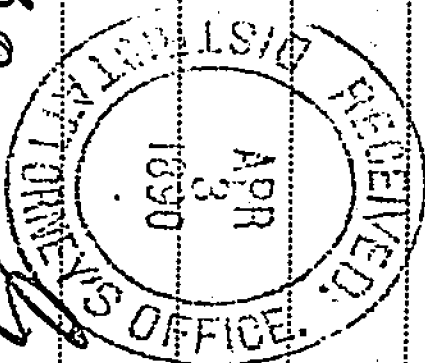
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to insure

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 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 April 1st 1890 John White Police Justice.

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

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ 18 \_\_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_ 18 \_\_\_\_\_ Police Justice.

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0323

Court of General Sessions of the Peace

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,

against

*Edward Schafer and  
Charles Larchan.*

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

*Edward Schafer and Charles Larchan*

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

The said

*Edward Schafer and  
Charles Larchan, both*

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the *twenty-first*  
day of *March* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and *ninety*,  
, at the City and County aforesaid, with force and arms,

*two pieces of satin of the value  
of thirty-seven dollars each piece*

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one

*Emil Belbermann*

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

*John R. Fellows  
District Attorney*



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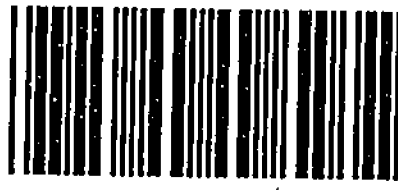
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**DESCRIPTION:**

Seaver, Thomas

**DATE:**

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**FOLDER:**

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**DESCRIPTION:**

Dobbin, James

**DATE:**

04/02/90



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Witnesses;

Sam McEwen

Officer Nugent

279 J B 2

Counsel,

Filed

21 day of April 1890

Pleads

Myself

THE PEOPLE

vs.

Thomas Seaver

and

James Dobbin

JOHN R. FELLOWS,

District Attorney.

April 7/90

Seaver & Robby/Seaver

A True Bill.

John Sam A. Seaver

Foreman.

April 7th

G.S.B.

Each 5.00 2 1/2 yrs.

Robbery in the first degree.  
(MONEY)  
Sections 224 and 228, Penal Code.

0326



0327

CITY AND COUNTY } ss.  
OF NEW YORK,

POLICE COURT, 1 DISTRICT.

*Samuel M. Gill*

of *the House of detection* Street, aged *28* years,

occupation *Laborer* being duly sworn deposes and says

that on the *(22<sup>nd</sup> 26)* day of *March* 18*90*

at the City of New York, in the County of New York *he fully identifies*

*James Dabbin (now known) as one of*

*the two unknown persons charged*

*with Robbery dependent in dependent complaint*

*of March 23. 1890 and he is the person*

*who struck dependent a blow in the face*

*knocking dependent down and who*

*kicked dependent in the face when down*

*Samuel M. Gill*

Sworn to before me, this *26* day

of *March* 18*90*

Police Justice.

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Sec. 198—200.

District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

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

Question. What is your name?

Answer. *James Dobbin*

Question. How old are you?

Answer. *23 years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. *Williamburgh*

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

Answer. *183 Water Street 1 year*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. *Recaller*

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

Answer. *I am guilty of striking the man  
but I am not guilty of Robbery him  
I did not keep him, I struck him  
a blow and run away  
James Dobbin*

Taken before me this

day of

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*James Dobbin*  
District Police Justice.

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CITY AND COUNTY } ss.  
OF NEW YORK,

POLICE COURT, 1 DISTRICT.

of the 1<sup>st</sup> Precinct Police. Street, aged 27 years,  
occupation Police officer being duly sworn deposes and says  
that on the 23 day of March 1885  
at the City of New York, in the County of New York.

Samuel McGill (read here)  
is a material witness against Thomas  
Shaw who is charged with Robbery  
Defendant fears that said Samuel will not  
appear to testify for the people of the State  
of New York whereupon a subpoena  
defendant prays that said Samuel  
be committed to the House of Detention  
John McGowan.

Sworn to before me, this

of

March 23

1885

day

John McGowan Police Justice.



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CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss

good and lawful money of the mine  
of the United States consisting of Bills  
and Silver Coins in all

and that this deponent has a probable cause to suspect, and does suspect, that the said property was ~~attempted to be~~ feloniously taken, stolen, and carried away, by force and violence as aforesaid by

Thomas Seaver (nowhere) and two other person not arrested and whose names are unknown to deponent from the fact that deponent met said three defendants on water Street and deponent asked them for the Central Rail Road Station said defendants told deponent that they would show him said Station and deponent in company of all said defendants entered a liquor store and deponent paid a drink for said defendants and then solicited his money and after paying for said drink replaced said

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money in the right hand pocket of the pants  
then from upon defendant person  
that then defendant left the Saloon and  
said defendant accompanied defendant and  
when about 100 yards from said Saloon  
one of said two unknown persons struck  
defendant one violent blow in the face knocking  
defendant down then said two unknown  
persons kicked defendant when said  
defendant began to get on top of defendant  
attempting to force his hand in defendant's  
right hand pocket which pocket at the time  
contained defendant's money  
Defendant shouted Police and said  
man was caught while on top of  
defendant said unknown person  
Escaped

Subscribed before me this }  
23<sup>rd</sup> day of March 1880 } Samuel McGill  
John J. Morgan }  
Deputy

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 1880  
I have admitted the above named  
to bail to answer by the undertaking hereto annexed.  
Dated 1880  
There being no sufficient cause to believe the within named  
guilty of the offence mentioned, I order he to be discharged.  
Dated 1880  
Police Justice.

Police Court,	District,
THE PEOPLE, &c., on the complaint of	
ss.	
1	2
3	4
Dated 1880	Magistrate.
5	Officer.
6	Clerk.
Witness,	Street,
No.	Street,
No.	Street,
No.	to answer General Sessions.



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ORIGINAL

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Sec. 198-200.

District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY } ss.  
OF NEW YORK, }

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

Question. What is your name?

Answer. *Thomas Seaver*

Question. How old are you?

Answer. *31 years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. *United States*

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

Answer. *81 Oliver Street 1 year*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. *Reader*

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*  
*Thomas Seaver*

Taken before me this

day of *March* 188*5*

*John J. ...*  
Police Justice



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ORIGINAL

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DAILED,  
No. 1, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_  
No. 2, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_  
No. 3, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_  
No. 4, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_  
No. 5, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_

Police Court

District

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THE PEOPLE, &c.,

ON THE COMPLAINT OF

*James H. Smith*

*James H. Smith*

*James H. Smith*

Offence

*Robbery*

Dated *March 23*

1890

*James H. Smith*  
Magistrate

*James H. Smith*  
Officer

*James H. Smith*  
Precinct

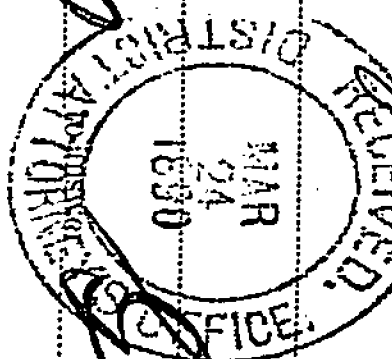
*James H. Smith*  
Witnesses

*James H. Smith*  
Street

*James H. Smith*  
Street

*James H. Smith*  
Street

*James H. Smith*  
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 *James H. Smith*

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

Dated *March 23* 1890 *James H. Smith* Police Justice.

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

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

Dated *March 26* 1890 *James H. Smith* Police Justice.

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

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ 18 \_\_\_\_\_ Police Justice.

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0334

# Court of General Sessions of the Peace

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

against

*Thomas Seaver  
and James Dolbin*

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

*Thomas Seaver and James Dolbin*  
of the crime of ~~attempting to commit~~ ROBBERY IN THE *first* DEGREE, committed as follows:

The said *Thomas Seaver and James Dolbin*

*late* of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the *twenty second* day of *March*, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and *eighty* in the ~~time of the said day~~ at the City and County aforesaid, with force and arms, in and upon one *Samuel McGill*, in the peace of the said People then and there being, feloniously did make an assault, and ~~promissory note for the payment of money, being then and there due and unsatisfied (and of the kind known as United States Treasury Notes), of the denomination of twenty dollars, and of the value of twenty dollars~~ ; *one* promissory note for the payment of money, being then and there due and unsatisfied (and of the kind known as United States Treasury Notes), of the denomination of ten dollars, and of the value of ten dollars ; *two* promissory notes for the payment of money, being then and there due and unsatisfied (and of the kind known as United States Treasury Notes), of the denomination of five dollars, and of the value of five dollars *each* ; *six* promissory notes for the payment of money, being then and there due and unsatisfied (and of the kind known as United States Treasury Notes), of the denomination of two dollars, and of the value of two dollars *each* ; *twelve* promissory notes for the payment of money, being then and there due and unsatisfied (and of the kind known as United States Treasury Notes), of the denomination of one dollar, and of the value of one dollar *each* ; ~~promissory note for the payment of money (and of the kind known as bank notes), being then and there due and unsatisfied, of the value of twenty dollars~~ ; *one* promissory note for the payment of money (and of the kind known as bank notes), being then and there due and unsatisfied, of the value of ten dollars ; *two* promissory notes for the payment of money (and of the kind known as bank notes), being then and there due and unsatisfied, of the value of five dollars *each* ; ~~United States Silver Certificate of the denomination and value of twenty dollars~~ ; *one* United States Silver Certificate of the denomination and value of ten dollars ; *two* United States Silver Certificate of the denomination and value of five dollars *each* ; *six* United States Silver Certificate of the denomination and value of two dollars *each* ; *twelve* United States Silver Certificate of the denomination and value of one dollar *each* ;

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

of the goods, chattels and personal property of the said *Samuel Mc Liff,*  
from the person of the said *Samuel Mc Liff,* against the will,  
and by violence to the person of the said *Samuel Mc Liff,* \_\_\_\_\_  
then and there violently and feloniously did <sup>attempt to</sup> rob, steal, take and carry away, *the said*  
*Thomas Seaver and James Dobbin,* and each  
*of them, being then and there aided by and*  
*accomplice actually present, to wit: each by the*  
*other, and also by a person whose name is to*  
*the Grand Jury aforesaid as yet unknown;*  
against the form of the Statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace of the People  
of the State of New York and their dignity.

