

pronouncing judgment, he asked the court to immediately pronounce judgment in the case and waived any and all time that he was otherwise entitled to under the law for said purposes.

Thereupon the court pronounced judgment as follows: That the defendant, Louis Atkins be sentenced to serve an indeterminate term in the State Prison at Salt Lake City, Utah, for not less than six months, nor more than three years.

I endeavored to get all the information in relation to the offense charged both from the defendant and from his counsel, and from the District Attorney and sheriff; but the actual facts in the case are very brief.

It appears beyond question that the defendant was 20 years of age last April; that his home was in Ohio. The court was also informed by the defendant that he had no parents living; that he had some brothers but did not know where they were. He also stated that he had been arrested once before, and had served time "in the big house".

From his conduct in court it appears that the defendant prides himself somewhat upon being a "smart Alex". He informed the Sheriff and Justice of the peace at the preliminary hearing, in answer to a question as to his purpose in committing the crime, that he had long since found it easier to get a living that way than by work.

My judgment is the defendant is not in reality a hardened criminal but that he was on the road to that stage of criminality; and that he needs a very pointed lesson and reminder that honesty is the best policy.

I therefore recommend that he serve one year in the State Prison, and if, at the end of that time ~~if~~ his conduct has been good and his view-point of life changed for the better that he be released.

Very respectfully submitted,

Joseph W. Erickson
Judge.