

No. 671

In the Superior Court of the
State of California, in and
for the County of Yolo.

The People of the State
of California,

Plaintiff,

-VS-

Henry Larson,
Defendant.

STATEMENT UNDER SECTION
1192a of the Penal Code.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, IN AND
FOR THE COUNTY OF YOLO.

 THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE)
 OF CALIFORNIA,)
 Plaintiff,)
 against) April twenty-sixth, 1923.
 Henry Larson,)
 Defendant,)

Henry Larson is accused by the District Attorney of Yolo County, by this information of the crime of Felony, to-wit: lewd and lascivious acts other than the acts constituting other crimes provided for in Part I of the Penal Code, committed as follows, to-wit:

The said Henry Larson on the seventeenth day of April, A.D., Nineteen Hundred Twenty-three, in the county of Yolo, State of California, and before the filing of this information, did then and there wilfully, lewdly and feloniously commit upon and with the body and limbs of one [REDACTED] a child under the age of fourteen years, to-wit, of the age of eleven years, certain lewd and lascivious acts with the intent then and there to arouse and to gratify the lust, passions and sexual desires of said defendant, to-wit, the said Henry Larson forcibly and against the will of said child did uncover the lower portion of the body and the upper

portion of the lower limbs of said child and did then and there feloniously place his the defendant's hand and private parts in contact with, against and upon the said uncovered parts of the body and lower limbs of said child with the intent then and there and thereby to arouse and to gratify the passions, lust and sexual desires of said Henry Larson as aforesaid, contrary to the form, force and effect of the Statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace and dignity of the people of the State of California.

George T. Kern, District Attorney, Yolo County, California.

Subscribed this twenty-sixth day of April, A.D., 1923.

Endorsed:

"No. 621.

Superior Court, Yolo County, California.

The People of the State of California, Plaintiff,

against, Henry Larsen, Defendant.

Information.

Filed, Apr. 26, 1923. H.R. Saunders, Clerk, by

C.L. Hiddleston, Deputy.

George T. Kern, District Attorney, Woodland, California.

1923."

History of the Crime.

On the 17th day of April, 1923, the defendant Henry Larson, is alleged, according to the complaint on file in this case to have come to Woodland from a ranch near Yolo, Yolo County, California, where he was employed as a farm-hand, in a Ford automobile belonging to his employer at the said ranch, to-wit: The C.D.Huff ranch two and one-half miles southwest of said town of Yolo, Yolo County, California; that while proceeding on his way back to said ranch after coming to Woodland on some business, and while travelling along Walnut Street in said city of Woodland, Larson overtook [REDACTED], an eleven year old school girl, who was returning at that hour, around four o'clock of said above mentioned day, to her home in the northern part of the city; that he stopped his car by the sidewalk and invited her to take a ride with him, that he would take her home. She accepted his invitation, got in the automobile, and instead of taking her on home, he turned into College Street and then on out into the country towards the ranch where he was employed. That on the way out he asked her to get down in the front part of the automobile where no one could see her, and he put a canvass over her, and, according to the girl's version, each time she tried to "peek" out from under the canvass, he would hold it down over her; arriving at the ranch, Larson jumped out of the car, opened the gate leading towards the barn, drove into the barnyard,

closed the gate behind him, and drove into the barn, where he took the little girl out of the car and carried her into the hay mow, where after a short time he attempted to have sexual intercourse with her; as he claims, that she, at his suggestion, removed sufficient of her clothing to allow him to rub his penis on her legs and stomach, and that he had a discharge while so doing from his genital organs on her stomach, after which she asked him to wipe her off, he doing so with his handkerchief. Larson claims he did not at any time try to enter her private parts, knowing that to do so would hurt her, and he denied any intention of doing that.

The little girl claims that Larson hit her with a hammer, on her head, during the scrambling around while he was attempting to accomplish his purpose, but this Larson denies, and states that if anything, he must have hit her with his knuckles, as they were sore and swollen afterwards - however, he stated he did not remember hitting her at any time, with anything, and furthermore, that he was not drunk, or had been drinking anything at the time. He also tried to use choleraform on her, having a small amount in a bottle which he had been using on cotton for toothache, which he put to her nose, but did not succeed in getting her under the influence of it. He does not give a very satisfactory explanation for such action, outside of an evasive answer in his statement that he might have more easily accomplished his purpose if he could have put her out, so to speak.

