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POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL

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Counsel,  
Filed 12 day of Nov 1891  
Plends, *Wright 13-*

THE PEOPLE  
vs.  
Joseph Oberly  
*of*

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

DE LANCEY NICOLL,  
District Attorney.  
*Jan 11/99*  
Indictment dismissed.

A TRUE BILL.

*Wright*  
*Jan 12 1899*  
*Foreman.*  
*Aug 8/92*  
*Spred & Jay deaged*  
*7 for the quarter*

Witnesses:

*From the Enclaw*  
*captain of the*  
*Beath Band, St*  
*appears the deparan*  
*from Dec 22 Aug*  
*'92. I mean*  
*Review of the*  
*inclusion.*

*Robert James*  
*Dec 9 - '99*

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Sec. 192.

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District Police Court.

Undertaking to appear during the Examination

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

An information having been laid before John E. Kelly a Police Justice  
of the City of New York, charging Joseph Oberly Defendant with  
the offence of Assault

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

We, Joseph Oberly Defendant of No. 474  
109 Avenue Street; by occupation a Watchman  
and John S. Muller of No. 428 West 29th  
Street, by occupation a Turner Surety, hereby jointly and severally undertake  
that the above named Joseph Oberly Defendant  
shall personally appear before the said Justice, at the 2 District Police Court in the City of New York,  
during the said examination, or that we will pay to the People of the State of New York the sum of One  
Hundred Dollars.

Taken and acknowledged before me, this 2 day of October 1891  
John E. Kelly POLICE JUSTICE. Joseph Oberly  
John S. Muller

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CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

*John J. Muller*  
1891  
District Justice

Sworn to before me, this 2

the within named Bail and Surety being duly sworn, says that he is a resident and *free* holder within the said County and State, and is worth *Twenty* Hundred Dollars, exclusive of property exempt from execution and over and above the amount of all his debts and liabilities, and that his property consists of *the house No 571*

*to 519 West 30<sup>th</sup> Street north*  
*#50,000 John J. Muller*

District Police Court.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,

ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Undertaking to appear during the Examination.

vs.

Taken the ..... day of ..... 18

Justice.

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Police Court - 2<sup>nd</sup> District.

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

of No. 451 W 32<sup>nd</sup> Street, aged 10 years,  
occupation School boy being duly sworn

deposes and says, that on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of September 1887 at the City of New York, in the County of New York,

he was violently and feloniously ASSAULTED and BEATEN by

Joseph Oberly (now here)  
from the fact that deponent was in the Rail Road yard of the New York Central and Hudson River Rail Road at the foot of W 30<sup>th</sup> St. with his. That he was struck on the back with a club that he saw the defendant take the club from the ground and strike him a number of blows on the knee and on his arm thereby breaking his arm

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

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

Sworn to before me, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of October 1887  
of William J. Moran  
Wm Moran  
Police Justice.

*Immature manuscript*

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Oct 1 - 1891 -

Russell Hoop -

This is to certify  
that Wan Mubian  
is now recovering  
and in one or  
two weeks will  
be well -

W. Schull -  
House Surgeon -

**POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL**

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**THE ROOSEVELT HOSPITAL,**

59TH STREET AND NINTH AVENUE,

JAS. R. LATHROP,  
SUPERINTENDENT.

New York, Sept 25 1891.

The condition of  
William Moran  
suffering from traumatic  
meningitis is still  
serious but better than  
it was last week -

W. Schullz  
House Surgeon

*[Faint, illegible handwritten notes or scribbles]*



**POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL**

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**THE ROOSEVELT HOSPITAL,**

59TH STREET AND NINTH AVENUE,

JAS. R. LATHROP,  
SUPERINTENDENT.

New York, ..... 189

This is to certify  
That William  
Mahan is a patient  
in this hospital  
suffering from Cerebro-  
spinal meningitis  
The result of injuries  
received to head  
and back.  
His condition is  
serious  
John M. Macdonald M.D.

**POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL**

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# THE ROOSEVELT HOSPITAL,

59TH STREET AND NINTH AVENUE,

JAS. R. LATHROP,  
SUPERINTENDENT.

New York, Sept 13 1897

This is to certify  
that there is no  
change in the  
condition of William  
Moran. It  
is impossible yet  
to state whether his  
condition is due  
to injuries received  
or not

John M. MacDonald, M.D.  
Act. Asst. Surg.

POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL

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THE ROOSEVELT HOSPITAL,

59TH STREET AND NINTH AVENUE,

JAS. R. LATHROP,  
SUPERINTENDENT.

New York, ..... 189

It is impossible  
yet to state  
whether William  
Moran's condition  
is due to injury  
or an independant  
disease -

John M. Macdonald M.D.  
Acting House Surgeon

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Joseph F. Gray, M.D.,  
No. 326 W. 31st Street,

OFFICE HOURS:  
11 A. M. to 2 P. M.  
6 to 8 P. M.  
Sundays 1 to 3 P. M.

New York, Sept. 11 1891

I certify that I attended  
William Moran, 451 W. 32  
Street from Sept. 8 to Sept.  
9-1891. I found him  
suffering from spinal  
meningitis. I am not  
attending him now  
J. F. Gray

**POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL**

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Joseph F. Gray, M.D.  
No. 326 W. 31st Street,

OFFICE HOURS:  
11 A. M. TO 2 P. M.  
6 TO 8 P. M.  
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meningitis. I am not  
attending him now  
J. F. Gray

**POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL**

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DR. W. H. DUSTMAN,  
342 WEST 32<sup>D</sup> STREET.

FROM 8 TO 10:30 A. M.  
" 7:30 TO 9:30 P. M.

New York, Sept 11<sup>th</sup> 1891

This is to certify that  
William Moran Residence 451  
W. 32<sup>nd</sup> was under my  
care from September 6<sup>th</sup> 1891  
to September 8<sup>th</sup> 1891 inclusive.  
That his symptoms were  
undoubtedly of spinal origin  
(and possibly also indicated some  
involvement of the brain) — The principal  
marks — pain and tenderness over  
almost entire body — contraction  
of pupils and difficulty of  
hearing. On Sept 9<sup>th</sup> he  
passed from under my care.  
W. H. Dustman M.D.  
342 W. 32

**POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL**

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CITY AND COUNTY } ss.  
OF NEW YORK.

POLICE COURT, 2nd DISTRICT.

of No. 20<sup>th</sup> Precinct Police Street, aged \_\_\_\_\_ years,  
occupation Police Officer being duly sworn, deposes and says

that on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of September 1891

at the City of New York, in the County of New York he arrested Joseph

Oberly (now here) on the charge of having committed an Assault upon the body of William Moran on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of September 1891 - and deponent further says that he brought the defendant to the home of said William Moran - and that in the presence of deponent and defendant recognized the defendant as the party who assaulted him on the said date - and deponent further says that said Moran is confined to his home on account of injuries received by

Sworn to before me, this \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ 1891

*[Signature]*

Police Justice.

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said Assault and is unable to appear in Court. deponent therefore asks that said defendant may be held to await the result of injuries or until said Moran can appear in Court.

Sworn to before me this 11 day of September, 1891  
John E. Kelly  
Magistrate

Michael Kelly

Police Court, 2 District.  
THE PEOPLE, & C.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF  
Joseph Sherry

Dated, Sept 11 1891  
Kelly  
Magistrate  
Kelly  
Officer

Witness  
Examination Sept.  
28<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>30</sup> A.M.  
\$2500.00 bail  
Disposition  
Can. to await result  
of injuries  
Sept. 13-1891 a.m.

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Police Court 2 District.

City and County of New York ss.

