





MICHAEL E. RANZANI,

CLAUDE BOUVIER,

twentieth

February

sixty-five

committed a battery with a dangerous weapon, to-wit: a beer bottle,

upon one ALLAN BENEFLEY,



DISTRICT ATTORNEY

PARISH OF ORLEANS

2700 Tulane Avenue

NEW ORLEANS 70119



DATE 2-23-65 ITEM NO. 13-11686-65 DIST. 1st

**ACCEPTED**

**REFUSED**

**DEFERRED**

STATE OF LOUISIANA VS:

LOCATION:

BOND SUGGESTED

- 1) Paula Bowvier WM 18. 1st \$1,500.00  
424 Montebello Road
- 2) Westford, Mass.
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_

FACTS: Assaulted battery with a broken  
beer bottle of Alan Bentley.

DATE OF OFFENSE: 2-20-65 CHARGE: 14:34

OTHER REMARKS: Refuse 14:27(30)

AFFIDAVIT

State of Louisiana, Parish of Orleans  
CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURT  
EDWARD A. HAGGERTY, Clerk

B-11626-65

THE STATE OF LOUISIANA  
VS.

Claude Bouvier (W)

#2 Dunstable Road, Westford, Mass.

Personally before me,

G. Castillo

Deputy Clerk

appeared Off: David McCallum

who having been duly sworn, doth depose and say:

That on the 20th day of Feb. 1965, in the

Parish of Orleans aforesaid, and within the jurisdiction of the Criminal District Court, one Claude Bouvier

did then and there wilfully and unlawfully violate and deprive the State of Louisiana relative to aggravated battery with a broken beer bottle of Allan Bentley

Contrary to the form of the Statute of the State of Louisiana in such case made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the same.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this

20th day of Feb. 1965

*[Signature]*

STATE WITNESSES:

Off: David McCallum 1212 Republic Ave.

Off: E. J. ... 3100 ... St.

# 121 ... New York, N.Y.

125 ... Roosevelt Hotel (House Office)

No. #100-355

THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

vs.

CLAUDE DUNNICK (M) Custody 1st R Dist.

#2 Dountable, Road, Westford, Mass.

PROSECUTOR:

ONE: DAVID McCALLUM

VIC. N. C. 14:11 34

Filed Feb. 23rd, 1965

Arraigned

Pleaded

Bond \$1,500.00

Prelim. Examination

Trial

Appeal

DECISION

Judge, Criminal District Court.

DEFENSE WITNESSES:

NAMES

RESIDENCES

Table with 2 columns: NAMES, RESIDENCES. Multiple rows of dashed lines for entry.

New Orleans, La.  
DEPARTMENT OF POLICE

Report of Offenses Against Persons

Item No. 2-22-35 District No.       
Zone Letter      Date of Report       
Time Reported      Date Reported       
Affidavit No.     

For Uniform Crime Reporting purposes only—When making IBM Card on an Attempt Murder, classify as Aggravated Assault

TO THE SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE, Sir: I respectfully report the following:

MURDER      AGGRAVATED RAPE      AGGRAVATED BATTERY       
MANSLAUGHTER      SIMPLE RAPE      AGGRAVATED ASSAULT       
NEG. HOMICIDE      CARNAL KNOWLEDGE      SIMPLE BATTERY       
ATTEMPT (Any of the above)      SIMPLE ASSAULT     

1. Victim's Name John Forrester Race      Sex      Age      Bus. Phone
2. Address 123 Baronne St., Room 1035 City      State      Res. Phone
3. Time of Occurrence 1:00 AM      PM      Day of Week      Date 2-22-35
4. Place of Occurrence 123 Baronne St., Room 1035
5. Weapons or Force Used Medical & Beer bottle
6. Where were weapons found? Beer bottle found at front door of Room 1035
7. Description of Vehicles Used
8. Number of perpetrators engaged 1 Was victim sober? Yes
9. Criminal's Motive: Hate      Revenge      Domestic Trouble      Jealousy       
To Conceal Crime      Sudden Anger      Other
10. Provocation or Justification
11. Hospital or Coroner Crescent Hospital & Home Infirmary
12. If Homicide: Date of Autopsy      Findings:
13. Examining Physician Dr. J. E. Ambrose, Sheriff and Dr. David H. H. H.
14. Findings Wounds to chest of back, incision of skull, broken beer
15. Other Corroborative Evidence prints of accused & victim and broken beer bottle
16. Scene photographed by R. Johnson Ident. Tech.
17. Chart sketched by
18. WITNESSES: (Give Name, Address, Color, Sex, Age, Employed by.) (Statement, Written or Verbal.)

Dan Forrestier, 51, 57, 123 Baronne St., house officer, verbal.

