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Reg. v. AH FOOK et al.

Information and Complaint for an Indictable Offence.

Canada, &c.,

City of New Westr.

The Information and complaint of John Carty, of New Westr. taken this 11th day of June, in the year, &c., 1896, before, &c., T. C. Atkinson, P. M. &c., &c., who saith that Ah Fook, Ah Chue, Ah Jim, Ah Chung, Ah Sick, Ah Jim and Ah Gang, at the ad. City of New Westr. on the 11th day of Jgne instant did enter the dwelling house of May Wright and steal therefrom the sum of eight hundred dollars and one necklace.

John Carty.

Sworn before me, &c.

T. C. Atkinson, P. M.

DEPOSITIONS of WITNESSES.

Taken at New Westr. on June 29th, 1896.

MAY WRIGHT, upon her oath saith as follows :---

I reside at No. 3 Blackie street! I remember the 11th of June this year; I lost my cash box and contents on that day; the box contained one diamond necklace with five stones; one gold watch on which the monogram "N" was engraved; two diamond *Conce* pins; one bracelet with the monogram "N" was engraved; two diamond rings & one pearl ring; there were three or four sets of shirt studs; there was in cash, in \$20. gold pieces, about \$260.cc; in \$10. gold pieces about \$170.co; in \$5. gold pieces about \$95.(?\$75.); there were four half sovereigns and three sovereigns; in bills there was \$150. in \$20. and \$10. bills; in \$1. \$2. & \$5. bills between \$50. and \$60; in silver there was between \$50. and \$60;

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besides the articles mentioned the box contained three pocketbooks, receipts and a salt and pepper box; the coins attached to the bracelet were 8 \$2 1/2 gold pieces; 1 \$3. good piece and 1 \$1. gold piece; the date of the \$3. gold piece was (either was ?) 1854; the bracelt was a plain band of gold with ridges slightly raised; the diamond necklace produced is the one I have described as mine; the gold watch produced is the one that I kept in my cash box; I also had a Mexican Dollar, a very dark and dirty piece; the one produced looks like it; most of the \$20; gold pieces were dated 1888 and 1889; the bracelet produced is the one the \$3. was attached to; the pock et book produced is mine; the salt and pepper boxes produced were in my cash box; the money produced looks like mine; there was a mortgage in the box and a receipt for the payment of the mortgage; Ah Chue, one of the accused, had been working for me my service mandden on the night of the 9th of June; as cook: he left w we had a row which was the cause of his leaving; he told me "I fixed you;" the last time I saw the box and contents was at 6 o'clock; when I went to the box for change at 20 minutes past, when I went for money to pay the paper boy; I found the box gone and tele honed for an officer and traced footprints to the sidewalk.

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Cross-examined by Mr. Henderson .:

The mortgage produced was brought to on the evening of the llth. Mae Wright.

T. C. Atkinson, P. M.

ARTHUR F. DAY, upon his oath, saith as follows :--

I reside in this City at the Corner of 8th and Agnes st; on my way home to supper, the 11th inst., I was passing Blackie

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street and saw a Chinaman between No. 3 and the Court House; he was running and was carrying the cash box; the one in Court now resembles; I noticed it had a gilt handle and there were gilt marks on it; the last I saw him he was running under the sidewalk; when he went under the sidewalk he was only 5 or 6 feet from me.

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For Exhibit "B" re evidence of last witness, see original depositions.

MAGGIE JACKSON (? Thomas) upon her oath saith as follows :-

I found the gold watch produced on the evening of the 12th in the ground under the Chinese Laundry.

Maggie Jackson.

ALFRED HARDMAN, upon his oath saith as follows : --

I know Mae Wright who gave evidence this morning; I delivered meat to her every day; I saw her on the llth of this month about 1/2 past 2 o'clock; I saw her again about 1/2 past 6 or 7; in consequence of what she told me I went to look for her cook whom she had discharged two days before; his name is Ah Chue; I went to the laundry kept by Wing Lee; when I went in the first man I spoke to was Ah Tom; I asked him for Mae Wright's cook; he said "he no stop;" I then pushed him aside and went to the rear part of the building; when I (?had) gone part of the way four yelled out something in the Chinese language; I waited there a few seconds and then pushed the door of the room and found Ah Chue; I told him I wanted to see him outside; he seemed to be very nervous; he came out to the next room and put on his clothes; the only man I can identify

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Mr. Henderson asks :-

Q : Can you tell me the number and denomination of the bills you have in your pocket now ? Objected to by Mr. Sutton. Alfred Hardman. T. C. Atkinson, P. M.