John Taylor

of No. 20th Precinct Police Street, aged... years, occupation Police being duly sworn, deposes and says, that on the 14th day of September 1891, at the City of New York, in the County of New York,

Deponent went in company with Police George Smith of the 20th Precinct, and Joseph Oberly now here in Roosevelt Hospital and to the bedside of William Moran, now a patient in said hospital, and the said William Moran then and there recognized the said Joseph Oberly as the man who assaulted him on the 4th day of September 1891. The said Moran said "I was hit in the back with a stick and knocked down, I did not see who threw it and then this man stood over me and clubbed me" and when he said "this man," the said Moran pointed to defendant Oberly.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on the 15th day of September 1891. [Signature] Police Justice.

John Taylor

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#1000 Base Oct 15  
2 P.M.

2 Nov 6<sup>th</sup> 2:00 P.M.

Police Court, District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
\* ON THE COMPLAINT OF

*J. J. [Signature]*

Offense.

Dated 189

Magistrate.

Officer.

Clerk.

Witnesses.

No. Street.

No. Street.

No. Street.

to answer Sessions.

*got 1-2 PM*

**POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL**

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Sec. 103-200.

2 District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, ss.

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

Question. What is your name?

Answer. Joseph Oberly

Question. How old are you?

Answer. 40 years

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. Germany

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

Answer. 374 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue 1 1/2 years

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. Watchman N Y C F.R.R.C.

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  
Joseph Oberly

Taken before me this

day of

March

1891

Police Justice.

[Signature]

**POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL**

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BAILED,  
 No. 1, by Sam Muller  
 Residence 418 W 29th Street.  
 No. 2, by \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street.  
 No. 3, by \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street.  
 No. 4, by \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street.

Police Court... 5 District.

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THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Sam Morgan  
257 N 32  
Joseph Sherry

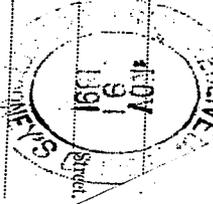
Offence Felony

Dated Nov 6th 1891

100 years  
Penalty and Imprisonment

Witnesses Tom A. Kount

No. 100 East 23rd



No. 1000 Street 45th

to answer  
Patrick M.

I have examined the depositions and returns 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 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 Nov 6th 1891 E. H. [Signature] Police Justice.

I have admitted the above-named

Defendant

to bail to answer by the undertaking hereto annexed.

Dated Nov 6th 1891 E. H. [Signature] 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**

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BAILED,  
 No. 1, by John Muller  
 Residence 418 W 29th  
 Street  
 No. 2, by \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street  
 No. 3, by \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street  
 No. 4, by \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street

Police Court... 5 District. 1892

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
 ON THE COMPLAINT OF

John Moran  
457 N 32  
Joseph Donohy

Offence Filence  
Search

Dated Nov 6th 1891

170 pm  
Kelly and Sullivan  
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Witnesses John A. Kount-

No. 100 East 28th

No. 91  
 Street NEW YORK  
 1891

No. 1000  
 Street 45th  
 to answer

Bailed

positions and... 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 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 Nov 6th 1891 E. J. Hogan Police Justice.

Defendant

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

Dated Nov 6th 1891 E. J. Hogan 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  
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NEW YORK, December 15th, 1891.

The people,  
v.  
OBERLEY.

HON. RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

Dear Sir:-

I have been requested to act as Counsel for the defendant Oberley, in the above, and expect to so act. I understand that the case is to be on your day Calendar to-morrow, and I desire it to be postponed for a week or longer, because I shall be engaged to-morrow before Judge Truax in the first case on his Calendar, which has been kept for me until I finished an engagement to-day before Judge O'Brien, <sup>and</sup> because I desire more fully to apprise myself of the merits of the Oberley case.

Yours truly,

*Frank Coomi*

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Abc

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NEW YORK, December 15th, 1891.

The People  
v.  
OBERLEY.

VERNON M. DAVIS, ESQ.,

Ass't Dist. Atty.

Dear Sir:-

I have been requested to act as Counsel for the defendant, Oberley, in this case, and expect to so act. I am engaged to try the first case before Judge Truax to-morrow, it having been held for me until I was through with a case before Judge O'Brien which terminated to-day, and I have to request that you will kindly allow the Oberley case to go off, say for a week or ten days. It is a case which I desire to more fully investigate than I have, and will be much pleased if the disposition indicated is made.

Very truly yours,

*W. Hamlin*  
P.S.-- I enclose a letter to Judge Martine which I will thank you if necessary to present to him.

*W. S.*

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JACOB MARKS,  
Attorney & Counsellor at Law,  
170 BROADWAY,

New York, April 16<sup>th</sup> - 1892.

Maloney Nicoll Esq  
Dear Sir

At the request of Mr. John B. Moran  
the father of William Moran, I  
send you herewith the names of some  
witnesses whose attendance he desires  
upon the trial and who I think will  
be of assistance in presenting the case  
for the People against Joseph Oberle  
a watchman of the W. C. & H. Co  
whose trial for assault upon the  
son of Mr. Moran, is shortly to  
take place - Will you kindly see that  
your representative or officer who has  
charge of the witnesses or the service of  
subpoenas, includes these in his list, if  
he has not them already, and serves them  
and oblige.

Yours Truly  
Jacob Marks

James Murphy 236 W. 32<sup>d</sup> St.  
John Maher 401 10<sup>th</sup> Ave  
William Dempsey 486 7<sup>th</sup> Ave cor. 36 St  
John C Hara 442 W. 32<sup>d</sup> St  
Jacob Marr 459 W. 32<sup>d</sup> St

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4-36 West 32 St  
James Murphy  
4-01 West 10 Wm  
John Maher  
William Campbell  
4-86 West 36 St  
John O'Brien  
4-42 West 32 St  
Lucas Murr  
4-59 West 32 St

POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL

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NEW YORK, Jan 9, 1899

A Transcript from the Records of the Deaths Reported to the Health Department of the City of New York.

COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

STATE OF NEW YORK.

CITY OF NEW YORK.

CERTIFICATE AND RECORD OF DEATH

No. of Certificate, 28836

OF Joseph Oberle

This is to certify that I, M. J. B. Messemer Coroner, in and for the City and County of New York, have, this 2 day of Aug 1892, viewed the body of deceased found at Brooklyn Hospital in the 22 Ward of said city and county; that I have held an inquest upon the said body, and that the verdict of the jurors is that he came to his death by

Inquest pending

M. J. B. Messemer, Coroner.

I hereby certify that I have viewed the body of the deceased, and from eye and evidence, that said man died on the 2 day of August 1892, at 3:20 P.M., and that the cause of his death was

Pistol shot wound of head, inflicted with suicidal intent, about 1 A.M., Aug. 2, 1892. at 476 10th Av.

Place of Burial, Evergreens

Date of Burial, Aug 3, 1892

Undertaker, Frank Herchy

Residence, 27 Cornelia St.

Wm. A. Conway, M. D. Medical Attendant of Inquest.

Date of Record	Indirect cause of Death	Direct cause of Death	Class of Death (A person being by more than two families)	Last place of Residence	Place of Death	Mother's Birthplace	Mother's Name	Father's Birthplace	Father's Name	How long resident in New York City	How long in U. S. If foreign born	Place of Birth	Occupation	Single, Married or Widowed	Color	Age	Name	Date of Death
<u>Aug 3, 1892</u>		<u>As above</u>		<u>Brooklyn Hospital Brooklyn N.Y.</u>	<u>Brooklyn Hospital</u>	<u>Germany</u>	<u>Heule</u>	<u>Germany</u>	<u>Heule</u>	<u>one day</u>	<u>22 years</u>	<u>Germany</u>	<u>Waldman</u>	<u>Single</u>	<u>W.</u>	<u>42 years</u>	<u>Joseph Oberle</u>	<u>Aug. 2, 1892</u>

NOTICE.-In issuing this transcript of record, the Health Department of the City of New York does not certify to the truth of the record transcribed. The seal of the Board of Health attests only the correctness of the transcript, and no inquiry as to the facts reported has been provided for by law.