JOHN R. FELLOWS,

District Attorney.



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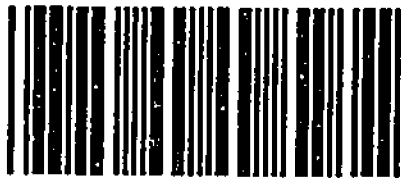
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**DESCRIPTION:**

Seller, Charles

**DATE:**

04/16/90



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Witnesses,

Barbara Seltor

Part I

April 23 1899. The statement  
of the complainant here in do  
now appears with the made  
with complaint. She says  
she is not sure the act  
was then. Therefore  
recommends that the  
defendant be discharged on  
his own recognizance

J. D. Macdonald  
Det. Del.

Counsel,

Filed

Pleads,

139  
1899  
April 18 90

THE PEOPLE

vs.

Charles Seltor

Assault in the First Degree, Etc.  
(Sections 217 and 218, Penal Code.)

JOHN R. FELLOWS,

District Attorney.

April 23 1899  
Discharged on his

A True Bill.

W. J. Gilbert

Foreman.

Part I

April 23. Depts. section



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Police Court— District.

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

Barbara Seller  
of No. 308 E. 90th Street, aged 56 years,

occupation 1666 h m being duly sworn

deposes and says, that on the 6th day of April 1898 at the City of New

York, in the County of New York, in said premises

She was violently and feloniously ASSAULTED and BEATEN by Charles Seller  
(now here) who wilfully and maliciously  
cut and stabbed deponent twice in the  
left arm and once in the right arm  
with a knife he held in his hand, cutting  
deponent severely, and struck deponent  
several violent blows in the face with  
his fists, bruising and blackening deponent's  
face.

Deponent further says that such assault  
was committed

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

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

Sworn to before me this 7 day  
of April 1898

Barbara Seller  
mark  
Police Justice.



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ORIGINAL

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Sec. 198-200.

District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY  
OF NEW YORK, ss.

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

Question. What is your name?

Answer.

*Charles Sellen*

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

*49 years old*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

*Germany*

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

Answer.

*308, E. 80th St. one year*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.

*Laborer*

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

Answer.

*I am not guilty.*

*Charles Sellen*

day of

Taken before me this

Police Justice

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BATED,  
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

Barbara Allen

308 East 90 St

Charles Allen

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3  
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Offence

Assault

Dated

April 7

1890

Residence

Magistrate

No. 3, by

Officer

Residence

Precinct

Witnesses

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

Street

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

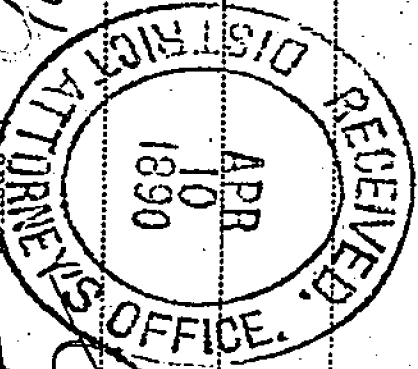
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No. \_\_\_\_\_

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 \_\_\_\_\_

Defendant

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

Dated April 7 1890 \_\_\_\_\_ Police Justice.

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

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ 18 \_\_\_\_\_ Police Justice.

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

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ 18 \_\_\_\_\_ Police Justice.



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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

*Charles Seller*

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

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

The said

*Charles Seller*

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the  
*sixth* day of *April* in the year of our Lord  
one thousand eight hundred and *ninety*, with force and arms, at the City and  
County aforesaid, in and upon the body of one *Barbara Seller*  
in the Peace of the said People then and there being, feloniously did make an assault  
and *her* the said *Barbara Seller*  
with a certain *knife*

which the said

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

with intent

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

SECOND COUNT—

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

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

The said

*Charles Seller*

late of the City and County aforesaid, afterwards, to wit: on the day and in the year  
aforesaid, at the City and County aforesaid, with force and arms, in and upon the body of  
the said *Barbara Seller* in the peace of  
the said People then and there being, feloniously did wilfully and wrongfully make  
another assault, and *her* the said

with a certain

*Barbara Seller*  
*knife*

which the said

*Charles Seller*  
in *his* right hand then and there had and held, the same being a weapon and  
an instrument likely to produce grievous bodily harm, then and there feloniously did  
wilfully and wrongfully strike, beat, cut, stab 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.



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THIRD COUNT—

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

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

The said

Charles Seller  
late of the City and County aforesaid, afterwards, to wit: on the day and in the year  
aforesaid, at the City and County aforesaid, with force and arms, in and upon the said  
Barbara Seller in the peace of the said People then  
and there being, feloniously did wilfully and wrongfully make another assault, and

her the said Barbara Seller  
with a certain knife

which he, the said Charles Seller  
in his right hand then and there had and held, in and upon the arms  
of her the said Barbara Seller

then and there feloniously did wilfully and wrongfully strike, beat, stab, cut, bruise and  
wound, and did then and there and by the means aforesaid, feloniously, wilfully and wrong-  
fully inflict grievous bodily harm upon the said Barbara Seller

against the form of the statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace  
of the People of the State of New York and their dignity.

JOHN R. FELLOWS,

District Attorney.

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**FOLDER:**

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**DESCRIPTION:**

Shea, John A.

**DATE:**

04/24/90



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**FOLDER:**

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**DESCRIPTION:**

Shea, John A.

**DATE:**

04/24/90



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John Robinson  
29th Nov 1871

# THE PEOPLE

48 John<sup>ns</sup> & Sons  
over the  
21

John A. Shea

JOHN R. FELLOWS,

*District Attorney.*

apl. 30/90

1926  
June 6  
Wed 3

# A TRUE BILL

W. L. Berry

Part III June 12/90 Foreman

Tried and Correct

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S. 18 yd.  
June 30/90.

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COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS, PART III.

\*\*\*\*\*

The People of the State of New York " BEFORE  
against " Hon. Rufus B. Cowing  
JOHN A. SHEA. " and a Jury.  
\*\*\*\*\*

Indictment filed April 24, 1890.

Indicted for perjury.

New York, June 11, 1890.

Appearances, for the People, Assistant District  
Attorney John W. Goff.

For defendant, Mr. Robert J. Haire.

The defendant concedes the genuineness of the signature of John A. Shea to the complaint made before Andrew J. White, a Police Justice of this city, on 30th of January 1890.

The defendant also concedes the genuineness of the signature of Andrew J. White, as such Police Justice Justice.

It is also conceded that a corporal oath was administered to said John A. Shea by Justice White, on the 30th of January, 1890.

The complaint made on the 30th day of January, before Justice White is offered in evidence, admitted, and reads as follows:

City and County of New York, ss: John A. Shea,  
of 300 W. Houston St., being duly sworn deposes and says,  
that on the 18th day of November, 1889, at the City of  
New York, in the County of New York, one John Robinson,



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did willfully and feloniously commit arson in the manner following, and from the following facts, to wit; that about the hour of ten P.M., of said date, deponent was invited in the premises 413 1/2 Hudson St., occupied by said Robinson as a barber shop, said building being otherwise occupied as a tenement house in which there were living several families; that said Robinson was in the rear room of said shop and that Robinson requested deponent to purchase beer which deponent did; that on deponent's return to said premises he discovered the floor thereof to be smeared with a substance which deponent believes to have been kerosene oil from its smell; that said Robinson had three short pieces of candle which he was cutting and that deponent asked him what he was going to do, and said Robinson replied that he was going to set fire to the place and get an insurance of \$1200 for the place which he said he was insured for; that he asked deponent to swear that he would say nothing about the matter, stating that he would give deponent \$200 of the money when he recovered the same from the insurance company; that deponent promised that he would say nothing about it and then left the premises; that about thirty minutes thereafter said premises were afire and considerable damage was done.

(Signed.) John A. Shea.

Sworn to before me this :  
:  
30 day of January, 1890. :

A. J. White, Police Justice.



POOR QUALITY  
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JOHN A. ROBINSON, a witness for the People, sworn, testified:

I am a barber, and conduct my business at No. 298 W. Houston St. On the 18th of November last I resided at that number and also had a shop at No. 413 1/2 Hudson St. It is my habit to close my shop at 9 o'clock in the evening. On the night of the 18th of November there was a fire in my shop in Hudson St. I left the shop at about 9 o'clock, closing all the doors and windows, as is my custom. My nephew, who takes care of the shop in Houston St., Mr. Shea, the defendant, and myself were in the shop just before I closed it. I have known Shea for about three or four years. He used to sleep in a back room of my shop; I charged him no rent for this accommodation. On the night in question we had a couple of cans of beer and sat in the back room drinking it. I do not remember having any particular conversation with Mr. Shea on the night of the 18th of November. I was arrested on the complaint of Mr. Shea, made on the 30th day of January. It is not true that I was in the rear room of my shop and requested Shea to purchase beer. The defendant did not leave my shop at any time on that night to purchase beer.

Q Shea states in his affidavit that when he returned with the beer he found the floor of the store besmeared with a substance which he supposed to be kerosene oil. Did you, at any time that night, have any substance like kerosene oil on your floor?

A I put nothing but water on the floor when I cleaned it up.

Q Did you put any oil on the floor, or cause any other person to put any oil on the floor?

A No, sir. I had a few cents worth of oil in the shop which I use for a lamp.

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Q Did you have any kind of inflammable material in your shop on that night?