WEILINGTON MILLER, upon his oath, saith as follows :--

I am a Police Constable in this City; I was called to Mae Wright's on the evening of the 11th instant; she said she had been robbed; I went into the house; she showed me her bedroom; when I had searched Ah Chue as described by the last witness, Hardman, I took him back to the laundry and stationed a man at the rear door so as to prevent any Chinamen from leaving; in searching the house I (?found) the boots produced; I afterwards fitted the boots in the foot-prints on the South side of

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No. 3; I found them to correspond exactly with footprints; the accused Ah Fook claimed the boots as his.

W. Miller. T. C. Atkinson, P. M.

MATTHEW S. DILLABAUCH, upon his oath saith as follows :-

I am a Police Officer in this City; I was present when it was found the gold watch was found; by Maggie Thomas (?Jackson).

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THOMAS DOMINY, upon his oath, saith as follows :--

I am a Police Officer in this City; I was assisting in the search the night of the 11th instant; I found the frames of 3 purses in the kitchen stove; the stove was quite cold; it was about 12 o'clock when the search was made; we also found the salt and pepper boxes in the stoxe.

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NELLIE MITCHELL, upon her oath saith as follows :---

I live with Mae Wright on Blackie street; I recognize the gold watch, the diamond brooch and the buttons and the gold all ring in parcel "A" as belonging to her.

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EDGAR WILCOX, upon his oath, saith as follows :--

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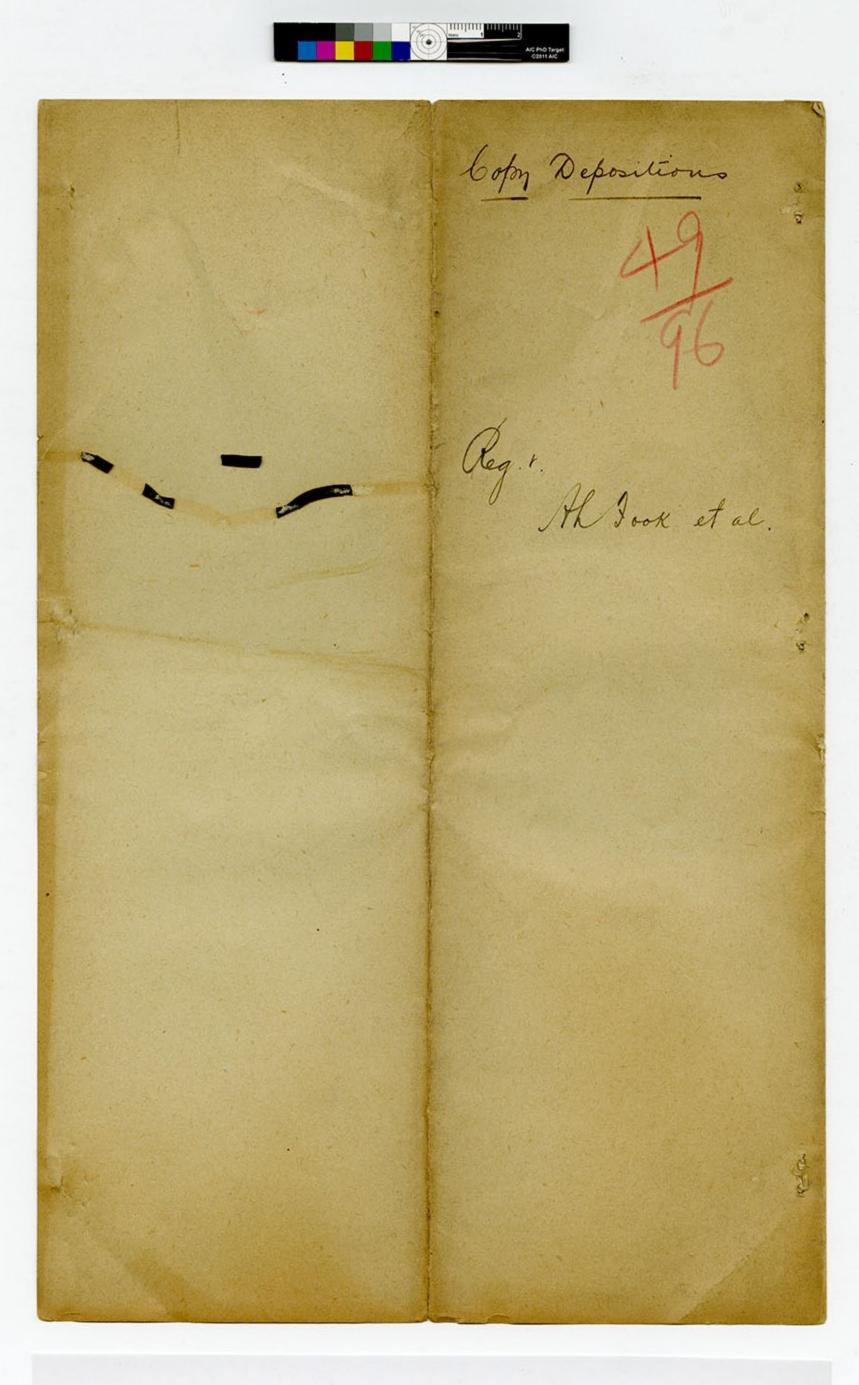
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Statement of the Accused.