A True Copy.

August W. Scheffer  
Acting Chief Clerk.

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

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, against Joseph Oberle

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

Joseph Oberle

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

The said Joseph Oberle

late of the City and County of New York, on the fourth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one, at the City and County aforesaid, in and upon one

William Moran in the peace of the said People then and there being, feloniously did wilfully and wrongfully did make an assault; and the said Joseph Oberle

with a certain club which he the said

in his right hand then and there had and held, the same being then and there a weapon and an instrument likely to produce grievous bodily harm, him, the said William Moran then and there feloniously did wilfully and wrongfully strike, beat bruise and wound, against the form of the statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace of the People of the State of New York and their dignity.

Approved by order of the Court on motion of Seth D. Distich, Attorney - Jan 11/92

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SECOND COUNT—

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

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

The said

*Joseph Oberle*  
late of the City and County aforesaid, afterwards, to wit: On the day and in the year aforesaid,  
at the City and County aforesaid, in and upon the said *William Moran*

in the peace of the said People then and there being, feloniously  
did wilfully and wrongfully make another assault; and the said *Joseph Oberle*  
the said *William Moran*  
with a certain *Club*

which

*he* the said *Joseph Oberle*  
in *his* right hand then and there had and held, in and upon the *back,*  
*leg and arm of* *him* the said *William Moran*  
then and there feloniously did wilfully and wrongfully strike, beat,  
bruise and wound, and did then and there and by the means aforesaid, feloniously, wilfully  
and wrongfully inflict grievous bodily harm upon the said *William*  
*Moran* to the great damage of the said *William Moran*  
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.

DE LANCEY NICOLL, *District Attorney.*

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O'Brien, Edward

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

THE PEOPLE

vs.  
Edward O'Brien

Dr LANCEY NICOLL,  
District Attorney.

A TRUE BILL.

(Handwritten signature)

Part 3. Sec 391 - Foreman.  
Pleas Guilty Assault by  
Sec 32  
J. S. M. Sec 217  
3 yrs S.P.

Witnesses:

Witness lines (dotted lines)

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POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL

Police Court— 2 District.

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

*Jennette O. Brien*  
of No. 490-6 Avenue Street, aged 40 years,  
occupation Housekeeper being duly sworn

deposes and says, that on the 20 day of November 1889 at the City of New York, in the County of New York,

She was violently and feloniously ASSAULTED and BEATEN by

*Edward O. Brien (now here), who did willfully and maliciously cut and stab deponent on the neck, with a carving knife then and there held in his hand*

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

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

Sworn to before me, this 21 day of November 1889 }  
*Jennette O. Brien*

*John Kelly* Police Justice.

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Sec. 198-200.

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District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

*Edward O. Bruen* 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 O Bruen*

Question. How old are you?

Answer. *39 years.*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. *U. S.*

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

Answer. *498-6 - Avenue - 5 years*

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 not guilty*

*Ed. O Bruen*

Taken before me this *20*  
day of *November* 188*9*  
*John S. Lee*

Police Justice.

POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL

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BAILLED,

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

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

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

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

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Police Court... 2  
District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF  
Maudie J. [unclear]  
vs  
Edward [unclear]

1  
2  
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Offence: Assault  
Felon

Date: November 21 1891

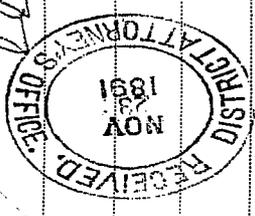
Magistrate: Kelly  
Officer: Hayes & Street  
Precinct: 19

Witnesses: \_\_\_\_\_ Street \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

No. 509 Street \_\_\_\_\_  
to answer



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

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 November 21 1891 John S. Kelly 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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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 O'Brien*

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

*Edward O'Brien*

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

The said *Edward O'Brien*,

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the *26th*  
day of *November* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and  
ninety-*one*, with force and arms, at the City and County aforesaid, in and upon  
the body of one *Jeanette O'Brien* in the peace of the said People  
then and there being, feloniously did make an assault and *her* the said

*Jeanette O'Brien* with a certain *knife*

which the said *Edward O'Brien*  
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 *Jeanette O'Brien*  
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

*Edward O'Brien*  
of the CRIME OF ASSAULT IN THE SECOND DEGREE, committed as follows:

The said *Edward O'Brien*

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  
*Jeanette O'Brien* in the peace of the said  
People then and there being, feloniously did wilfully and wrongfully make another assault,  
and *her* the said *Jeanette O'Brien*

with a certain *knife*

which the said *Edward O'Brien*  
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.

*Al Lancy Nicoll,*  
*District Attorney.*

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O'Brien, Terence

**DATE:**

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**DESCRIPTION:**

Donhue, James

**DATE:**

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TELEPHONE,  
3766 CORTLANDT.

**E. H. WOOTTON,**

SOLE AGENT IN THE U. S. OF THE

Compagnie Générale des Asphaltes de France.

117 QUAI DE VALMY, PARIS,

IMPORTER OF

ASPHALTE, BITUMEN DAMP COURSE, &c.

35 BROADWAY,

NEW YORK,

*Nov 10<sup>th</sup> 1891*

*To Whom it may concern*

*This is to certify that  
Eugene C. Brien has been in  
my employ and I have always  
found him to be a faithful  
honest and industrious young  
man and will cheerfully  
give him my best recommendation.*

*Respectfully*

*E. H. Wootton*

*Manager*

POOR QUALITY  
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352 York St Jersey City Nov 11<sup>th</sup> 1891

To whom it may concern. This is to  
Certify <sup>that</sup> Terence O'Brien was in my  
Employ for more than a year, during  
which time I found him to be industrious  
honest, and attentive to his work. he  
left of his own accord. an account of  
Dulness in our line. very Respectfully

Jas. M. Wade

Foreman in painting department  
for National Sheet Metal Roofing Co. Formally  
of 5-18 East 20<sup>th</sup> St

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Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> 1891  
to Whome it may  
concern  
this is to certify  
that I have known  
Frederic O'Brien for  
over 8 years never  
know him to do  
wrong and believe him  
to be innocent of the  
charge he is accused of  
Myself  
501 East 20<sup>th</sup> Street

Part of General Sessions.

The People  
vs  
Apt  
Terrence O'Brien.

City of County of New York SS!

Mary Dooley  
having duly sworn says that  
she is the mother of the defendant  
above named. That she resides  
at No 1987 - Park Ave. in said City.  
That Terrence O'Brien is apt 21  
Years this 13<sup>th</sup> day of November 1891.  
and that never before in his lifetime  
has he been charged with the  
commission of any crime. He  
has since he has been large  
enough, been working steadily  
and in every respect been a  
good and obedient son -

Notwithstanding the Jury in the  
case found him guilty. I still  
solemnly swear that I believe him  
innocent of the crime as charged  
against him.

Sworn to before me this 13<sup>th</sup>  
day of November 1891  
J. L. Macdonald.

Mary Dooley

NOTARY PUBLIC  
Kings Co. Cert. filed in N. Y. Co.

POOR QUALITY  
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General Session

The People

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Terrence Owen

Affidavit & letters

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COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS-Part III.