A No, sir.

Q You swear positively, now, that you did not put any fluid or any substance of an inflammable nature upon the floor that night?

A No, sir; I did not.

Q Did you have three short candles there that night?

A No, sir; I never had any candles in the place?

Q Did you have any candles of any description, long or short, in your hands that night when Shea says he returned?

A No, sir.

Q Then it is not true that you were cutting any candles or anything like candles?

A No, sir.

Q Is it true that you told the defendant that you were going to set fire to the place in order to secure the insurance of \$1200?

A No, sir; I did not say anything of the kind.

Q Did you tell him you were insured?

A No, sir.

Q Did you ask him to swear that he would tell nothing about the matter and tell him that you would give him \$200 of the insurance money?

A No, sir; that is untrue, I never promised him a cent at any time.

Q You say that all the statements contained in the affidavit of the defendant Shea, made on the 30th of January, under oath before Justice White, are untrue?

A Yes, sir; in whole and in detail.

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ORIGINAL**

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Q Had you any connection with the fire, or any knowledge of that fire before it occurred?

A No, sir; I was in absolute ignorance of the fire until I was called to my store about half past one o'clock in the morning. I was discharged in the police court after being examined.

CROSS EXAMINATION:

I lived at St. Johns, Newfoundland, before I came to New York. I had occupied this barber shop at 413 1/2 Hudson St. for about four months. I cleaned the floor of the barber shop on the night in question. I am certain that I put no oil of any kind on the floor. I did not leave any rubbish of any kind on the floor near the stove. There was no one sleeping in the barber shop on the night when the fire occurred. My nephew takes care of the store in W. Houston St. and every evening when he closes up he comes up to the store in Hudson St. It is my habit to close the store at 9 o'clock. The defendant Shea is a peddler and out of charity I took him in and allowed him to sleep in the back room. After I left my shop that night I took a walk through Houston St. to Carmine St., and then through Bleecker St., and then through the Bowery; I walked around for fully two hours. I had no particular object in walking except that I usually take a walk at night after I close my shop. I visited several saloons and drank in each one of them. I recollect leaving different friends in the saloons which I visited. I have been insured ever since I opened the shop; I have two policies, one in the Phenix Insurance Company of Brooklyn, for \$600, and another for



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the same amount in an out of town company. I considered that the property I had in the store in Hudson St. was worth fully \$1200. I had some mirrors, three barber chairs and a stock of cigars. I never had any conversation with the defendant Shea about my insurance. I never carried a piece of candle in my pocket nor did I have a piece of candle about the place.

FREDERICK ASHE, a witness for the People, sworn, testified:

I live at No. 595 Greenwich St. The complainant, John Robinson, is my uncle. I have charge of his barber shop in W. Houston St. On the evening of the 13th of November after I closed the shop in Houston St., I went down to the Hudson St. store arriving there about five minutes after nine. Mr. Robinson and Mr. Shea were in the store when I arrived. Mr. Robinson was pulling down the blinds and Mr. Shea was in the back room. I saw and heard Mr. Robinson and Mr. Shea talking together. I was present all the time from five minutes after nine until Mr. Robinson left the store. I heard everything that was said while I was there. My uncle sent me out for a pint of beer and when I returned the three of us drank it. I did not hear Mr. Robinson request the defendant to go for beer on that night. It is not true, as stated in the complaint of Mr. Shea, that the floor was besmeared with a substance that smelled like kerosene oil. I did not see anything in the shape of oil on the floor that night. It is not true that Mr. Robinson had three short candles and was cutting them. There was no conversation whatever while I was present between Robinson and Shea in reference to insurance money. There was

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no talk between them as to a payment of \$200 if Shea would keep quiet about the fire. I am positive that Mr. Robinson said nothing at all to the defendant about insurance. All of the statements contained in Mr. Shea's affidavit before Justice White<sup>A</sup> are untrue. Mr. Robinson, Mr. Shea and myself left the shop together. I went home and Mr. Robinson went to take a walk towards the Bowery.

CROSS EXAMINATION:

I have not talked about this matter with Mr. Robinson since it occurred. We have not compared our statements at all. I am a nephew of Mr. Robinson and am still in his employ. I came here to-day because I was subpoenaed by the District Attorney. A man named Dick Hennessy first notified me that my uncle's shop was on fire. It was my custom to go the Hudson St. shop every night and make returns to Mr. Robinson for the business of the day. After I left Mr. Robinson on my home I did not see him again until the following morning. I do not know what conversations Robinson and Shea had before I came to the shop. I am sixteen years of age and have been in the barber business for three years.

WILLIAM McLOUGHLIN, a witness for the people, sworn, testified:

I am a captain in the fire department of this city. On the night of the 18th of November, 1889, I received an alarm of fire at 413 1/2 Hudson St., and responded. Upon arriving at the fire I found Engine Company No. 24 there,

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and as soon as I got there I ordered them to shut off. I went into the place and found it filled with smoke. After the fire had been extinguished I examined the premises. I made the examination with a view of ascertaining whether the fire was of incendiary origin. I examined the floor carefully.

Q Did you find any evidences on that floor of any kerosene having been poured on it?

A No, sir.

Q Did you find any pieces of candles, either wholly or partly burned around that place?

A No, sir.

Q Did you find any evidences whatever that would lead you to judge what was the cause of the fire?

A No, sir.

Q What sort of a house was this?

A A tenement house with several families living in it.

CROSS EXAMINATION:

Q If the part of the floor on which oil had been poured was wholly burned, you would not have discovered any evidence of it when you got there.

A No, sir.

Q If candles had been set down on the floor and had burned up, you would not have seen the candles, would you?

A No, sir.

Q Did you have a talk with Robinson about this fire?

A No, sir.

Q Did you detect any peculiar smell outside of the ordinary smell of smoke?

A No, sir; I did not.



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D E F E N C E .

PETER HORE, a witness for the defendant, sworn, testified:

I reside at No. 413 1/2 Hudson St. My rooms are directly over the barber shop of Mr. Robinson. On the night of the 18th of November shortly after 11 o'clock, I discovered that the store was on fire. I immediately alarmed the house and got all the people out on the street. I gave the alarm also for the fire company. My own family lived on the very next floor above this barber shop. I opened the door of the barber shop and looked in, but the place was so full of smoke that I could not tell whether there wer any persons in the shop or not. I thought I heard a sound as though two people were talking. I was living in that house for some years, but do not know what time Mr. Robinson was in the habit of closing up his shop.

CROSS EXAMINATION:

I had been out late that night, and when I returned home, I found the hall full of smoke.

- Q Can you say now, under the solemnity of your oath, that in your hurry and excitement going upstairs, you heard human voices in the barber shop that night?
- A I thought I heard them going upstairs.
- Q Can you say to the jury positively that you heard the sound of voices in the back room?
- A I would not positively swear that I did.
- Q It was your impression at the time?
- A Yes, sir; it was my impression that I heard voices in the back room?
- Q You would not swear to that positively?
- A No, sir.

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Q And in your hurry and excitement to give the alarm to your family you might be mistaken?

A I might be.

Q Your wife and children were sleeping upstairs?

A Yes, sir.

Q Do you know the defendant?

A Yes, sir; I have spoken to him twice, that is all.

Q Did he ever tell you he was going to make a complaint against anyone?

A He talked to me about the inducements this man Robinson offered him.

Q Did you ever tell this man Shea that it was a terrible thing for him to remain silent and risk the lives of the women and children in that house if what he said was true?

A No, sir; I never said anything like that to him. I thought myself that it was a terrible thing for a man to concoct a scheme to do away with the women and children in that house.

JULIA ROSS, a witness for the defendant, sworn, testified:

I live at 413 1/2 Hudson St. I was in bed at the time of this fire, and when I was awakened ran downstairs and out in the street. I had no conversation with Mr. Robinson about the fire. I do not know that there was anybody in Robinson's shop at the time the fire was started. I know nothing whatever about this case.

The jury returned a verdict of guilty.



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Indictment filed Apl. 24-1890

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS

Part III.

The People & Co.  
against

JOHN A. SHEA.

Abstract of testimony on

Trial New York June 11th

1890.



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

POLICE COURT

2<sup>nd</sup> DISTRICT.

John A. Shea  
of No. 300 West Houston Street, being duly sworn, deposes and

says that on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of November 1889

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

one John Robinson

did unlawfully feloniously and  
premeditatedly commit the crime  
of Arson in the manner following  
and from the following facts,  
to wit: That at about the hour  
of 10:30 Pm of said date Dependent  
was invited in the premises,  
143 1/2 Hudson Street occupied  
by said Robinson as a Barber  
Shop, said building being  
otherwise occupied as a tenement  
house in which there were  
living several families at  
the time, that said Robinson  
was in the rear room of said  
shop, that Robinson requested  
Dependent to purchase beer  
which Dependent did, that  
upon Dependent's return to said  
premises he discovered the floor  
thereof besmeared with a substance  
which Dependent believes to have  
been Kerosene oil from its smell,  
that said Robinson had three  
short pieces of candles which  
he was cutting. That Dependent  
asked him what he was going  
to do, and he (Robinson) replied  
he was going to set fire

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to the place and got the insurance  
of \$1200 which he said he was  
insured for that he asked  
deponent to swear he would  
say nothing about the matter  
saying he would give deponent  
\$200 of the money when he  
received the same from the  
Insurance Companies, that deponent  
promised he would say nothing  
about it and then left the  
premises and about 30 minutes  
thereafter said premises were  
on fire and considerable damage  
was done.

John A. Sher

Sworn to before me this }  
30<sup>th</sup> day of January 1890 }

A. F. White  
Police Justice

Police Court, District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

AFFIDAVIT.

vs.

Dated 188

Magistrate.

Officer.

Witness.

Disposition.



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ORIGINAL

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Sec. 108-200.

District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK } ss.