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19. State here any reason for believing the complaint unfounded None

20. Is the identity of the criminal known or suspected Yes

21. Person arrested or wanted (Give Name, Address, Color, Sex, Age) (If wanted give Height, Weight, other descriptive data.)

Claude Souvier, W, 32, 72 Dunstable Road, Westford, Mass.

Pats. D. McCallister and L. Bullock report receiving a Signal 1037 at the Roosevelt Hotel, Room 1037, at 1:20 P.M., 2-27-35.

An arrival call came from Tom Macomber, employed as call board at house office, and Alan Bentley, victim, and learned from Macomber that at about 12:45 P.M., he received a complaint of a disturbance on the 10th floor and was on his way to investigate the complaint when he was pushed aside by a subject running down the hallway and he observed that the subject was covered with blood and at the same time heard a man calling, "Help! Help! Murder, murder." Macomber then went in pursuit of the fleeing subject and caught him at the elevator by drawing his service revolver and calling to the subject to stop or he would shoot. The officers then learned that the accused had been identified as Claude Souvier, W, age 34.

The officers then examined the victim, Alan Bentley, who was bleeding from the head and chest and his ribs were hurting. Pat. Bullock then observed a bloody hospital mattress.

While waiting for the ambulance the officers questioned the victim who stated that he and a friend had come to the Roosevelt Hotel for a few drinks and there they saw the accused and they began talking about law books and the victim recalled that he was staying at the Roosevelt Hotel. He stated that the accused told him that he was staying in a hotel and had never seen the inside of the Roosevelt Hotel and the victim then invited the accused to accompany him to the hotel. When arriving at the hotel they went to the victim's room and as the victim took off his coat and was hanging it up, the accused hit him over the head with a beer bottle for no reason at all then beat him about the head and body and told him to give him all his money and not to call the police. The victim stated he refused to give the accused his money and tried to call the police but the accused pulled the phone out of the wall. The victim stated he then ran into the hall and to the elevators and was knocking on the doors yelling for help. The victim told officers that he wanted the accused arrested and that he would make a statement about the attack. At about 1:15 P.M. the ambulance arrived and the victim was carried to County Hospital.

The officers then questioned Claude Souvier, accused, who stated he got the victim, Alan Bentley, to a bar in the Roosevelt Hotel for a few drinks which was inasmuch as he was not familiar with the French bar. He stated that he was low on funds and that the victim asked him up to his room for a few drinks. When asked why he accepted the invitation he stated he wanted to get food and drinks. When asked why he had hit the victim with a beer bottle and why he had beaten the beer bottle from, he stated he thought the beer bottle with him from the bar and that the victim told him to get the bottle at home while he got some glasses from the bar. He stated he was on the end of the hallway when the victim

NOT CLEARED \_\_\_\_\_ IDENTIFICATION \_\_\_\_\_ CLEARED BY ARREST \_\_\_\_\_ OFFENDER KILLED \_\_\_\_\_  
CONFESSION \_\_\_\_\_ SUICIDE \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_ UNFOUNDED \_\_\_\_\_



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came out the bathroom he was empty handed and he came over to the bed and sat down beside him and pushed him down on the bed and grabbed his private and tried to kiss him and he pushed the accused and hit him with the beer bottle because he got frightened. When asked why he pulled the phone out the wall he stated he was scared the victim would call the police. He stated the victim began yelling and screaming and he got scared and ran out the room and as he ran past a man in the hall who ordered him to stop. He stated he later learned that this man was the hotel house officer.

Alan Bouvier was placed under arrest and conveyed to the 1st District Station where he was questioned further and stated that he was a run-away from home and did not enlist for the draft when he turned 18 on 12-10-64 and that he had only two dollars which he had drunk up earlier that night and that he had someone else's drivers licence on his person in the name of Douglas Smith. He refused to make a written statement. He was then booked in this district with RSA:27(30).

The officers then proceeded to Charity Hospital to check on the victim and when arriving there learned that the victim had gone to the Touro Infirmary Hospital. The officers then spoke to Dr. J. R. Armstrong, Charity Hospital, who examined the victim, who told officers that the victim had a laceration of the forehead, back of the left ear, and of the scalp and possible broken ribs.

The officers then proceeded to the Touro Infirmary where they met Dr. David Aken who was examining the x-ray's of the victim and Dr. Aken told officers that the victim's ribs, #8 and #9, were broken.

The officers then spoke to the victim who suddenly became very uncooperative and indifferent. The officers asked the victim if he would allow them to get pictures of his face and he refused. The victim was then given the names of the investigating officers and how to contact them and asked him to contact these officers when he was able to make a written statement.