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 The People of the State of New York, : Before Hon. JAMES  
 against : FITZGERALD, and  
 TERENCE O'BRIEN and JAMES DONOHUE. : a jury.  
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Indictment filed November 4th 1891. :  
 Indicted for robbery in the 1st degree.

New York, November 9th 1891.

APPEARANCES: For the People assistant District Attorney Gunning S. Bedford.

For the defendant Mr. Jacob Berlinger.

WILLIAM H. DOHERTY, a witness for the People, sworn, testified

I am the captain of the schooner Sallie J. Hastings. On the 31st day of October I was in the liquor store No. 323 Avenue A on that day. I had the sum of sixty seven dollars in my pocket when I went into that saloon I had about that amount of money in my pocket when I went from the bar room into the toilet room in this saloon. When I got in the water closet I pulled out the money and as I did the defendant O'Brien made a grab for it and got it from me. He had followed me into the water closet. I got the money back in a second at that time. Then Donohue came in and said "Oh, Hell I will cut the guts out of you". I was fighting as best I could with O'Brien when Donohue came in and said this "If you dont let him go I will cut the damn belly out of you". Then Donohue caught hold of me and O'Brien put his hand into

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my pocket and took the money . Both of them caught hold of me and kicked me. O'BRIEN gave the money then to Donohue and they started to go out of the door. O' Brien was still kicking me for all he was worth. When Donohue got out in the barroom the bartender made him give up the money and all he gave up was twenty five dollars. He told the bartender that was all he got from me . I was sober on that afternoon . MY money is now in the possession of the officers . I am positively sure that these two men are the men who attacked me in the manner I have indicated . Nobody else was in the toilet room with me but these two men . I was scuffling with O' Brien at the time Donohue came in . This money was taken from me by force .

CROSS EXAMINATION:

O'Brien and Donohue were arrested right in the saloon . There were a number of other people in the saloon at the time of this occurrence . There was plenty of light in this toilet room for me to observe these men. I earned this money and was paid a bill that day for work done . I am positive that O'Brien came into the water closet first . I would have been able to take care of him if the other fellow had not come in I had never been in this place before and did not know the men .

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GEORGE NATJER, a witness for the People, sworn, testified:

I am a sailor on the schooner Sallie J. Hastings. I was in the saloon that the captain has spoken of on the day he was robbed. I saw the captain go into the water closet, and after he was in there I saw the two prisoners now at the bar follow him in. Then I heard noises in there. I looked in and I saw O'Brien hit the captain in the face, take his money and hand it over to Donohue. I afterwards saw Donohue hand twenty five dollars to the bartender of the saloon. Donohue said at the time of handing over the money "That is all the money I got". I saw the man O'Brien trying to get the watch from the captain. I went and got a policeman and the two men were arrested in the saloon. I found the policeman at the corner of 23rd street and Avenue A.

CROSS EXAMINATION:

I was told by the captain to go for a policeman. The captain owed me twenty dollars and he told me if I went into this saloon with him he would pay me. It was while we were there that he went into this water closet and the robbery was committed. I am positive I saw all the details I have narrated. I had a glass of beer with the captain at the bar before he went into this water closet. I could not interfere and stop the men from hitting the captain. I have not spoken to the captain about this case. He has not asked me to testify as I have done. I tell this story because I saw it with my own eyes. I did not go to the police Court the morning after the occurrence.

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This is the first time I have told my version of this occurrence . I have conversed with nobody about this case .

JOHN SALYER, a witness for the People, sworn, testified:

I happened in this saloon on the day this robbery was committed . I heard a scuffle in the little room where the water closet is and I stepped inside and I saw these two fellows, O'Brien and Donohue, hitting the Captain and taking his money out of his pocket . I afterwards saw the money with the lame man Donohue and saw him hand twenty five dollars to the barkeeper . I am positive that I saw O'Brien strike the ~~xxxxxxx~~ captain. I saw O'Brien pass the money to Donohue and then Donohue came out into the barroom and bartender made him give up the money to him . It was in bills the money I saw . I have known the captain for about seven years. I am a stranger to O'Brien and Donohue. I have told all I saw occur.

CROSS EXAMINATION:

This occurrence was in a saloon at the corner of 20th street and Avenue A. The water closet and toilet room is in a corner of the bar room . I did not see anybody else present at the time the Captain was struck by O'Brien. I have been in the gent's furnishing business. I am now working for my sister at Bayville L. I. I have travelled on board of the Captains schooner and know him very well. At the time of this occurrence I was stopping on his boat . I had come from Bayville with him. I have not conversed with the Captain about this case at all.

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MICHAEL LAWLOR, a witness for the People, sworn, testified:

I am the barkeeper of this saloon at the corner of 20th street and Avenue A. in this city. I was in that saloon on the day and at the time of this occurrence. The captain came in and stood at the bar and himself and his friend had a glass of beer. When he had finished the beer he went back to the toilet and the first thing I heard was the cry of "Robber". I went into the toilet. I did not see any one hit him. I said to him "Who has got your money". He says "This man". pointing to Donohue. I said to Donohue "Have you got any of his money?" This man Donohue then handed me twenty five dollars out of his hand. When I got into the water closet the captain was holding Donohue. The captain identified the money as his at the time.

CROSS EXAMINATION:

Donohue handed me the money as soon as I asked for it. He told me "I had nothing to do with it; I did not see it". Donohue told me at the time he handed the money to me "I got the money on the floor". I did not see the last witness in the saloon at all on that day. While this was going on. I did not notice the witness Natjer leave the bar and go to the water closet at the time of the noise in there. I understood from what Donohue said that he found the money or picked it up from the floor.

GARRETT DOYLE, a witness for the People, sworn, testified:

I am a police officer attached to the 18th precinct in this city. I made the arrest of the two defen-

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dants. I arrested them in the liquor store at the corner of 20th street and Avenue A. I asked the defendants why they robbed this man and said they did not do it. Both men denied the robbery.

CROSS EXAMINATION:

I did not ask Donohue whether he found the money on the floor or not. He did not say to me that he found the money on the floor, but he afterwards said it in Court.

D E F E N C E .

GEORGE MCKENZIE, a witness for the Defendants, sworn, testified:

I am an employee of the American Bank Note Company in this city. I have been employed there for four years. I live at 38 Washington street in this city. I do not know either of the defendants. I never saw them before today in my life. On yesterday I was out in the hall of this building while this case was going on. I overheard a conversation between the witnesses Salyer and Natjer. One said to the other "We both got it the same". Then they said "We will stick to what the captain said and then we will be all right". I have no interest in this case whatever.

CROSS EXAMINATION:

I had nothing to do yesterday and was just around the court house listening to trials. I saw these two men in the hall and did not know that they were witnesses in this or any other case. I frequently come to Court when I have nothing to do. I have never been convicted of any crime.

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JAMES DONOHUE, one of the defendants, sworn, testified:

I am accused of this crime . I am not guilty of it . I did not steal the man's money. I did not notice the captain coming into this saloon on the day I am accused of robbing him. I was sitting in a chair near the toilet room and my attention was attracted to some money laying on the floor . I picked it up and held it in my hand . Then this captain came out shouting and raising a disturbance . He hit me . The bartender came over and asked me if I had the man's money . I immediately handed him the money which I had found lying on the floor . The captain struck me first and when he did I hit him back . I was not able to do much as I was laid up at that time with a broken leg and my limb was done up in plaster of paris . I gave the bartender all the money which I found on the floor . I told it in the station house and in the police Court that I found this money . I did not touch the man until he touched me and had nothing to do with robbing him . I did not see either of the other witnesses who testified against me in the saloon that day .