*John Robinson* being duly examined before the under-  
signed according to law, on the annexed charge; and being informed that it is *h* right to  
make a statement in relation to the charge against *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 *h* waiver cannot be used  
against *him* on the trial.

Question. What is your name?

Answer. *John Robinson*

Question. How old are you?

Answer. *30 years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. *Newfoundland*

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

Answer. *298 West Houston St.*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. *Barber.*

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*

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*John Robinson*

Taken before me this

day of

*June*

*1892*

Police Justice



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*The preceding Magistrate  
will hear and determine  
the within case in  
my absence*  
*Police Justice*

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

Police Court District 2

THE PEOPLE, &c.,

ON THE COMPLAINT OF

*John A. Shea*

*John A. Shea*

Offence

*Arson  
1st Degree*

Dated

*Jan 31 1890*

Magistrate

*Benjamin G. ch*

Officer

*Benjamin G. ch*

Witnesses

No.

Street

No.

Street

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 *Reynolds*

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 *John Robinson*  
guilty of the offence within mentioned, I order he to be discharged.

Dated *Jan 31* 1890 \_\_\_\_\_ Police Justice.

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ORIGINAL

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

POLICE COURT, 2<sup>nd</sup> DISTRICT.

of No. 298 West Houston Street, being duly sworn, deposes and

says that on the 31 day of August 1890

at the City of New York, in the County of New York, John A. Shea

did commit unlawful jurying in a  
certain hearing before Hon Edward  
Hogan in the hearing then pending  
of the 2nd District Police Court  
on said date the testimony then  
given being material to the issue  
in said hearing that said Shea  
did then and there under oath  
charge defendant with the crime  
of arson - of setting fire to  
premises 413 1/2 Hudson Street on  
the 18th day of November 1889 and  
in his testimony said - "Question by  
"Counsel Mr. Clelland - "At what  
"particular time was it that you  
"noticed the piece of candle  
"burning on the table?" Answer  
"by Shea - I judge it was about  
"20 minutes to eleven after I  
"came back with the beer. The candle  
"was burning. Yes. Question by  
"Counsel - "Did you that it had  
"been burning ten minutes?"  
"Answer, Yes. Question by Counsel,  
"After he paid he was going to give you  
"two hundred dollars you made  
"the remark that there were  
"people up stairs in the house  
"doing there and that was



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murder. Answer. Yes sir. Question. You had formerly been a policeman and you knew that to set the place on fire was a felony. Answer. Yes. Question. You knew that if life was destroyed in that fire it would be murder in the first degree. Answer. Yes. Question. You told him it would be murder. Answer. Yes. Question. You went out and left him there. Answer. We went out together. Question. The fire had been started. Answer. He had the candle burning. Question. Where had he put the candle. Answer. On the floor. I saw him put it on the floor. (See pages 5, 6 & 7 of testimony heretofore attached). Dependent now says that such testimony is entirely false and manufactured, and if believed would do dependent great injury, and cause mental suffering.

Sworn to before me this 9 day

of April 1890

*John Robinson*  
Police Justice.

Police Court, District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

AFFIDAVIT.

vs.

Dated

188

Magistrate.

Officer.

Witness.

Disposition.



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ORIGINAL

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Sec. 198-200.

2 District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

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

Question. What is your name?

Answer.

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

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

Answer.

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.

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

Answer.

Taken before me this

day of

Police Justice

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ORIGINAL

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Sec. 151.

Police Court..... District.

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

*In the name of the People of the State of New York; To the Sheriff of the County  
of New York, or to any Marshal or Policeman of the City of New York, GREETING:*

Whereas, Complaint in writing, and upon oath, has been made before the undersigned, one of the Police  
Justices for the City of New York, by *John Robinson*  
of No. *271 West Houston* Street, that on the *31* day of *January*  
188*9*, at the City of New York, in the County of New York,

*he John A. Shea did commit  
perjury in a certain action  
then pending, the perjured testimony  
being material to the issue then pending*

Wherefore, the said Complainant has prayed that the said Defendant may be apprehended and bound to  
answer the said complaint.

These are Therefore, in the name of the PEOPLE of the State of New York, to command you the said  
Sheriff, Marshals and Policemen, and each and every of you, to apprehend the said Defendant and bring *him*  
forthwith before me, at the *2* DISTRICT POLICE COURT, in the said City, or in case of my absence  
or inability to act, before the nearest or most accessible Police Justice in this City, to answer the said charge, and to  
be dealt with according to law.

Dated at the City of New York, this *9<sup>th</sup>* day of *April* 188*9*

*H. J. White* POLICE JUSTICE.

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The within named

having been brought before me under this Warrant, is committed for examination to the  
WARDEN and KEEPER of the City Prison of the City of New York.

Dated 188

Police Justice.

POLICE COURT DISTRICT.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

John Robinson

vs.

John A. Shea

Warrant-General.

Dated April 9 1890

A. J. White Magistrate.

James Bell Officer.

The Defendant John A. Shea  
taken, and brought before the Magistrate, to answer  
the within charge, pursuant to the command con-  
tained in this Warrant.

James Bell Officer.

Dated 5-20 P.M. April 9 1890

This Warrant may be executed on Sunday or at  
night.

Police Justice.



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

No 223 568  
Police Court... District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

*John H. H. H.*  
*John H. H. H.*

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Offence

*Rejoice*

*John H. H. H.*  
Magistrate.

*John H. H. H.*  
Officer.

*John H. H. H.*  
Precinct.

No. 593  
Street

*John H. H. H.*  
Street

No. 2500  
Street

*John H. H. H.*  
Street

*John H. H. H.*  
Street

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  
*Twenty-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 *April 10* 1890 *John H. H. H.* Police Justice.

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

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ 18 \_\_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_ 18 \_\_\_\_\_ Police Justice.

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ORIGINAL

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DISTRICT POLICE COURT.

THE PEOPLE,  
ON COMPLAINT OF

*John A. Shea*  
*John Robinson*

Examination held

Before

*Jan 31*  
*Edward Hogan*

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*20*  
Police Justice.

I, *W. L. Ormby*

Stenographer of the

*2* District Police

Court, do hereby certify that the within testimony in the above case is a true and correct copy of  
the original Stenographer's notes of the testimony of *John A. Shea et al*

as taken by me on the above examination before said Justice.

Dated

*Feb 11*

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*Edward Hogan*  
Police Justice

*W. L. Ormby*  
Stenographer



{ Police Court  
Second Dist.

The People vs  
John A. Shea  
John Robinson }

Examination Before Justice Hogan  
Jan 31 1890

John A. Shea the complaining witness  
being further examined by the  
court deposes and says:-

Q. Do you want to correct your  
affidavit in any way?

A. About my taking the demijohn  
Q. state whatever you want to.

A. I said to him that people  
was living overhead. He said  
he did not give a God damn  
if every one in the place was  
burned. Said I "That is  
murder; some of them could  
not get out."

Q. Anything else?

A. Nothing but when I came  
in he was holding a watch.



in his hand timing about  
a candle that was burning  
on a table. He said this  
one burned ten minutes and  
he would cut down the rest  
smaller.

Cross examined by Mr. McCallum  
counsel for defendant DePoe  
and says:-

Q - You say in your affidavit:-  
"Upon deponent's return to  
said premises he discovered  
the floor thereof besmeared  
with a substance which  
deponent believes to have  
been kerosene oil from its  
smell." ~~That~~ When you went  
out for the beer was that  
upon the floor yes.

A No.

Q Was there any smell of  
kerosene?

A No - except a lamp that  
was burning - one lamp on  
the table.

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Q When did you go for beer?

A To Fred Eames the second house from Clarkson St.

Q How far?

A Not far - about half a block.

Q Did you buy a pint of beer?

A Yes Sir.

Q How much did you pay?

A Ten cents

Q When you came directly back?

A I came directly back.

Q How much time did it take you?

A I could not tell - five minutes  
five to ten or 10 minutes.

Q When you went out room  
were anybody but Robinson  
there?

A No; that is to the best of my  
belief.

Q How much wear the floor  
has received?

3 { A I did not take much  
notice - a circle of three or  
four feet.



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Q How was it received?

A I thought at first it was water. Then I smelled kerosene out

Q Up to that time you had no knowledge that he was going to burn these premises;

A No.

Q You say he was cutting three pieces of candle?

A Yes.

Q You asked him what he was cutting the candles for?

A Yes.

Q He told you he was going to burn down the place and get the insurance?

A Yes.

Q You say the piece of candle on the table?

A Yes.

Q Just as quick as you came in you said "What are you doing with those candles?"

A Yes.



Q And he said he was going to burn down the place to get the insurance;

A Yes.

Q Then he gave you a promise that he would give you \$200 if you would say nothing about it?

A Yes.

Q At what particular time was it that you noticed the piece of candle burning on the table?

A I judge it was about 20 minutes to eleven after I came back <sup>with</sup> from the beer. This candle was burning.

A Yes.

Q He told you that it had been burning ten minutes;

A Yes.

Q After he said he was going to give you ten hundred dollars you made the remark

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that there were people up stairs  
in the house living there and  
that was murder?

A Yes Sir

Q You had formerly been a  
policeman and you knew  
that to set this place on fire  
was a felony?

A Yes.

Q You knew that if life was  
destroyed in that fire it  
would be murder in the first  
degree?

A Yes

Q You told him it would be  
murder?

A Yes

Q You went out and left him  
there?

A We went out together.

Q The fire had been started.

Q He had the candle burning.

Q Where had he put the  
candle?

A On the floor. I saw him



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- Q Put it on the floor  
was it, after he put the candle  
on the floor or before that  
you said it was murder  
A Before.  
Q after you told him that, you  
saw him put the candle on  
the floor then you and he  
went out  
A I went across the street  
Q Did you go out together?  
A Yes; and he locked the  
door, we went out together  
Q And the candle was left  
burning in this place on this  
floor saturated with kerosene  
A Yes, and I went down  
as far as Chestnut St.  
Q Were these premises or  
you beat?  
A Yes; but I was not getting  
paid for it  
Q Not of these particular premises  
A No.  
Q after you went out you

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went down on your beat?

