

State Vs Neal and Stein #7

Q Have you been a decent, orderly young man since you came to Utah?  
A. Yes sir.

Q You have not had any trouble with the officers here?

A No sir.

Q THE COURT: Mr. Johnson, do you know anything about this affair?

MR. JOHNSON (County Attorney): I know something about it. The officer saw Mr. Neal in the place about three o'clock in the morning and gave the alarm; and he and another officer immediately went to the building, and in trying to get in, these two men went out the rear window. One of the drawers, the money till, was broken and thirty dollars was taken from there, a couple of watches, three watches, a gun, and a flashlight; but Mr. Stein, after he was apprehended he took the officer to the place where he had hid the money, showed him where it was. The gun and flashlight was dropped in the flight.

THE COURT: Do you know anything about the past record of these young men?

MR. JOHNSON: No, I do not. Mr. Stein is a stranger. Mr. Neal I know. I know him and his father and some of the family.

THE COURT: It is a regrettable thing to be placed in the position where one has to send young men to the State Prison. I can do that very easily where men are criminals and whose records have been such that society demands protection from them; but it is a very difficult thing, where I see young men just starting out in life, and who, on account of a situation such as this, have to be handicapped