We have nothing to say.

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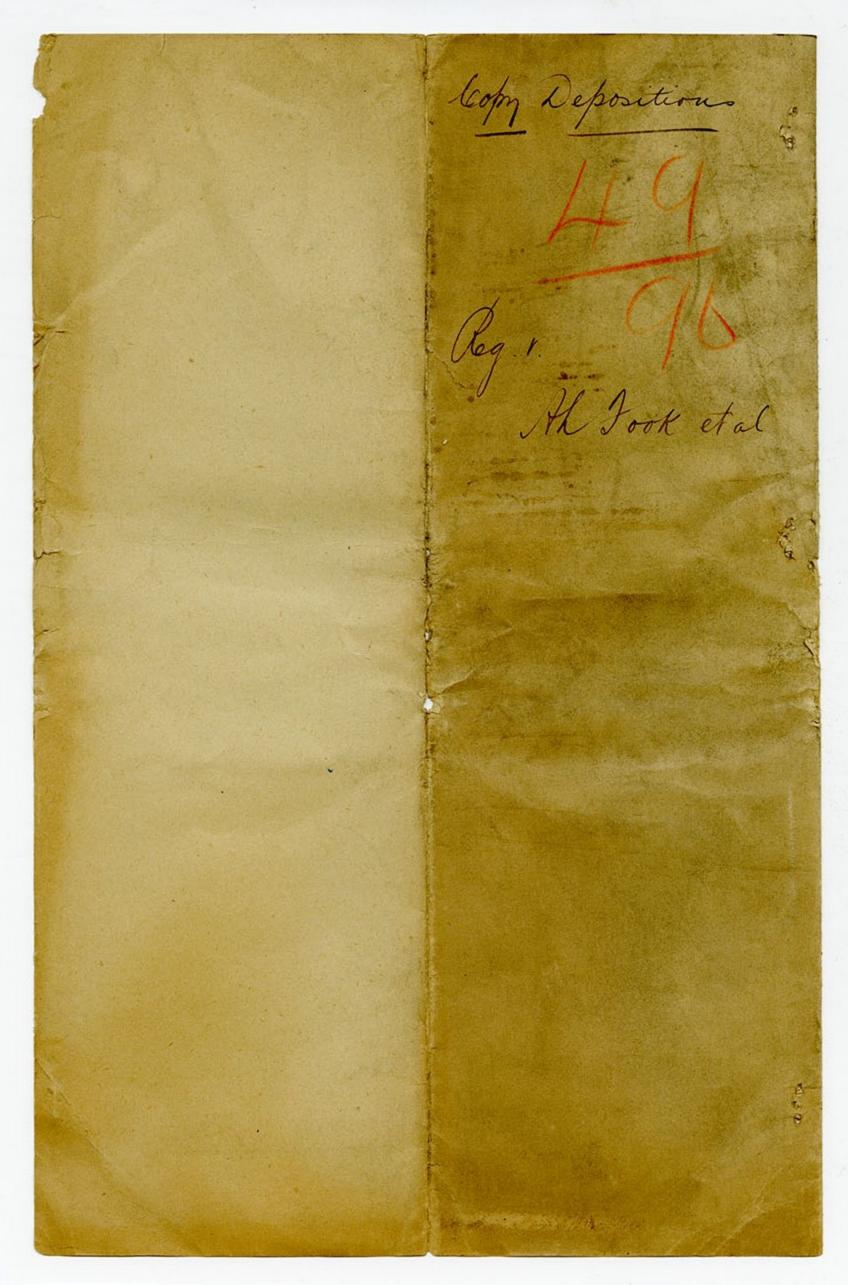
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