CROSS EXAMINATION:

It is not true as the captain says that I assisted O'Brien in robbing him . I swear positively that I did not go into the water closet while the captain was in there . I did not hear him holler until he got out from the water closet . I did not count the money after I picked it up . I did not have time to do anything with it until I handed it over to the bartender . I did not see O'Brien at this time at all . I could not tell what

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part of the saloon he was in . This was about half past three o'clock in the afternoon . I was not working that day and had not been working for some time on account of my broken leg . I had seen O'Brien in the saloon previous to finding this money but I did not notice what he was doing . I noticed him paying cards at a table . There is a swinging door from the bar room into the water closet.

TERRENCE O'BRIEN, one of the defendants, sworn, testified:

I work at the asphaltting pavement. My Mother is in Court. I have worked for E. H. Wooton in my line of business . I was at work on the morning of the day of my arrest . I have been working for MR. Wooton for four months off and on . I have also worked for T. New and Company . On the day of this alleged robbery I was in the saloon on the afternoon about half past three o'clock. I was sitting at a table playing cards along with three more young men. We got up and went to the bar and had drinks and then returned to the table to have another game . I started in the third game when all of a sudden from the water closet there came the cry of Robber. Every one at the card tables dropped their hands and look towards the water closet. I walked over towards it but I did not go into the water closet. I did not put my hand on the captain at all . I did nothing whatever towards taking his money from him. I did not hit him and was not near him at all in the water closet . I saw the captain come out of the water closet, grab Donohue and hit him and then I saw Donohue handing the money to the bartender . He told the bartender he found it on the floor.

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I did not see either of the two witnesses who testified against me in that saloon at all . . .

CROSS EXAMINATION:

I was in the water closet of that saloon in the morning but I did not see any captain in there . I have heard the story that the captain told here in reference to myself . I deny it . It is not the truth . I did not lay a hand on him or touch him . I did not pass the money to Donohue as the captain said . It is not true that Donohue ran out of the closet . Donohue was sitting in a chair near the card table . I have known Donohue for the last five years . He is not a companion of mine . I have seen him in this saloon now and then . I have very seldom spoken to him . I say to the jury in fact that everything the captain has sworn to is absolutely untrue and that my statement that I did not put a hand on him is the truth .

MARY DOOLEY, a witness for the defendant, sworn, testified:

The defendant O'BRINE is my son by my first husband . My first husband was an old policeman in this city . This boy has always been a good boy and brought his wages home to me . I never had any fault to find with him .

The WITNESS SALYER was recalled and reiterated his story that he was in the saloon and saw all the occurrence he first testified to .

The jury returned a verdict finding both defendants guilty of robbery in the 1st degree.

**POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL**

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Indictment filed Nov. 4-1891.

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS

Part III.

THE PEOPLE &c.

against

TERRENCE O'BRIEN and JAMES

DONOHUE.

Abstract of testimony on

trial New York, November.

9th 1891.

POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL

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Police Court 4 District.

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, ss

*William H. Dougherty*

of No. *Bayville L.I. No. 437 E. 23<sup>rd</sup> St. N.Y. Roofing Co.* Street, Aged *25* Years

Occupation *Capt of Schooner Hastings* being duly sworn, deposes and says, that on the *31<sup>st</sup>* day of *October* 18*91*, at the *1<sup>st</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 deponent by force and violence, without his consent and against his will, the following property, viz:

*Sixty seven dollars lawful money of the United States.*

of the value of *67* 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 *Terence O'Brien and James Donohue both*

*now here, for the reasons that deponent was in a water closet in the liquor store 373 Avenue A and was counting said money and the defendant O'Brien came in and struck deponent in the face and made a grab for said money deponent succeeded in putting the money in his pocket when he O'Brien was joined by said Donohue and they defendant then beat deponent and O'Brien presented his hand into*

day of *October* 18*91* Sworn to before me, this

Police Justice

POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL

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said jacket and by force and violence took said money and passed it over to Donohue

Sworn to before me this 1<sup>st</sup> November, 1891

Wm H. K. Overbury

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.

Police Court, District, THE PEOPLE, &c., on the complaint of

Offence—ROBBERY. Dated 1891. Magistrate. Officer. Clerk. Witnesses. No. Street. No. Street. No. Street. \$ to answer General Sessions.

I have admitted the above named to bail to answer by the undertaking hereto annexed. Dated 1891. 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 1891. Police Justice.

**POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL**

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Sec. 198-200.

X District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY } ss.  
OF NEW YORK, }

*Terence O'Brien* 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. *Terence O'Brien*

Question. How old are you?

Answer. *21 years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. *New York*

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

Answer. *East 23<sup>rd</sup> St. Longueville house*

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*  
*Terence O'Brien*

Taken before me this

*August 11<sup>th</sup> 1891*

*J. J. [Signature]*

Police Justice.

POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL

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Sec. 198-200.

District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY } ss.  
OF NEW YORK, }

*James Donohue* 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.

*James Donohue*

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

*20 years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

*Ireland*

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

Answer.

*421 East 22<sup>nd</sup> St. 5 years*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.

*Laborer*

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

Answer.

*I am not guilty*  
*James Donohue*

Taken before me this

day of *November* 189*7*

*Wm. J. ...*

Police Justice.

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Michael Ward

John Ward

1891

John -

2nd St. N.Y.C.

BAILLED, Kofsky only

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

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

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

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

No. 5, by \_\_\_\_\_

No. 6, by \_\_\_\_\_

No. 7, by \_\_\_\_\_

Police Court

District

1867

THE PEOPLE, &c.

William H. Thompson

James Dickson

James Dickson

Offence

Robbery

Dated Nov 1 1891

Ward

Officer

Precinct

Witnesses

Michael Ward

No. 1433 E. 323 Avenue

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

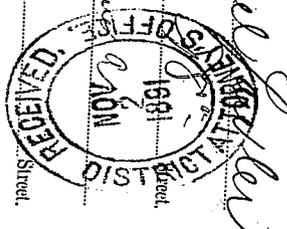
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It appearing to me by the within depositions and statements that the crime therein mentioned has been committed, and that there is sufficient cause to believe the within named

defendant

guilty thereof, I order that he be held to answer the same and he be admitted to bail in the sum of Twenty 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 Nov 1 1891 W. Ward 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**

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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

*Terence O'Brien and James Donohue*

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

*Terence O'Brien and James Donohue*

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

The said *Terence O'Brien, and James Donohue, both*

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the *fourth* day of *October*, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-*one*, in the ~~time of the said day~~, at the City and County aforesaid, with force and arms, in and upon one *William H. Donohue* in the peace of the said People then and there being, feloniously did make an assault, and divers 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 a number and denomination to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown, for the payment of and of the value of *sixty seven*

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dollars; divers other promissory notes for the payment of money, being then and there due and unsatisfied (and of the kind known as Bank Notes), of a number and denomination to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown, for the payment of and of the value of *sixty seven*

dollars; divers United States Silver Certificates, of a number and denomination to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown, of the value of *sixty seven*

dollars; divers United States Gold Certificates, of a number and denomination to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown, of the value of *sixty seven*

dollars; divers coins of a number, kind and denomination to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown, of the value of *seven dollars*,

of the goods, chattels and personal property of the said *William H. Donohue*, from the person of the said *William H. Donohue*, against the will and by violence to the person of the said *William H. Donohue*, then and there violently and feloniously did rob, steal, take and carry away, *the said Terence O'Brien and James Donohue, 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.

*James Donohue*  
*Terence O'Brien*

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**BOX:**

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**DESCRIPTION:**

O'Brien, Thomas F.