A Yes.

Q you were watching there?

A Yes Sir

Q Did you patrol your post?

A I went down Chelton St.

and came up and went to  
Delaney's liquor store

Q where is Delaney's liquor store

A on the north east corner  
of French and Houston  
St.

Q How long did you stay there?

A About 10 minutes.

Q where did you go?

Q where did you go.

A There was a fellow came a  
and said Robinson Place  
was on fire

Q what did you say?

A I went out and went  
up there and was driven  
back by the officer.

Q The police lines had been  
established?



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A. Mr. Bri.

Q. What did you say then?

A. I said nothing.

Q. How long did you remain

A. I remained about 25 minutes.  
I then went on my beat  
again.

Q. What did you do after that?

A. I did nothing at all  
only patrolled my beat until  
6 o'clock in the morning.

Q. During all that time did  
you speak to anybody about  
the fire?

A. No. Mr. not until Robinson  
came along about 12 o'clock.

Q. When did you first inform  
the authorities?

A. Last Wednesday January 29,  
(the alleged arm robbery on Nov. 18,  
1989). I informed Capt. Copeland.

Q. Did you inform him any  
day before that?

A. No.

Q. Did you know that Robinson

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was moved on these premises?

A I was not sure but he told me so.

Q When

A About three weeks ago.

Q You are an old policeman, and you knew this from the 18th day of Mr. White James 29 that this fire was started in these premises, and you knew that it might have resulted in murder?

A I was poorly clad and I did not wish to come to court.

Q The reason you did not come to court was because you had not clothes to make you presentable?

A No; not that particularly.

Q What was it then?  
understood that it was because you had no clothes.

A Yes.

10 Q You were to get \$200



of this money:

1. I was to get it.

2. When this man promised  
you \$200 what did you  
say?

A. I said all right.

2. What was it he gave you?

A. He handed me two dollars.  
I would not receive it.

2. What was it that he was  
to give you the \$200 for?

A. He told me after the fire  
that he would not give me  
a present. I said I did  
not want it.

2. What did you want?

A. I did not want anything  
at all. I never proposed  
it. He proposed to me.

2. If he had given you this  
\$200 what would you have  
done?

A. That is kind of telling

2. If he had given you the \$200

11 not to tell would you have

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done it?

A I do not know.

Q What expectation have you  
to make to the court of  
your conduct?

A In the first place I knew  
there was nothing in the collar  
to take fire, I knew the  
fire would be discovered before  
it extended far.

Q That is the reason you said  
nothing about it?

A That is the only reason.

Q How about your going to  
Captain Copeland?

A When I spoke to Robinson  
outside of his own door, in  
Houston Street I said "Have  
you got your money?" He said,  
He said "Go fuck yourself you  
Irish son of a bitch. I will  
not give you a damn cent  
off me. I said I don't  
require any money. I said  
to him "This is money."



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night. before Friday I will  
give it to you that you will  
take them words back. Then  
he walked away and said  
"You can go to hell."

Q What did you do?

A I did not do anything  
thought he would take the  
words back.

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Q You gave him a word longer.

A Yes, then I went down to  
Capt. Copeland.

Q When did you leave the  
Police force?

A I cannot tell — about  
8 or 9 years ago.

Q You were removed were  
you not?

A I was not. There was no  
charge made against me  
my

Q You resigned?

A I resigned.

Q There was no charge

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Preferred against you?

1- There was a charge that I  
was pretty drunk

2- Was there not a charge that  
you had collected money?

1- No Sir.

2- Have you not had a  
charge Preferred against  
you?

1- I was arrested once in my  
life since I left the force

2- What was the charge?

1- Violation of the Excise Law

2- What was the result?

1- Three months

2- Where?

1- ~~Over~~ The Island - I  
believe it was in 1884

2- Where was the house situated  
that you kept?

1- At 178 Blueken St. I  
kept a hotel.

2- Were you not convicted of  
keeping your daughter in  
a house of prostitution?



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A I kept no women there

Q What was the charge?

A I say

Q When did you cease to be  
a watchman?

A About four or five months

Q What have you been doing  
the last five months?

A Watching.

Q Did you tell any of the  
owners of property that you  
watched in the neighborhood  
that you knew this man  
was going to set fire to the  
place to get the insurance.

A No.

Q Did you not consider it  
of sufficient importance to  
tell them?

A No I never told any body.

Q Describe this house?

A It was a double tenement  
house -

11- Q This defendant's property was on

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the ground floor

A Yes  
Q What part of the floor was covered with kerosene?

A Right in front of the stove

Q How many persons there?

A Dozed out left. It was three stories I believe. Every story was occupied by a family.

Q Do you know a boy by the name of Shannon?

A Yes

Q And this one here by the name of O. J. Jools

A Yes

Q Do you remember in the month of April asking these young men to rob a store on the corner of

A No sir

Q You never made such a proposition to them?

A No

Q You say you and he left the premises together?



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A He locked the door after  
him, he went across the  
street I walked down to  
one side.

Q When you left that place  
did you take anything with  
you?

A I took a kerosene lamp - an  
empty kerosene lamp. I got  
it from him. I left it on  
the street, below Houston St.  
He told me to take it and  
break it. Previous to that  
he told me that he got two  
gallons of oil in it, and it  
cost him 14 cents.

Q Have you a family?

A No Sir. I see my wife once  
in a while. She is living home  
with her folks.

Q Who was the first one you  
spoke to about the fire?

A Capt. Copeland.

Q During that night did you  
give any alarm to the tenants of

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that house?

A I never said a word to anybody

Q who was it that told you that dependent had settled with the insurance?

A John Keegan

Q where does he live?

A 300 West Houston St.

Q after you had been told what did you do?

A I done nothing. This is more than 9 weeks ago.

Q but you ~~can~~ call on him

A W: he was standing at his door.

Q you approached him?

A Yes.

Q what did you say?

A I said "Have you got settled settled?" No I did not "said he" It makes no difference to you - you go to hell &c

18-2 Q If he had not settled how



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and that concern you?

A. Only the abuse he gave  
2 Did you want him to keep  
his promise?

A I did not ask him  
2 Did you want him?

A No

2 after he had abused you  
you gave him until Friday  
night.

A Friday morning.

2 Did you have anything to do  
with him or say to him before  
the following Wednesday?

A No. I only saw him some  
time I never spoke to  
him

2 You say that after he  
told you he was going to  
set fire to the premises  
where people lived he told  
you to take away something.

A I took away a lamp.

2 You were told it contained  
oil!

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A I would not be boasting.  
2 After he told you that he  
would set the place on  
fire, and after you had  
really taken away the car  
that he said had contained  
a gallon of oil. And you  
not feel that you were a  
party to the commission of  
crime and that that was  
the reason why the place  
was set on fire.

A I do not think or  
dream to that I used  
to sleep in the place in the  
day time, three weeks before  
that the key was taken away.

2 You did not bear any  
ill will toward defendant  
for taking away the keys?

A No I did not.

2 No ill will for calling you  
bad names and not keeping  
his promise?

20 A That promise about amount to



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much anything. He offered  
me money and I would  
not accept it.  
That is all I know

Cross examined

2 I understand you to say that  
in answer to a question by  
his honor that after you had  
learned that Robinson had  
settled with the Insurance  
company you met him in  
front of his place.

A That was two or three  
weeks after

2 What did you say when  
you spoke to him

A I said: Have you got settled  
How did you make out

2 Now that the only conversation  
that you had over the settle-  
ment

A That was the only time.

2 You are quite positive?

2 A Yes. That is all the time

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I asked him "Did you  
get settled

Q When did you ask him.

A I used to meet him very  
frequently

Q Is it not a fact that  
you felt that you had  
been sufficed to say  
nothing about this case

A - No.

Q And that you were going  
to get \$200 for your share

A - No; I did not accept  
a cent. I would not take  
money.

Q You did not take the trouble  
to notify the insurance co.

A I did not know where  
the insurance office was

By the Court.

Q You did not take the  
trouble to notify the Fire  
Members.

22 A - No.



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Re cross,

Q You did not feel indignant  
on account of your not  
getting this \$200?

A No; I did not expect it

Q You knew that were  
families - women and children  
sleeping in that house

A I knew it would not  
result in anything

Q How did you know it?

A I knew it

Sworn to before me this 9/..... day

of June 1882

Police Justice.

William Mc Laughlin, Captain  
of Engine 24 being duly sworn  
and examined as a witness  
for the People deposes and  
says: - I reside at 74 North  
St. I received the alarm  
for this fire at 11:33 P.M.  
We proceeded to the fire  
It took about 3 minutes to  
get there. It took a few

minute to put the fire  
out

Q Did you know how it had  
taken fire?

A No Sir

Q Did you find a candle  
burning?

A No Sir

Q Did you smell kerosene  
at all?

A No Sir

Q All you know is that a  
fire took place and  
was burning there?

A Yes Sir

By Mr. Marshall Mitchell

Q It was in the vicinity of  
the ~~station~~ stove?

A Within two feet.

By the Court

Q - What kind of a stove  
was it?

A A kind of self feeding

24 By Mr. Mitchell



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Q You did not perceive the odor of kerosene;

A No sir.

Q This fire burned around the stove for a distance of several feet;

A Two feet across and six feet wide.

John A. Shea recalled  
by the Court

Q Did you meet this man on the 14<sup>th</sup> by appointment?

A No.

Q Accidentally?

A Yes.

Q He offered you two dollars

A Yes.

Q You knew that this fire was liable to burn women and children?

A Yes.

25 Q Do you make this

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Disclosure on account of  
his failure to keep his  
agreement?

A No.

