

Cash Box Stolen 1839

Wilts Quarter Sessions



Hannah Carter was indicted for stealing three £5 notes and other money, the property of Henry Goodfellow, at Winterbourne Gunner.

The prosecutor was the brother of the prisoner, and lodged in the house of John Carter, her husband.

Goodfellow left his lodgings on the 16th of October, his box containing the money, remaining in the house, amounting to twenty-six pounds. He returned in consequence of information he received.

The prisoner was apprehended at the Falcon Inn, in Salisbury, where she had given one of the £5 notes to be changed. The landlord, Mr Crouch, having heard of the robbery, caused her to be detained on suspicion, and the other two £5 notes, together with seven sovereigns, were found in her possession.

The prosecutor appeared to be much affected, and addressed the chair on her behalf, as follows: "I hope you will be as merciful as you can to her - 'tis my own sister, and indeed 'tis close work."

Guilty. Twelve months' imprisonment, and hard labour.

The chairman, in addressing the prisoner, told her that it had taken into consideration the application of the prosecutor for mercy, otherwise the punishment would have been transportation.

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