



Cheque Fraud

At a special sitting of the Devizes borough magistrates. Algernon Candy, of Seend, was sentenced to one month's hard labour, for obtaining £1 by false pretences from Mr Frank Thomas Palmer, licensee of the Wagon and Horses, Devizes. Mr Palmer stated that accused called at his house and asked him to cash a cheque for £1. Witness informed Candy that he should present the cheque at the bank the following morning and Candy replied that there was no need to worry, that it was quite all right, and that there was money there to meet it. On the strength of that statement, witness gave him £1 in return for the cheque. When he presented the cheque at Lloyds Bank, he was informed that the account had been closed for some time. It was further stated in evidence that Candy secured a blank cheque from another Devizes licensee, and that this was the cheque he handed to Mr Palmer. Accused informed the Court that he asked Mr Palmer not to put the cheque through for two or three days. He paid the £1 back to Mr Palmer before he thought the cheque would be presented. He came up from Bath on the night before the Court and paid the money. Inspector Crouch stated that at Melksham Police Court on June 15th, Candy was sentenced to one month's hard labour for obtaining £3 by false pretences by means of a worthless cheque.

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