Q By Mr. McClelland

2 You did not sleep in the  
store

A No; I had slept there  
before

Q By the Hon. Marshall Mitchell

2 When he told you he  
would give you \$200 did  
you consent to the  
arrangement?

A No.

2 You did not object?

A I said "all right"

Q By the Court

2 You did not want to take  
that much money?

26 A I did not



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Re: Cross

Q about what time did  
you sleep there?

A Three weeks previous

Mr Mc Clelland - I move to  
discharge defendant

The Court - You had better  
go on with your examination

John Robinson the defendant  
being duly sworn as a witness  
in his own behalf deposes  
and says: I reside at 298  
West Houston St. I do  
business there. I am a  
barber.

Q when did this first occur?

A at 40 1/2 Hudson St

Q You have heard the statements  
of the complainant. are they  
true or false?

27 A False

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2 Did you at any time put  
any oil on these premises  
on the 18th day of November?  
A. or at any time?

A - No; never did

2 Is it a fact that you  
had any candle there?

A No Sir

2 Is it true that you said  
to complainant that you  
were going to set fire to  
the place to get the  
insurance?

A No Sir

2 Did you at any time  
promise to pay complainant  
\$200

2 You claim against the  
Fire Insurance Co has been  
paid?

A Yes Sir.

2 Have you any explanation  
to make of this occurrence  
when the complainant says you  
made these representations in error



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A What he says is not true  
my nephew was there.

Q Do you remember the con-  
versation some weeks ago  
when he asked you whether  
your insurance had been  
settled?

A Yes.

Q What was said?

A He had a load on and  
he staggered up to me and  
said "Have you got your  
insurance settled?" What  
he said irritated me.

Q Have you ever been arrested  
yet?

A Never Sir.

Q You carry on a store in the  
street?

A I have been twelve years  
on the block. I'm  
doing journeyman work and  
for myself.

29 By the Court

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Q When did you live last November  
A 29th West Harrison St.

By the Court

Q In what companies were  
you insured?

A Phelan and German American  
A for \$600 in each.

Q Were you paid by the  
insurance Co?

A I got \$300 - I got \$200 from  
one company. One company  
did not want to pay. I  
got \$100 from the other.

Q You have heard Phelan's  
story about the Dempsey?

A Yes. I never had a  
Dempsey in my life. All  
the oil there was a bottle  
of oil.

Q Did you have any conversation  
with the witness Phelan with  
reference to these people  
there that were likely to be  
bribe?



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A No sir, never.

Q Where was you at the time of the fire?

A To the best of my knowledge I was in the Bowers.

Q What time did you leave the shop?

A About half past nine

Q When you left room there anyone there?

A Yes;

Q Who?

A Dependant John and

A Shee and my nephew.

Q What is your nephew's name?

A Ash.

Q He was employed by you?

A Yes sir.

Q Now these men were there together?

A Yes sir.

Q Had you been drinking?

A We generally got a drink of beer.

Q Did you on that night?

31 A Yes sir.

Q Did she get been for you?  
A Not for six or seven  
weeks before that

Q Where were you arrested?

A In my shop 241 West  
Houston St.

Q Were you told at the time  
of your arrest what you  
were arrested for.

A No. I was told by the  
Captain at the station

Q When you got the insurance  
money did you make a  
statement to the insurance  
company?

A Yes sir: The morning after  
the fire.

Q How long afterwards did  
they pay you the money

A Some time

Q When did you see her

A I used to see her every  
day about 1 o'clock.

Q When did you next see her

32 A - The next day,



2 Did you have any  
communication with him  
at all

A None at all

2 Did he seem surprised?

A No.

2 You did not say anything  
about it?

A No I did not think it  
was any of his business:

A

Frederick Ash being duly sworn  
and examined as a witness  
for the People Defendant  
deposes and says, I live  
at 593 Greenwell St. I am  
15 years old. I am a  
barber. I remember the  
night of this fire. My  
mule was there. Also the  
companion, my mule, the  
Defendant and myself came  
out together.

Q Who went for the beer?

A Myself.

By the Court

Q - Did you see anybody carry  
a demijohn out?

A No Sir.

Q Do you know of any  
demijohn being taken from  
the place?

A No Sir.

Q Were there any candles  
about the place?

A I do not know of any.

Q Did you hear any conversation  
with complainant Shea  
about setting fire to the  
place?

A No Sir.

Q What was your first knowledge  
of the fire?

A About 12.30, he came down  
and woke me up.

Q Whom did you see there  
that you knew?

Q & A Roberson I think



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Q Who else?

A A couple of men.

Q When did you first see  
Shea?

A ~~A little~~ a little while  
after.

Q Did you talk to him?

A No, I never talked with  
Shea about the fire.

Q Did you know of any oil  
on the floor?

A No sir.

By the Court

Q Where do you work?

A Houston Street

Q Do you know how this  
fire took place?

A No sir.

Thomas Shannon being duly  
sworn and examined as a  
witness for the defendant  
affirms and says: I live at

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69t Greenwich St. I am  
25 years old. I know the  
confeanment there. about  
three years. He is a watch  
man - a private watchman  
in Hudson st. I have seen  
him down on Hudson st  
as far as Charter st.

Q Did you have a conversation  
with him? about a month ago?

A Yes

Q What about occurred?

A I was standing on the corner  
by Seamen's Bk about  
8 o'clock. about a  
month or five weeks ago.

Q What was said - what  
did he say and what  
did you say?

A He said he wanted to  
get a suit of clothes and  
asked if I would. I said  
I would. He said "You can  
get it up Hudson st. There  
is a place of glass



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broken: all you have  
to do is to put it in your  
hand," I said I don't  
care about that. I can't  
have anything like that. I  
am not in the business.

Q How long did you know  
him before that?

A About a year or so,  
maybe two years.

Q Judge Hogan

Q What is your business?

A I peddle steamer chairs  
along the river front

Q Have you ever been  
arrested?

A Yes; for intoxication.

Q Anything else?

A When I was a boy 12  
years old

97 William J. Jole being duly sworn  
and examined as a witness

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for defendant DePone,  
and says, I am 17 years  
old.

2 What is your business

A Truck driver

2 Where do you live?

A 6143 at 300 West Houston St

2 Do you know Complainant  
Hea?

A Yes Sir

2 Do you know what his  
occupation is?

A Yes. He is a watchman.

2 Did you have a conversation  
with him that has been  
referred to here?

A Yes.

2 Where was that conversation?

A Corner of the Corner by Delaney

Q Martin M. Delaney

2 About how long ago?

A About six weeks ago.

2 State what the conversation  
was

Q & A He came and he said "I



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I have got something on hand  
I would like to have  
some one to go with me." I  
said "What do you mean?"  
He said "There is a place  
at the corner where there is  
a window broken. I would  
like to have a suit of  
under clothing and also  
clothing." He wanted me  
to go with him. I told  
him I was not in that  
business.

By the Court

Q. How long since you have  
been at work?

A. Five weeks

Q. Have you any work?

A. Only little odd jobs

Q. Whom do you live with?

A. My mother

Q. Have you ever been arrested?

A. No sir

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Off Discharged

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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 A. Shea*

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

Indictment accuse

*John A. Shea*

of the crime of

*Perjury,*

committed as follows:

The said

*John A. Shea,*

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

*thirtieth* day of

*January* in the year of our Lord one thousand

eight hundred and ~~eighty~~

*ninety*

, at the City and County aforesaid,

*did personally appear and appear before*  
*Andrew J. White Esquire, then and yet*  
*being one of the Police Justices of the*  
*said City and County of New York, and*  
*a magistrate and officer having power*  
*to issue a warrant for the arrest of*  
*a person charged with a crime, and*  
*appointed, qualified and acting as such,*  
*and did then and there produce and*  
*exhibit to and lay before the said Andrew*  
*J. White Esquire, such Police Justice as*  
*aforesaid, a certain information in writing*



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charging a fine of \$100.00 with having  
on the eighth day of November, in  
the year of our Lord one thousand  
eight hundred and eighty nine, at the  
City and County aforesaid, committed the  
crime of arson.

And thereupon, to wit: on the said  
eighth day of November in the year  
of our Lord one thousand eight hundred  
and ninety, at the City and County  
aforesaid, the said John A. Shea, was  
in due form of law sworn and did take  
his corporal oath, say and before the  
said Andrew White, Esquire, Police  
Justice as aforesaid, touching and  
concerning the truth of the matters contained

in the said information that the said Andrew White  
Esquire, as such Police Justice having then and there full and  
competent power and authority to administer the said oath  
to the said John A. Shea in that behalf lawfully and duly  
sworn as aforesaid, the said John A. Shea

Shea, in and by the said information,  
upon his oath aforesaid, before the said  
Andrew White, Esquire, Police Justice  
as aforesaid, then and there solemnly  
swearing solemnly and conscientiously  
did solemnly swear, depose, allege, charge  
and say amongst other things, in substance  
and to the effect following, that is to  
say:

That at about the hour of ten o'clock  
in the night time of the said eighth

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day of November in the year of our Lord  
one thousand eight hundred and eighty  
nine, the said John A. Shea was  
invited in the building of the State  
House as number four hundred and  
thirteen and one half Hudson Street,  
the same being occupied in part by the  
said John Robinson as a barber shop,  
and being otherwise occupied as a  
tenement house, in which there were  
then living several families; that the  
said John Robinson was then in a  
rear room of the said barber shop, and  
that he then and there requested the said  
John A. Shea to purchase beer; that  
thereafter the said building for that  
purpose, and thereafter purchased beer,  
and returning thereafter to the said  
building, upon so returning he the said  
John A. Shea discovered the floor of  
the said building besmeared with a  
substance which he (at the time of so  
discovering same) was, alleging,  
charging and saying as aforesaid) believed  
to have been procured from its smell;  
that the said John Robinson then, to wit:  
at the time he the said John A. Shea so  
discovered the floor of the said building  
so besmeared as aforesaid, had three



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short pieces of candles which he was  
cutting; that the said John A. Shea asked  
him the said John Robinson what he  
was going to do, and that the said John  
Robinson replied that he was going to  
set fire to the place and get the  
insurance of twelve hundred dollars, for  
which amount he was insured; that  
the said John Robinson then asked the  
said John A. Shea to swear he would  
say nothing about the matter, and stated  
that he would give the said John A. Shea  
two hundred dollars of the money when  
he recovered the same from the insurance  
companies; that the said John A. Shea  
promised he would say nothing about  
it and then left the said building; and  
that about thirty minutes thereafter the  
said building was afire, and considerable  
damage was done.