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11/09/91



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Counsel, *Richard J. DeBono*  
Filed, *9* day of *Nov.* 189*7*  
Pleads, *Guilty*

THE PEOPLE  
vs.  
Thomas J. O'Brien

*Grand Larceny, 2nd degree*  
(Sections 528 and 537 of the Penal Code.)

DE LANCEY NICOLL,  
District Attorney.

A TRUE BILL.  
*Richard J. DeBono*  
*Foreman.*  
*June 23rd '92*  
*Part 3 June 8 92*

Witnesses:

*The J. J. Cunningham*  
*cannot be found*  
*and witness has*  
*prudence that can*  
*be no commitment*  
*returning to court*  
*the discharge of O'Brien*  
*as his own lawyer*  
*W. J. Cunningham*  
*Case 1072*  
*June 8 92*

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POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL

Witnesses:

*The J. J. Campbell  
cannot be found  
and witness that  
presence of the  
to no committee  
meeting  
the presence of  
apart from  
W. J. [unclear]  
[unclear]  
[unclear]*

Counsel.

Filed,

Pleds,

day of [unclear] 189[unclear]

THE PEOPLE

vs.

Thomas J. O'Brien

*Grand Larceny, and degree  
(MISAPPROPRIATION.)  
(Sections 528 and 537 of the Penal Code.)*

DE LANCEY NICOLL,

District Attorney.

*before each part*

A TRUE BILL.

*[Signature]*

*Notary Public in and for the State of Mississippi*

*June 27th '92*

Foreman.

*Part 3 June 8/92 -  
[unclear]*

POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL

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(1865)

Police Court X District. Affidavit—Larceny.

City and County } ss.  
of New York,

of No. the West Cr 1st av + 144th Street, aged 32 years,  
occupation Bookkeeper

deposes and says, that on the 11th day of March 1891 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:

Good and lawful money of the United States to the amount and value of one hundred dollars (\$100.00)

the property of David Jones Co. Burns and in deponent's care and custody as bookkeeper for said firm.

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 Thomas F. O'Brien

from the fact that said defendant was employed by said Company as salesman and collector and was duly authorized to collect and receive money for said firm. Deponent is informed by Patrick J. Hickey of No 125 Canal Street that on said date he paid the said defendant the said sum of one hundred dollars which he owed said Company for ale and porter and that he like defendant then signed the annexed receipt. Deponent further says that the said

Sworn to before me this 11th day of March 1891

Police Justice.

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defendant never made any return of  
said sum of money to him or any  
order person authorized to receive said  
money for said Company. and that  
he never accounted for said sum of  
money in any way but did feloniously  
appropriate said sum of money to his  
own use and benefit with the intent  
to cheat and defraud.  
Wherefore deponent prays the said defendant  
may be apprehended and dealt with  
according to law

Sworn to before me } J. J. McManis  
this 23 day of Oct 1891

Wm. H. H. H.  
Police Justice

POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL

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CITY AND COUNTY } ss.  
OF NEW YORK, }

aged 48 years, occupation Legum dealer of No. 125 Canal Street, being duly sworn deposes and

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

Sworn to before me, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of Oct 1891 } Patrick J. Hickey  
Police Justice.

John J. Williamson  
Police Justice.

CITY AND COUNTY } ss.  
OF NEW YORK, }

POLICE COURT, 4 DISTRICT.

Patrick Keenan  
of No. 17th West Ave 1st Ave 44th Street, aged 45 years, occupation President being duly sworn deposes and says that deponent never received the sum of one hundred dollars mentioned in the affidavit of John J. Williamson and that the deponent Thomas F. O'Brien never accounted for said sum of money in any way to deponent.

Patrick Keenan

Sworn to before me, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of October 1891

John J. Williamson  
Police Justice.

POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL

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Sec. 198-200.

District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, ss.

Thomas F. O'Brien 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. Thomas F. O'Brien

Question. How old are you?

Answer. 30 years old

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. New York

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

Answer. 1626 Madison Av 1 year

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. Collector

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 F O'Brien

Taken before me this

day of

Dec 24 1887

John J. Conroy

Police Justice

POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL

0440

Sec. 151.

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

Police Court X District.

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

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 P. Williams of No. 1st West 44th Street, that on the 11th day of March 1888 at the City of New York, in the County of New York, the following article to wit:

Good and lawful money of the United States, to the amount and of the value of one hundred (100) Dollars, the property of David James Brewer and in w. it taken, stolen and carried away, and as the said complainant has cause to suspect, and does suspect and believe, by Thomas J. Quinn

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 every of you, to apprehend the body of the said Defendant and forthwith bring him before me, at the 1st 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 21st day of October 1888  
Thomas J. Quinn POLICE JUSTICE.

**POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL**

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age 30 US Res 1626, Madison Ave

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.

*of age 30 US Res 1626 Madison Ave*

Police Court District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF  
vs.  
Warrant-Larceny.

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

Magistrate

*Magistrate Officer*

The Defendant *Thomas P. Green* taken, and brought before the Magistrate, to answer the within charge, pursuant to the command contained in this Warrant.

Officer.

Dated *October 27* 1891

This Warrant may be executed on Sunday or at night.

Police Justice.

POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL

0442

1000 Bail Ben Edwards  
Oct 25th 2 1/2 50.00

BAILED

No. 1, by Paul M. Williams  
Residence 215 5th Street

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

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

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

Police Court X  
District 138

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF  
James J. Williams  
Charles F. Quinn

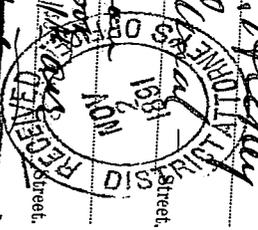
Offence Larceny

Dated Oct 27 1891

Murray Magistrate  
Antigua Officer

Witnesses  
Paul M. Williams  
Paul M. Williams

No. 1357 City Street  
No. 114 City Street



No. 1000 City Street  
LOANSWEP  
Paul M. Williams  
Charles F. Quinn

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

defendant  
guilty thereof, I order that he be held to answer the same and he be admitted to bail in the sum of 100 Hundred Dollars, and be committed to the Warden and Keeper of the City Prison of the City of New York, until he give such bail.

Dated Oct 27th 1891 Murray Police Justice.

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

Dated Oct 27th 1891 Murray Police Justice.

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

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

POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL

0443

1000 Bail from Examination  
Oct 27 1891

BAILED

No. 1, by Ed M. M. Caus  
Residence 215 5th Street

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

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

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

Police Court - W District 138

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF  
John P. M. M. Caus  
vs  
James J. P. Green

Office Larney Kelly

Dated Oct 27 1891

Murray Magistrate  
Shuttyim Officer

Witnesses  
Ed M. M. Caus  
Precinct

No. 1357 Court Street  
Police Precinct  
King's Cross Road  
No. 147 St. & 14th Street

James J. P. Green  
No. \_\_\_\_\_ Street

No. 1000 Street  
TO ANSWER  
Ed M. M. Caus

Ed M. M. Caus  
James J. P. Green

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

Dated Oct 27th 1891 Henry Murray Police Justice.

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

Dated Oct 27th 1891 Henry Murray Police Justice.

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

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

**POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL**

0444

SPECIAL NOTICE.—All Receipts must be filled up and signed with Pen and Ink to be recognized in the Office

New York, *March 11<sup>th</sup>* 1889.

RECEIVED from *W. Howard*

on Account. *100 00/100*

*David Jones* Dollars *0*

*David Jones*

DAVID JONES COMPANY,  
Brewers,  
44th ST. and 1st AVE., NEW YORK.

**POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL**

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**PART III.**

THE COURT ROOM IS IN THE FIRST STORY.  
If this Subpoena is disobeyed, an attachment will immediately issue.  
Bring this Subpoena with you, and give it to the officer at the Court Room door, that your attendance may be known.

