



# *Crime Reports*

## *Netherhampton*

### **Pocket Picking on the Race Course**

This day, a young man, who said his name was Joshua Moseley, but that he had no fixed residence, was brought up at The County Magistrates Clerk's Office. He was charged with stealing a gold watch from the person of Mr. R. Norton, solicitor of this city, on the race course on Thursday.

Mr. Norton was standing by the side of the course, and after the horse had passed by, the prisoner pushed against him. He directly heard a clinking noise and found that his watch had been wrenched from the chain. He saw the prisoner running away and immediately called out "Stop Thief".

P.C N. Hughes stated that he was on duty on the race course on Thursday and that between 3 and 4 o'clock in the afternoon he was standing at the back of the carriage enclosure, his attention was called to the prisoner who was running away. Witness overtook him, and on searching him found some money in one of his pockets, the other having no bottom to it. Witness detained him about 10 minutes when David White another constable in plain clothes came up and told the prisoner to move his foot. On his doing so, witness saw a gold watch on the ground, which was picked up by White.

The prisoner stood in one place from the time he was stopped until White found the watch under his foot.

David White gave corroborative evidence and said that when he picked up the watch the glass was broken and ring gone.

The prisoner was remanded until Tuesday next. where he pleaded guilty at Crown Petty Sessions, he received a sentence of 6 months imprisonment with hard labour.

At the Crown Petty Sessions were T. E. Fowle Esq., R. A. Ferryman Esq., E. Everett, Esq. and J. Hussey, Esq.

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