Whereas in truth and in fact  
the said John A. Shea was not invited  
in the said building at about the hour  
of ten o'clock in the night time of the  
said eighth day of November, in  
the year of our Lord one thousand  
eight hundred and eighty nine; and  
the said John Robinson was not then  
in a rear room of the said hotel;

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and he did not then and there request  
the said John Shea to purchase beer,  
and the said John Shea did not, having  
left the said building for that purpose,  
and having purchased beer, and returning  
thereafter to the said building, discovered  
upon so returning the 2 floor of the  
said building besmeared with a substance  
which he at any time believed to have  
been beer because of its smell; and  
the said John Robinson did not, at the  
time he the said John Shea so discovered  
the said 2 floor so besmeared, or at any  
time on the said last mentioned day have  
three short pieces of candles which he  
was cutting; and the said John Shea  
did not ask the said John Robinson  
what he was going to do, and the said  
John Robinson did not reply that he  
was going to set fire to the place and  
get the insurance of twelve hundred  
dollars for which amount he was insured,  
and the said John Robinson did not  
then ask the said John Shea to answer  
he would say nothing about the matter,  
and did not state that he would give  
the said John Shea two hundred  
dollars of the money when he recovered  
the same from the Insurance Company;



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and the said John A. Shea did not require  
that he would say nothing about it -  
all of which he the said John A. Shea  
then and there, to wit on the said  
thirtieth day of January, in the year  
of our Lord one thousand eight hundred  
and ninety, and at the time of so swearing,  
deposing, alleging, charging and saying  
as aforesaid, of the City and County  
aforesaid, well knew.

And so the Grand Jury aforesaid  
do say: That the said John A. Shea,  
in manner and form aforesaid, knowingly,  
willfully, lawlessly, corruptly, and  
against, did commit unlawful and corrupt  
perjury against the form of the  
Statute in such case made and provided,  
and against the peace of the People of  
the State of New York, and their  
dignity.

John R. Fellows,  
District Attorney

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**DESCRIPTION:**

Sheehan, Timothy

**DATE:**

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**FOLDER:**

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**DESCRIPTION:**

Reilly, Mark J.

**DATE:**

04/25/90



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Mr. 2-10-10  
+ No 23501 12/10  
WV

Counsel,  
Filed, 25 Dec 1890  
Pleads, W. J. Kelly

IN THE PEOPLE 1020  
vs. Timothy Sheehan  
Robbery in the 2nd degree.  
(MONEY)  
Sections 224 and 228, Penal Code.  
Mark J. Kelly

JOHN R. FELLOWS,  
District Attorney.

A True Bill.

W. J. Kelly  
Says 2-10-10 Foreman.  
Says 2-10-10 at Court, 1st deg.  
Says 2-10-10 at Court, 1st deg.  
Says 2-10-10 at Court, 1st deg.  
Says 2-10-10 at Court, 1st deg.

Witnesses:

Victor H. Hannon  
Gennie Hannon

Edgar  
First Connection  
but the Cure is an  
Aggravation  
BT



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Police Court— 3 District.

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss

Deborah Hermann  
of No. 27 West 115<sup>th</sup> Street, Aged 40 Years  
Occupation Keep house being duly sworn, deposes and says, that on the  
19<sup>th</sup> day of April 1890, at the 12<sup>th</sup> Ward of the City of New York,  
in the County of New York, was feloniously taken, stolen, and carried away, from the person of de-  
ponent by force and violence, without her consent and against her will, the following property, viz:

A leather pocket-book, containing  
good and lawful money of  
the United States to the amount and

of the value of Eleven + 37/100 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 force and violence as aforesaid by

Timothy Shukan and Mark  
J. Reilly (both now here) from the  
fact that at the hour of 6.10 o'clock  
P. M. said date deponent was walking  
on West 115<sup>th</sup> Street going west toward  
Lenox Avenue. and at that time deponent  
had said pocket-book in her left hand.  
When these defendants came up to deponent  
together and in company with each other.  
and the defendant Shukan caught  
her of deponent and threw deponent  
violently to the ground. and while deponent  
was lying prostrate the defendant Reilly

Subscribed before me this 188

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Matched said pocket-book from defendant's hand when he and the defendant [illegible] ran away together with said pocket-book toward 5th Avenue.

Defendant is informed by Officer Michael [illegible] that he arrested the said defendants as they were running together in East 116th Street near Madison Avenue. and when he searched the said defendants he found in the defendant Reilly's possession a pocket-book containing \$27.00 dollars.

Defendant further says that she has since seen the pocket-book so found with the defendant Reilly by said Officer, and fully identifies said pocket-book as her property.

Wherefore defendant charges the said defendant with being together and acting in concert with each other and feloniously taking stealing and carrying away said pocket-book from the person of defendant by force

and violence against her will and without her consent. and prays the said defendants may be held and dealt with according to law.

Sworn to before me  
this 20th day of April 1890

Deborah Korman  
Police Justice

Police Court,

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
on the complaint of

vs.

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Witnesses,

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CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

Michael Dames  
aged \_\_\_\_\_ years, occupation Police Officer of No. \_\_\_\_\_

29 Puck Street Street, being duly sworn deposes and  
says, that he has heard read the foregoing affidavit of Lebrah Herman  
and that the facts stated therein on information of deponent are true of deponents' own  
knowledge.

Sworn to before me, this 20  
day of April 1890

Michael A. Dames

[Signature]  
Police Justice.

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Sec. 198-200.

District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, ss.

*Timothy Sheehan* 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.

*Timothy Sheehan*

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

*22 years old*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

*Norwich. Ct*

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

Answer.

*Bridgeport. Ct 4 years*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.

*Varvisher*

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*  
*Timothy Sheehan*

Taken before me this  
day of

*[Signature]*

Police Justice.



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Sec. 198-200.

5 District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY  
OF NEW YORK

Mark J. Reilly

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

Question. What is your name?

Answer.

Mark J. Reilly

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

24 years old

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

New York

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

Answer.

Bridgeport - Ct. one year

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.

Brass Polisher

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

Answer.

I am guilty

Mark J. Reilly.

Taken before me this

day of

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Police Justice.

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

Police Court No. 2351-605 District  
THE PEOPLE vs.  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF  
Detlev Hennemann  
Jury: Arthur  
Mark J. Reis  
Dated April 20 1890  
Magistrate  
Precinct  
Witnesses  
No. 1, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_  
No. 2, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
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No. 3, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_  
No. 4, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
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

Heekum and Mark J. Reis

guilty thereof, I order that they be held to answer the same and they 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 April 20 1890 [Signature] Police Justice.

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

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ 18 \_\_\_\_\_ Police Justice.

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

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ 18 \_\_\_\_\_ Police Justice.



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To the Hon. Recorder Smyth, of the  
City of New York, or to whom it  
may concern:

The undersigned residents of the  
City of Bridgeport, Conn. respectfully  
represent that they are acquainted  
with the personal character of Timothy  
Sheehaw, recently of this City, now  
awaiting sentence in the Tombs Prison  
of New York City, upon the charge of  
highway robbery, and hereby certify  
that the conduct of said Sheehaw  
has at all times heretofore been most  
exemplary, and that his personal hab-  
its have been such as to merit the com-  
mendation of this community where  
he has been long and favorably known,  
particularly for his integrity and ster-  
ling honesty.

Bridgeport, Conn. May 3rd 1899.

✓ Jacob Wetstone { Foreman of the Finishing Department  
who employed him for nearly  
four years }  
✓ Jacob Christ { Genl Supt. of the } where  
Furniture Mfg. Co. } he was  
employed  
✓ W. Brothwell { Bookkeeper for the Furniture Mfg. Co.  
where he was employed, and had  
it not been for this unfortunate  
circumstance, I should have  
thought I could not speak too  
highly of him. }  
✓ Geo. H. Zimmet { Member of the Common Council  
of this City, and a fellow workman }

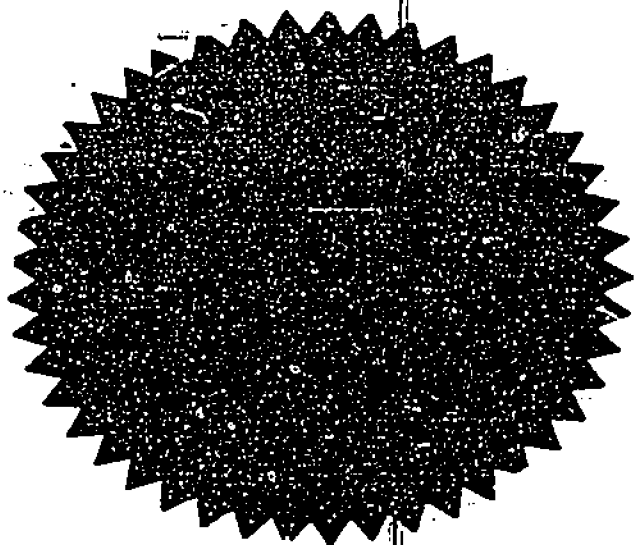
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Fairfield County (S. S. ) Bridgeport Connecticut. May  
3rd. 1890.

