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IN THE DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR GRAND COUNTY, UTAH.

THE STATE OF UTAH,

Plaintiff,

vs.

STATEMENT TO BOARD OF PARDONS.

W. B. EATON,

Defendant.

THE HONORABLE STATE BOARD OF PARDONS,

Salt Lake City, Utah.

Gentlemen:

The above named defendant, W. B. Eaton, was sentenced in the district court at Moab, Grand County, Utah, on April 14, 1923, to from six months to three years in the state prison, upon a charge of burglary in the third degree, to which charge he entered a plea of guilty.

The crime was committed on December 12, 1922, at Sego, in Grand county, Utah. Early in the morning of that day the defendant broke into a pool hall at that place and stole therefrom three automatic pistols, a clock, a camera, and other property, and some money, which property was used in connection with some "punch board" gambling devices. He claims that he was intoxicated at the time of the crime; that he had been in a card game, where he had lost all of his money, and that he needed some cash and fell into the temptation which presented itself to make some easy money. He fled to Grand Junction, Colorado, where he was arrested, the property, or most of it recovered, and he was returned to Grand county where he was held for trial.

This man appears to be a persistent violator of the law, having served, according to his statements, two terms in the Utah state prison and some time in other reformatories. He seems to have no moral principles which are sufficiently strong to resist the impulse to steal. In view of the fact that he had already spent four months in the county jail before his case was called in the district court and sentence imposed, I am disposed to recommend a lighter sentence than otherwise ought to be meted out to him for the offense involved in this case. I therefore recommend that he be imprisoned for a period of eight months.

Very respectfully submitted,

Richard H. Volley
District Judge.

Dated at Manti, Utah, this 2nd day of May, A. D. 1923.