



PLEA AT DEVIZES COURT

Woman fined total of £6 on theft charges

That she was suffering from a state of mental aberration and was not at the time responsible for her actions, was the plea made to the Devizes Borough bench by Mr. Alan Smith, Melksham, when he appeared on behalf of Mrs. Elizabeth Flippance, of Milkhouse Water Farm, Milton Lilbourne, Pewsey, who pleaded guilty to stealing three parcels containing footwear from two cars which had been left in different parking places in the town on Thursday last, market day.

P.C. (War Reserve) Dodge told the court how he left his car containing two parcels in a car park and kept observation upon it. He saw the accused woman go to the car, take the two parcels, and enter another car, in which he accosted her when she was in the act of untying one of the parcels. Later, at the police station, she made a statement in which she admitted the thefts.

Mr. Smith asked that a charge of stealing a china tea pot, the property of Mr. Ernest Charles Butler, of Wootton Rivers, from an unattended car in Marlborough High Street in August, should also be taken into consideration.

The bench imposed fines amounting to £6, with 5s 6d costs.

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