[SEE OTHER SIDE FOR OTHER DIRECTIONS.]

1708  
SUBPOENA FOR A WITNESS TO ATTEND THE GENERAL SESSIONS OF THE PEACE.

In the Name of the People of the State of New York.

To John J. McManus  
of No. 127 Ave of 44<sup>th</sup> Street

YOU ARE COMMANDED to appear before the Court of General Sessions of the Peace in and for the City and County of New York, at the Sessions Building, adjoining the New Court House in the City Hall Park, in the City of New York, on the day of JUNE 1892 at half past ten o'clock in the forenoon of the same day, as a witness in a criminal action prosecuted by the People of the State of New York against

Thomas G. Brennan  
Dated at the City of New York, the first Monday of JUNE  
in the year of our Lord 1892

DE LANCEY NICOLL, *District Attorney.*

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POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL

0446

Act of General Sessions.

THE PEOPLE

vs.

Thomas J. O'Brien

City and County of New York, ss:

James Smith

being duly

sworn, deposes and says: I reside at No.

328 East 37<sup>th</sup>

Street, in the City of New York. I am a Subpoena server in the office of the District Attorney of the

City and County of New York. On the

7<sup>th</sup> day of June 1892.

I called at

44<sup>th</sup> Street 31<sup>st</sup> Avenue

the alleged residence of John J. McManus

the complainant herein, to serve him with the annexed subpoena, and was informed by the

watchman in charge of said premises and that he had not been there for the last five months and that he did not know where he now lived or could be found

Sworn to before me, this

7<sup>th</sup> day

of

June 1892

James Smith  
Subpoena Server.

John B. McGuire  
Clerk of Court

POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL

0447

Court of General Sessions.

THE PEOPLE, on the Complaint of

vs.

Thos J.'Brien

Offence:

De Lancey Incell  
JOHN R. FELLOWS,

District Attorney.

Affidavit of

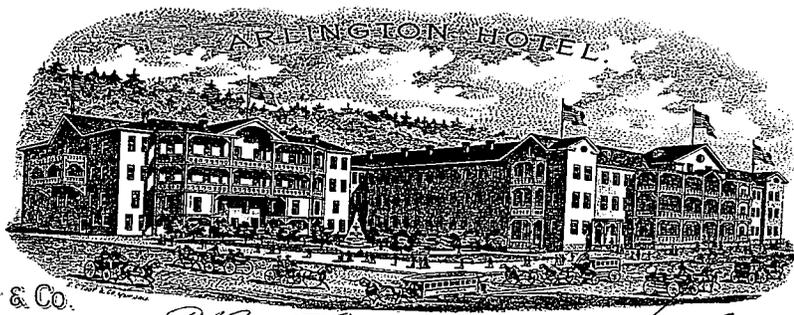
James Smith

Subpoena Server.

Failure to Find Witness.

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0448



S. H. STITT & Co.

LYMAN T. HAY, MGR.

Hot Springs, Ark. April 21 1892

Dear Mr. Keenan

No doubt you must  
have thought, that you  
should hear from me  
before this, but really it

would not be pleasant  
news. It is only now  
that I can say, that I  
am on the road to improvement.

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0449

I wish to become entirely well while I am here, therefore it is not likely that I can resume my duties before July 15<sup>th</sup> if then. I sincerely hope that you will consider kindly of this inasmuch as I have had to come so far, and be assured that I will do all in my power to reciprocate when the time comes.

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

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S. H. STITT & Co.

LYMAN T. HAY, MGR.

Hot Springs, Ark. April 2 1892

2  
I trust Mr. Pearson has  
given satisfaction, and  
that you are not overburdened  
in the office. I was sorry  
to notice the judgement  
of Wmington against our side.

Great care must be  
taken in the making up  
of the annual statement

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ORIGINAL

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of the Company next  
July. I thought understanding  
of preceding statements is  
~~most essential.~~

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If convenient I should  
like very much to hear  
from you, and meanwhile

I remain  
Yours very truly  
J. M. Marcus

POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL

0452

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

5:8

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

against

*Thomas F. O'Brien*

The Grand Jury of the City and County of New York, by this indictment, accuse  
*Thomas F. O'Brien*  
of the CRIME OF *Grand* LARCENY, in the second degree committed  
as follows:

The said *Thomas F. O'Brien*

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the *eleventh*  
day of *March* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and  
ninety-*one*, at the City and County aforesaid, being then and there the *clerk*  
and servant of a corporation called the  
*David Jones Company*

and as such *clerk and servant* then and there having in his  
possession, custody and control certain goods, chattels and personal property of the said  
*corporation*

the true owner thereof, to wit: *the sum of one hundred*  
*dollars in money, lawful money*  
*of the United States of America and*  
*of the value of one hundred dollars*

the said *Thomas F. O'Brien* afterwards, to wit:  
on the day and in the year aforesaid, at the City and County aforesaid, with force and arms,  
did feloniously appropriate the said *sum of money*

to his own use, with intent to deprive and defraud the said *corporation*  
of the same, and of the use and benefit thereof; and the same goods, chattels and personal  
property of the said *corporation*

did then and there and thereby feloniously steal, 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.

DE LANCEY NICOLL,  
District Attorney.

0453

**BOX:**

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**FOLDER:**

4209

**DESCRIPTION:**

O'Keefe, John

**DATE:**

11/27/91



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POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL

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Counsel,  
Filed 27 day of Nov 1891  
Pleads,

Grand Larceny  
[Sections 528, 587, Penal Code.]  
Grand Degree.

THE PEOPLE

vs.  
John O'Keefe

DE LANCEY NICOLL,  
District Attorney.

John O'Keefe

A True Bill.

Wm. H. Hays, Foreman.  
H. Adams, Attorney  
2 Mr. J. W. ...  
Duct

Witnesses:  
Geo. W. ...  
John ...  
...

POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL

0455

(1885)

Police Court— 2<sup>nd</sup> District.

Affidavit—Larceny.

City and County }  
of New York, } ss.

of No. 309 Canal Street, aged 40 years,  
occupation Express being duly sworn,

deposes and says, that on the 23 day of November 1891 at the City of New York, in the County of New York, was feloniously taken, stolen and carried away from the possession of deponent, in the day time, the following property, viz:

A package - containing Four Ladies  
blouses - of the amount and value  
thirty-eight dollars and twenty five  
cents (\$ 38 <sup>25</sup>/<sub>100</sub>)

the property of Philip Scheyer - in deponent's  
Care and custody -

and that this deponent has a probable cause to suspect, and does suspect, that the said property was feloniously taken, stolen and carried away by John O. Keeffe (now here) from the

following facts to wit: That about the hour of 3.50 o'clock P. M. of the aforesaid deponent saw the defendant come into his place of business at the aforesaid address and take, steal and carry away the aforesaid package containing said property - and that deponent followed the defendant to the outside of said premises, and found the aforesaid property in his possession - Deponent therefore charges the defendant with having committed a Larceny and asks that he may be held and dealt with as the Law may direct.

Sworn to before me, this 23 day of November 1891

Police Justice  
*[Signature]*

John Meakin

**POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL**

0456

Sec. 198-200.

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District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, 1881

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

Question. What is your name?

Answer. *John O. Keepe*

Question. How old are you?

Answer. *34 years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. *New York*

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

Answer. *No 34 Oak Street; 1 year -*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. *Truck Driver*

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

Answer.

*I am not guilty*  
*John O. Keepe*  
*mark*

Taken before me this *24* day of *March* 1881

*[Signature]*  
Police Justice.

POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL

0457

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

Police Court... District. 1458

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

John McArthur  
John A. Keefe

1  
2  
3  
4  
Office \_\_\_\_\_

Dated November 24 1891

Magistrate  
Hyman  
Kennedy  
Officer



Witnesses  
 No. \_\_\_\_\_ Street \_\_\_\_\_  
 No. \_\_\_\_\_ Street \_\_\_\_\_  
 No. \_\_\_\_\_ Street \_\_\_\_\_  
 \$1000 to answer  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Street \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 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 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 November 24 1891 \_\_\_\_\_ 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

0458

**PART II.**

THE COURT ROOM IS IN THE THIRD STORY AND FRONTING THE PARK.  
If this Subpoena is disobeyed, an attachment will immediately issue.  
Bring this Subpoena with you, and give it to the officer at the Court Room door, that your attendance may be known.

[SEE OTHER SIDE FOR OTHER DIRECTIONS.]

*No. See Recorder Smyth*  
 SUBPOENA FOR A WITNESS TO ATTEND THE GENERAL SESSIONS OF THE PEACE.  
 In the Name of the People of the State of New York.  
 To *Logan Ship Chandler*  
 of No. *South 1st + Pine* Street.  
 YOU ARE COMMANDED to appear before the Court of General Sessions of the Peace in and for the City and County of New York, at the Sessions Building, adjoining the New Court House in the City Hall Park, in the City of New York, on the day of **DECEMBER.** 189 <sup>10<sup>th</sup></sup> at the hour of *8* in the forenoon of the same day, as a witness in a criminal action prosecuted by the People of the State of New York, against *John Keefe, John B. Keefe*  
 Dated at the City of New York, the first Monday of **DECEMBER.**  
 in the year of our Lord 189 *1*  
 DE LANCEY NICOLL, *District Attorney.*

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0459

Mr George Logan was  
in business on South  
Pine Street some years  
since - now dead -

Hicks Bell  
68 South St

NY Dec 8/91

Should the case not be called on for trial, and no reason assigned in Court, please inquire in the District Attorney's Office about it, and you may save time.  
If inconvenient to remain, and you prefer another day, state this early to the District Attorney, in the Court.  
If ill when served, please send timely word to the District Attorney's Office.  
If you know of more testimony than was produced before the Magistrate, or if a fact which you think material was not there brought out, please state the same to the District Attorney or one of his Assistants.

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0460

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 O'Keefe*

THE GRAND JURY OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, by this  
indictment, accuse

*John O'Keefe*

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

The said

*John O'Keefe,*

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the *23rd*  
day of *November* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and  
ninety *one*, at the City and County aforesaid, with force and arms,

*four cloaks of the value  
of ten dollars each*

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one

*Philip Scheyer*

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.

*De Lancey Nicoll,  
District Attorney*

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**BOX:**

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**FOLDER:**

4209

**DESCRIPTION:**

O'Neill, John

**DATE:**

11/27/91



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**BOX:**

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**FOLDER:**

4209

**DESCRIPTION:**

Compton, John

**DATE:**

11/27/91



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Counsel,  
Filed *[Signature]* day of *Nov* 189 *7*  
Plends, *Sept 30*

THE PEOPLE  
40 June 28. *R*  
108 *R*  
*John O'Neill*  
*and*  
*John Compton*

DE LANCEY NICOLL,  
District Attorney.

A TRUE BILL.

*[Signature]*

Foreman.  
*Part 3. Dec. 11/97-*  
*Both plead. Atkinch Birmingham*  
*Both. Pen 6 mos. 3<sup>rd</sup> day*  
*RB M*

Witnesses:

POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL

0464

Police Court 7 District.

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

of No. 7 West 55th Street, aged 61 years,  
occupation Butcher being duly sworn

deposes and says, that the premises No 231 Thompson Street,  
in the City and County aforesaid, the said being a two story and basement  
brick dwelling  
and which was occupied by deponent as a  
and in which there was at the time a human being, by name

were BURGLARIOUSLY entered by means of forcibly opening the  
door leading from the area into the  
basement

on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of November 1891 in the day-time, and the  
following property feloniously attempted to taken, stolen, and carried away, viz:

One iron stove of the value of about  
ten dollars

the property in deponent's care and custody or administration  
and deponent further says, that he has great cause to believe, and does believe, that the aforesaid  
BURGLARY was committed, and the aforesaid property taken, stolen, and carried away by

John O'Neil and John Cupton  
both well known people acting in concert

for the reasons following, to wit: That on or about the 6<sup>th</sup> day  
of November deponent went to the said house  
and when deponent left he deponent locked  
and securely fastened the doors and  
windows leading into the premises. That  
deponent saw the said property there on said  
date. That deponent is now informed by  
Police Officer Peter J. Blauch, of the 15<sup>th</sup>  
Precinct Police that he, the officer saw the

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defendants in company with each other  
in the premises about 12:15 o'clock P.M. on  
said date and attempting to carry away  
the said property. Wherefor defendant prays  
that the defendant be held and dealt  
with as the law directs.

William Culyer

Present to before me  
this 13 day of November 1891

*[Signature]*

Police Justice

Police Court \_\_\_\_\_ District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Degree.

Burglary

vs.

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

Magistrate.

Officer.

Clerk.

Witnesses:

Committed in default of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Bail.

Bailed by \_\_\_\_\_

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

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

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CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

*Peter J. Blanch*  
aged *33* years, occupation *Officer* of No. *11*  
*Macmillan* Street, being duly sworn, deposes and  
says, that he has heard read the foregoing affidavit of *William C. Kelly*  
and that the facts stated therein on information of deponent are true of deponent's own  
knowledge.

Sworn to before me, this *23* day of *March* 189*0*, } *Peter J. Blanch*

*[Signature]*  
Police Justice.

**POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL**

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Sec. 198-20

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, ss.

*27*  
District Police Court.

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

Question. What is your name?

Answer. *John O'Neill*

Question. How old are you?

Answer. *40 years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. *New York*

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

Answer. *1705 Leroy St 3 years*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. *None shown*

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

Answer. *I am not guilty*  
*John O'Neill*

Taken before me this  
day of *Jan* 18*97*

Police Justice.

*[Signature]*

POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL

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Sec. 198-200.

District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK

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

Question. What is your name?

Answer. *John Compton*

Question. How old are you?

Answer. *29 yrs*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. *New York City*

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

Answer. *103 East 79th 5 yrs*

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*

*John Compton*

Taken before me this day of *Nov* 188*9*

Police Justice.

*[Signature]*

POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL

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

Police Court...  
 District...  
 1456

THE PEOPLE, vs.  
 John Smith  
 John Smith  
 John Smith  
 Offence: Burglary

Dated: 11/15/91  
 1891

Magistrate:  
 J. Morgan

Witness:  
 Call the officer



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

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

\_\_\_\_\_ guilty thereof, I order that they be held to answer the same and they 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 they give such bail.  
 Dated: 11/15/91  
 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

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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 O'Neill  
and  
John Compton

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

John O'Neill and John Compton

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

The said

John O'Neill and John Compton, both

late of the 15th Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the  
21st day of November in the year of our Lord one  
thousand eight hundred and ninety-one in the day - time of the same day, at the  
Ward, City and County aforesaid, a certain building there situate, to wit, the building of  
one William Culyer

there situate, feloniously and burglariously did break into and enter, with intent to commit some  
crime therein, to wit: with intent the goods, chattels and personal property of the said William  
Culyer in the said building  
then and there being, then and there feloniously and burglariously to steal, take and carry away,  
against the form of the statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace of the  
People of the State of New York and their dignity.

De Lancy Nicoll,  
District Attorney