After the act in the hay mow had been accomplished to the extent mentioned above, Larson set about doing his chores, such as feeding some stock and milking, after which he put the girl in the machine again and drove her to within a short distance of her home in the outskirts of Woodland, where he let her out; in the meantime her parents had become alarmed at her absence and had instituted a search of the neighborhood for the child, and she returned shortly after the search was started.

Larson in a statement made at the County Jail a few days after the affair, in the presence of the District Attorney, Deputy Sheriff and Court Reporter, stated that after letting the girl out of the car, he went and got a paper, then drove back to the ranch and stayed there that night; that during the night, hearing members of the Sheriff's posse around the house, he slipped out before morning and went down to Cache Creek, a stream of water a short distance away, and stayed in the brush along the banks of the creek that day; he eluded capture for three days, while loitering in the vicinity of the ranch where the affair occurred, one morning going into a neighboring farm house while the occupants were outside, and getting something to eat; that on the third night following the affair, he took an automobile from the Huff ranch and attempted to reach Sacramento, but the absence of the automobile being noticed immediately, the police of Sacramento were notified to be on the lookout for the car and occupant,

and Larson was intercepted on the Sacramento river bridge by the Sacramento police and arrested. He was brought back to Woodland for trial, a charge of lewd and lascivious conduct with a minor child being placed against him.

Larson is close to twenty-six years of age, and has lived around Woodland the most of his life, working on farms since leaving school. He has been in trouble once before, in Sacramento County, where he was convicted of grand larceny, in 1920, and placed on probation. His mother is at present living in Woodland, having remarried after the death of the defendant's father some years ago, and Larson has been shifting for himself and supporting himself since leaving the Grammar school.

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA,
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF YOLO.

Before Hon. W.A.Anderson, Judge.

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THE PEOPLE OF THE)	
STATE OF CALIFORNIA,)	
Plaintiff,)	
-vs-)	April 30th, 1923.
Henry Larson,)	No. 671.
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PROCEEDINGS HAD AT TIME OF ARRAIGNMENT AND SENTENCE:

Counsel appearing:-

For the People:- George T.Kern, Esq.,
District Attorney of Yolo County.

Defendant not represented by counsel.

COURT: (after Clerk had read Information and handed the defendant copy of Information and copy of transcript taken at Preliminary Examination) Henry Larson, is that your true name?

Defendant: Yes, your honor.

COURT: Have you an attorney to represent you?

Defendant: No.

COURT: Do you wish the court to appoint an attorney for you?

Defendant: No.

COURT: To the information that has just been read to you do you wish to plead at this time?

Defendant: Yes.

COURT: What is your plea, guilty or not guilty?

Defendant: Guilty.

COURT: Do you wish the court to pronounce judgment at this time, or do you wish to have further time before the court pronounces judgment?

Defendant: At this time I guess.

COURT: Have you anything to say why the court should not pronounce judgment at this time?

Defendant: No..

COURT: The plea will be entered, and judgment and plea of guilty as charged - you may stand up. (Defendant arises) The court in this case you understand, does not pronounce the amount of your penalty - I simply pronounce judgment, which carries you to those authorities who pronounce the judgment; the judgment of the court is that you are guilty of the crime as charged in the Information, and that the Sheriff of Yolo County is directed to take you to the Warden of the States Prison at San Quentin, California, there to receive such punishment as the law provides. The Court Reporter will take your statement before you go, and I will sign that - the Court Reporter will ask the usual questions, which statement is taken to the authorities, and from that statement and upon other statements, the authorities, at the proper time, which must be within a year, pronounce the amount of punishment for this crime.

COURT: That is all.

INTERROGATIONS BY COURT REPORTER ELICITING INFORMATION
AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 1192a OF THE PENAL CODE OF THE
STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

Q. What is your full name? A. Henry Thaddeus Larson.

Q. Have you ever assumed any other name than the one you now
have? A. No sir.

Q. You were convicted in the above entitled proceeding of
the crime of Lewd and Lascivious Conduct with a Minor Child,
upon a plea of guilty; have you heretofore been prosecuted
for or convicted of any public offenses?

