



Crime and Punishment

Minety

Court Case

Wilfred Thomas Hazell

At Cirencester Police Court yesterday, Wilfred Thomas Hazell, Labourer, Minety, Wilts, was charged with breaking into Brooklyn Garage, Cheltenham Road, North Cerney, during the night of June 9-10 and stealing 7s 6d, the property of Henry Mills.

On the application of Supt A W Hopkins a remand until Monday next was granted, Hazell being allowed bail.

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A finger print expert from Scotland Yard gave evidence at Cirencester Police Court today in a case in which Wilfred Thomas Hazell, labourer, of Minety, was sentenced to six months' hard labour for stealing 8s 6d belonging to Henry Mills, from Brooklyn Garage, on the Cheltenham road, during the night of June 9-10.

Hazell pleaded not guilty and said he did not pass the garage on the night of the alleged offence as he went to Cheltenham through Stroud and Gloucester.

It was alleged that Hazell broke a pane of glass in a window of the garage, and by putting his arm through the broken window took the money from two tins which were in a drawer.

Hazell was arrested on a warrant by PS Creed on June 19. When the warrant was read over to him Hazell was stated to have said, "I have nothing to say, and I don't know what they want to accuse me for."

Det. Inspector Charles Garrett, of Scotland Yard, stated that the finger prints found on one of the pieces of glass sent to the Yard corresponded with the finger prints of Hazell taken by the police.

He said that since July 1901, the Finger Print Bureau of New Scotland Yard had made more than 366,000 identifications of unknown persons without error.

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