



Crime Reports

Devizes

John Brown Robbed of Watch on the Highway

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Bath Chronicle Thursday 14 February 1765

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N.B. The Watch was made by **Mr William Sayer, of Devizes**, and the Owner's Name, **John Brown, Devizes**, was engraved on the Inside Case: The No. of the Case 2383. John Brown desires all Watchmakers, Silversmiths, and others, in Case the said Watch should be exposed to Sale, that they would stop the same, and secure the Person or Persons to exposing it to Sale, and give Intelligence thereof to Mr Nicholas Norris, or the said John Brown, who will pay all reasonable Charges.

Salisbury and Winchester Journal, Monday 25 February 1765