A. I was convicted of grand larceny at Sacramento, in September
1920, I think, and granted probation - did not serve any time.

Q. Where were you born? A. Woodland, Yolo County, California.

Q. When - what date? A. The 6th of August, 1897.

Q. What is your nationality? A. American.

Q. What is your father's name? A. Erickson Larson.

Q. He was a native of where? A. Sweden; he is now dead.

Q. What is your mother's name? A. She is now Mrs. H.D.
Stewart; she lives here at 181 Court Street, Woodland; she is
a native of Sweden.

Q. Have you ever been married? A. No.

Q. Defendant's career has been as follows: Early home?

A. Left home when young - father died, mother remarried and
home broke up. Had three brothers.

Q. Were you ever injured in any way? A. Had my hip dis-

located once, cannot do heavy lifting. Never had any serious sickness.

Q. What have been your social opportunities? A. None.

Q. Degree of education? A. Went through the grammar school eighth grade public schools.

Q. Financial condition? A. Nothing.

Q. How in regard to your moral training, early home influences, and going to Sunday school, etc.,

A. Had a good home until mother remarried - also went to Sunday school as a kid.

Q. Have you ever used liquor to any extent? A. No, never have used it.

Q. Do you use drugs? A. No.

Q. Do you gamble? A. A little.

Q. Do you consort with lewd women? A. Not much.

Q. Abnormalities? A. No.

Q. Accomplishments? A. None.

Q. How is your general physical condition? A. Fair.

Q. General mental condition? A. Fair.

Q. Particular defects or infirmities? A. None outside of having hip injured as above described.

Q. Did you ever serve in the army or navy? A. No.

Q. Have you ever learned any mechanical trade? A. No.

Q. What have you been doing since leaving school?

A. Working around on ranches, and truck driving around here.

(A summary history of the crime of which defendant was convicted, and the facts and circumstances of its commission are set out at page 3 of this record - Reporter)

(The cause, motive and provocation of the crime were as follows: To gratify his sexual desires)

Q. You have always been industrious have you not, that is, worked all the time? A. Yes.

Q. What has been the nature of your associates? A. I don't associate with people much - been to myself most of the time, only just with a partner there on the ranch is all.

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CERTIFICATE OF REPORTER.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA,) ss
County of Yolo,)

I, W.E.Combrink, hereby certify as

follows: That I am the official Reporter of the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Yolo; that on the 30th day of April, 1923, I took down in shorthand the testimony and proceedings at the sentencing of Henry Larson, defendant, in the case entitled The People of the State of California, Plaintiff, against Henry Larson, defendant, in the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Yolo; that I also prior thereto, to-wit, on the 25th day of April, 1923, reported the Preliminary Examination in said case before the Justice's Court of Woodland Township, said county and State aforesaid; that the foregoing 11 pages contain a full, true and complete statement of the history and circumstances of the crime as revealed by the testimony, and a full, true and complete statement of the proceedings had upon the pronouncing of sentence and judgment of said defendant, after a plea of guilty in said court on said above named date; and a full true and complete transcript of the questions and answers put to and answered by said defendant; that the foregoing statement is made pursuant to the provisions of Section 1192a of the Penal Code of the State of California.

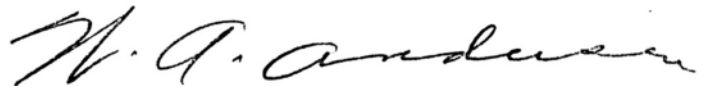
Dated, May 1st, 1923.

W.E. Combrink
Official Shorthand Reporter.

STATEMENT OF JUDGE.

The foregoing proceedings were had at the time of the sentence of the said defendant, Henry Larson, and the Court was unable to obtain any further information in regard to the case, and knows of nothing that could be added to what has already been said; I have learned nothing since that would throw any light whatever upon the character of the defendant, nor on the nature of the crime committed. From what I have been able to ascertain, it would appear that the case is just an ordinary one of Lewd and Lascivious Conduct with a Minor Child. Upon an application for parole, if one should be made, I think the ordinary rules should be applied to the same.

Respectfully submitted,



Judge of the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Yolo, and Judge pronouncing sentence in said case.