Personally appeared Jacob Wetstine, Jacob Shrist, C. D.  
Brothwell and George Zumstad and made solemn oath that  
the forgoing statment is true and correct to their best  
knowledge and belief, before me,

*Howard H. Scribner*  
*Notary Public*





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Wm. D. Wells

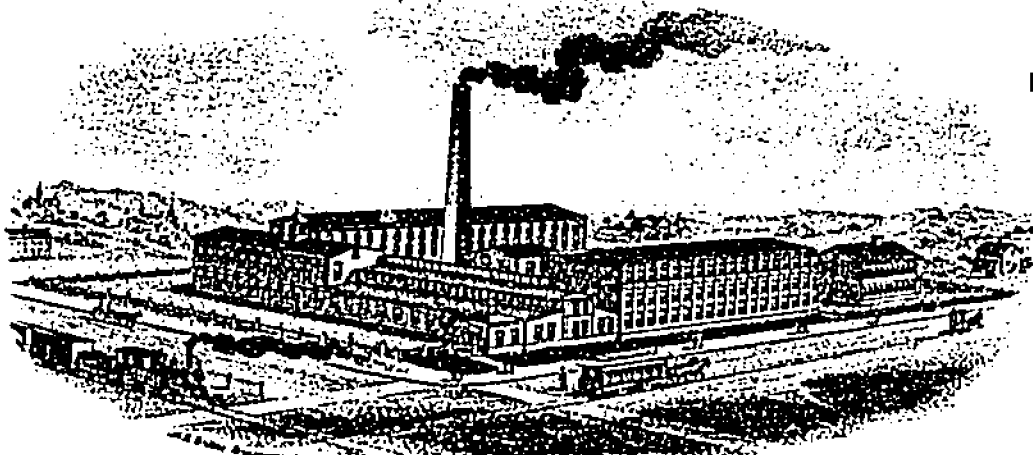
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CAPITAL \$300,000.

GEORGE C. EDWARDS, Pres. & Treas.

FREDERICK D. BAKER, Secy.



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SALESROOMS:  
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MANUFACTURERS OF

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**GOLD AND SILVER PLATED TABLE FLAT WARE.**  
ALSO

**18 PER CENT NICKLE SILVER FLAT WARE. BLANKS FOR PLATING.**

*Bridgeport, Conn. May 1<sup>st</sup> 1890*

To whom it may concern  
Mark J. Riley worked for us from about  
December 6<sup>th</sup> 1889 to April 12<sup>th</sup> 1890 and  
during that time we found him a good  
workman and a steady man

*Respectfully  
Holmes & Edwards Silver Co  
H. D. Baker Secy*



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*District Attorneys Office.  
City & County of  
New York.*

May

*2nd*

1890.

Hon. Frederick Smyth,

Recorder of the City of New York.

Dear Sir:

In relation to Mark Reilly, whose character you requested me to investigate and who is now in the "Tombs" awaiting sentence I would most respectfully state that after a careful investigation that I know he lives in Bridgeport, Conn. as he said he did and also has a wife and child living there, and mother also, and has been living there with them up to within a short time ago when he committed this offense. He is not known to be a criminal by any of our men who have seen him.

Yours respectfully,

*Philip Reilly  
Det. Sgt*

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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

*Timothy Sheehan*  
*and Maria J. Reilly*

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

*Timothy Sheehan and Maria J. Reilly*  
of the crime of ROBBERY IN THE *first* DEGREE, committed as follows:

The said *Timothy Sheehan and Maria J. Reilly, both*

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the *nineteenth* day of *April*, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and *eighty-nine*, in the *day* time of the said day, at the City and County aforesaid, with force and arms, in and upon one *Edward Herman*, in the peace of the said People then and there being, feloniously did make an assault, and ~~promissory note for the payment of money, being then and there due and unsatisfied (and of the kind known as United States Treasury Notes), of the denomination of twenty dollars, and of the value of twenty dollars~~ ;

*one* promissory note for the payment of money, being then and there due and unsatisfied (and of the kind known as United States Treasury Notes), of the denomination of ten dollars, and of the value of ten dollars ; *two* promissory notes for the payment of money, being then and there due and unsatisfied (and of the kind known as United States Treasury Notes), of the denomination of five dollars, and of the value of five dollars *each* ; *five* promissory notes for the payment of money, being then and there due and unsatisfied (and of the kind known as United States Treasury Notes), of the denomination of two dollars, and of the value of two dollars *each* ; *eleven* promissory notes for the payment of money, being then and there due and unsatisfied (and of the kind known as United States Treasury Notes), of the denomination of one dollar, and of the value of one dollar *each* ; ~~promissory note for the payment of money (and of the kind known as bank notes), being then and there due and unsatisfied, of the value of twenty dollars~~ ; *one* promissory note for the payment of money (and of the kind known as bank notes), being then and there due and unsatisfied, of the value of ten dollars ; *two* promissory notes for the payment of money (and of the kind known as bank notes), being then and there due and unsatisfied, of the value of five dollars *each* ; ~~United States Silver Certificate of the denomination and value of twenty dollars~~ ; *one* United States Silver Certificate of the denomination and value of ten dollars ; *two* United States Silver Certificates of the denomination and value of five dollars *each* ; *five* United States Silver Certificates of the denomination and value of two dollars *each* ; *eleven* United States Silver Certificates of the denomination and value of one dollar *each* ;



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~~United States Gold Certificate of the denomination and value of twenty dollars~~  
; ~~one~~ United States Gold Certificate of the denomination and value of ten  
dollars ; ~~Two~~ United States Gold Certificates of the denomination and value of  
five dollars ~~each~~ ; and divers coins, of a number, kind and denomination to the Grand Jury  
aforesaid unknown, of the value of *seven dollars and thirty*  
*seven cents,*

of the goods, chattels and personal property of the said *Deborah Herman,*  
from the person of the said *Deborah Herman,* against the will,  
and by violence to the person of the said *Deborah Herman,*  
then and there violently and feloniously did rob, steal, take and carry away, *the said*  
*Trinity Sherman and made of Bailey*  
*and each of them, being then and there aided*  
*by an accomplice actually present,*  
*to wit: each by the other.*  
against the form of the Statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace of the People  
of the State of New York and their dignity.

JOHN R. FELLOWS,

District Attorney.

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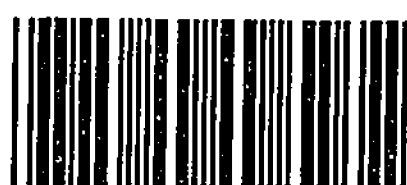
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Shultz, Dollie

**DATE:**

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Witnesses;

J. M. Neil

Counsel,

Filed

day of

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Pleads,

THE PEOPLE

vs.

Grand Larceny Second degree  
[Sections 528, 53/52, Penal Code.]

vs. 433

Dollie Shultz

JOHN R. FELLOWS,

District Attorney.

A True Bill.

W. J. C. Berry

Foreman.

Part 2 - April 15/90

tried and convicted

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Police Court—3 District.

Affidavit—Larceny.

City and County }  
of New York, } ss.

of No. 100 East 13<sup>th</sup> Street, aged 28 years,

occupation Actor being duly sworn

deposes and says, that on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April 1896 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 night time, the following property, viz:

One gold watch with chain  
and locker attached the  
whole being valued at  
Sixty 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

Nathaniel Shultz (now known  
for the reasons following  
to wit: on the said date at  
the hour of 4 o'clock am.  
deponent left his vest  
containing said property in  
the arrival of the liquor store at  
premises 100 E 13<sup>th</sup> Street and is  
informed by Officer Schmidt  
(then present) that he Schmidt  
found the said watch in  
the possession of defendant  
on 13<sup>th</sup> Street and in the arrival  
in which defendant was sent to  
be searched the said chain was  
found.

JOE McNeil

Sworn to before me this

of

April 1896

day

Police Justice.



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CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

aged \_\_\_\_\_ years occupation \_\_\_\_\_ of No. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ William Schmitt

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

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Sec. 198—200.

13 District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

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

Question. What is your name?

Answer. Nollie Shultz

Question. How old are you?

Answer. 25 years.

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. Albany, N.Y.

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

Answer. 108 E 6<sup>th</sup> St. N.Y. 2 years.

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. Domestic

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  
Nollie Shultz

Taken before me this

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at

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No. 2, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
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No. 4, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
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Police Court... District...

THE PEOPLE, vs  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Joseph M. West  
100 East 13th St  
New York City

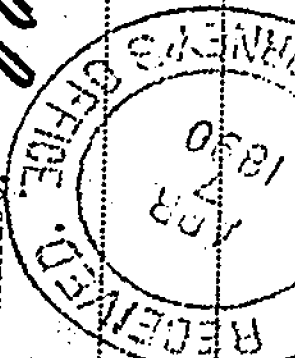
Justice Thurgood Marshall  
100 East 13th St  
New York City

Dated April 3 1898  
John J. Quinn  
Magistrate

John J. Quinn  
Officer

Witnesses  
John J. Quinn  
Street

No. 1000  
100 East 13th St  
New York City



James H. V.  
100 East 13th St  
New York City

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

Dated April 3 1898 John J. Quinn Police Justice.

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

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ 18 \_\_\_\_\_ Police Justice.

There being no sufficient cause to believe the within named \_\_\_\_\_

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

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ 18 \_\_\_\_\_ Police Justice.

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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

*Dollie Shultz*

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

*Dollie Shultz*

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

The said

*Dollie Shultz*

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the *third* day of *April* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and *ninety*, at the City and County aforesaid, with force and arms,

*one watch of the value of thirty-five dollars, one chain of the value of fifteen dollars, and one locket of the value of ten dollars*

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one

*Joseph McNeil*

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

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

The said

*Dollie Shultz*

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  
thirty-five dollars, one chain of the  
value of fifteen dollars and one  
locket of the value of ten dollars*

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one

*Joseph Mc Neil*

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

*Joseph Mc Neil*

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

*Dollie Shultz*

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

JOHN R. FELLOWS,  
District Attorney.