The victim's hotel room was photographed by B of I Tech. Sheen.  
Det. Bureau, D/Sgt. Nutz, notified.  
Bulletin sent.  
D.A. to be consulted.

*neck of beer bottle in  
evidence book.*

APPROVED:

*Romaine Rousselet*  
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Captain Romaine Rousselet, Commanding,  
1st District.

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Patn. D. Ladd

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Patn. L. Bullock

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NEW ORLEANS POLICE DEPARTMENT  
BUREAU OF IDENTIFICATION

RECORD OF: NAME Clara L. L...  
B OF I # 115-205

NO LOCAL RECORD: AWAITING REPORT FROM WASHINGTON

NO PREVIOUS RECORD

SUBJECT NOT FINGERPRINTED ON THIS CHARGE; UNABLE TO  
VERIFY IF HE OR SHE HAS PREVIOUS RECORD

RECORD FOR: Da

BY: 3. J. L... DATE 2/23/65

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TO POLICE OFFICERS: PLEASE LIST ALL WITNESSES AND ADDRESSES BELOW:

WITNESSES ADDRESS LOCATED:  
YES NO

Alan Bentley 120 E. 34<sup>th</sup> St. N.Y.C.

Ptn. D. McCallum

Ptn. L. Bullock

Alan Barrett Forestier, Roosevelt Hotel

Dr. David Aken Tower 123 Baronne.

~~Dr. J. R. Armstrong - Charity Hospital~~  
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Dr. J. R. Armstrong - Charity Hospital

ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION REQUIRED: YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

DETAILS:

① Victim called this office on 2-22-65. Spaulds, ADA, talked to him. He said he wanted to prosecute and would ~~come~~ come back to New Orleans for trial.

Last		First		Middle		Race	Sex	Age	Dist.	Arrest No.
Bouvier		Claude				W	M	18	1	1130
Ident. No.	Birthplace		City - Parish - County		State		Birthdate			
D-11686-6	Lowell mass		No Local				12/10-46			
Address - Street No. & Street										
<del>Roosevelt Hotel Room</del>										
Location of Arrest										
Roosevelt Hotel Room										
Date of Arrest	Arresting Officers		Dist.	Zone	Time of Arrest		P.M.			
2/20/65	Patn L Bullock D McCallum		1	F	2:15					
Desk Sgt.										
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Charges										
RS 14 Art 27-30 Rel to Attempt murder of one Alan Bentley w/m 38 of 120th East 34th New York NY L Boling										
<i>RS 1434 taken in lieu of RS 14:27(30) 188-855</i>										

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**NEW ORLEANS POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
ARREST REPORT

*B-4* FINGERPRINTS *173*  
*5'11*

Item No. 1-11445-65 Birthplace Lowell Mass Birthdate 12/10-46

Address - Street No. & Street \_\_\_\_\_ City - Parish - County \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Followup Officers \_\_\_\_\_ Alias \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Arrest Roosevelt Hotel Room Dist. 1 Zone 5 Time of Arrest 2:15 A.M. \_\_\_\_\_ P.M. \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's Lic. No. \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Arrest 2/23/65 Arresting Officers Patn L Bullock & McCallum Arr. Cr. 1

Charges ES 14 Art 27-30 Rel to Attempt murder of one Alan Bentley w/m 38 of 120th East 34th New York NY L Boling

Employed By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Veh., Make, Type, Color, Lic., Ident. Marks, Where Parked \_\_\_\_\_

Complaint or Evidence of Illness or Injury, By Whom Treated - If Intoxicated (Describe)  
None

Witnesses:	Name	Residence of Address	Res. Phone	Bus. Phone
1.	Dan Forestier	Roosevelt Hotel None		529-7111
2.				
3.				
4.				

Brief Summary of Arrest, Additional Charges, Remarks, Etc.

Patn DmcCallum and L Bullock report receiving a signal 103F (A Fight) at the Roosevelt Hotel Room 1035. Upon arriving on the scene the officers were meet by the house officer who said that he had to run down the arrested sbject, which refuse to halt, The house officer (Dan Forestier) said that he had to pull his gun to make the arrested subject stop. The arrested subject stoped at the elevator. After talking with the house officer the officers then spoke with the victim, who stated that he had meet the arrested subject at a bar unbeknown to him at the time, Later learn to be Dixies Bar of muise, 701 Bourbon. The victim said that he meet the arrested subject through some frinds of his, and that they had few drink and that he then asked the subject up to his room for afew drinks. The victim saidthen he and the arrested subject enter the room, at which time the arrested subject hit him in the head with abeer bottle and kxi beat him severley about the head and body. The victim then ran out into the hall way yelling "help Help Murder".

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