

... that's entertainment!

On Tuesday the 7th of November 2000 the defendant Middleton was a guest at an art exhibition being held at the Blue Oyster Art Gallery situated on High Street Dunedin.

At this function he consumed a quantity of alcohol.

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At approximately 7:45 p.m. the defendant was in the main exhibition area of the gallery. Also in the room were approximately twenty other guests and the exhibiting artist *Name Suppressed*, who is the victim in this matter. The defendant was drinking from a glass of wine when without warning he threw the glass at the victim. The glass struck the victim on her hip and smashed on the floor. She did not suffer any injury as a result of the assault. - *plead: guilty*

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The defendant was then approached by the gallery manager, and asked to leave. The defendant responded by spitting a mouthful of wine at the manager. The wine sprayed over the manager's face and chest. *plead: guilty*

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The defendant then walked to the exit and began to pull on a door that had been bolted open. The manager informed him that the door was bolted, but the defendant ignored the manager and tugged on the door repeatedly until the fastening broke. *plead: not guilty*

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The defendant then walked out onto High Street and approached a sidewalk advertising sign. He took hold of the sign and snapped the base off it.

The door and the sign are the property of the Blue Oyster Art Gallery. Reparation of \$40.00 and \$80.00 respectively is sought. *plead = Guilty*

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He then carried the sign with him as he walked in the direction of Princess Street.

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On the corner of High and Princess Streets the defendant stopped outside the Southern Cross Hotel Restaurant. This business has several large windows facing out onto the footpath. The defendant threw the advertising sign at one of these windows causing it to shatter. The sign landed on the footpath from where the defendant retrieved it and then threw it through a second window, which also broke.

At the time of this incident the restaurant was being patronised by approximately eighty diners with the majority of these people being elderly foreign tourists. The patrons who were seated close to the windows had shards of glass strewn over their tables.

The windows are the property of the Southern Cross Hotel. Reparation of \$2081.35 is sought. *plead = guilty*

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The defendant then ran back across High Street towards Dicey O'Rileys Bar.

Outside the bar the defendant picked up an outdoor table and umbrella set. He lifted the table up to head height and threw it on the ground, breaking both the table and the umbrella.

The table and umbrella are the property of Dicey O'Rileys Bar. Reparation of \$150.00 is sought.

plead: guilty

CRN 9145

The defendant then ran further up High Street and into an alley. A Southern Cross Hotel employee and a tour bus driver followed the defendant into the alley where they apprehended him. James Keith Mcgrouter, the duty manager of the Southern Cross Hotel went to offer his assistance and as he approached the struggle, the defendant lunged forward and kicked him in the groin. The victim was left in a state of severe pain as a result of the kick but he has not suffered any ongoing injury.

plead: not guilty

CRN 9140

The defendant was held until police arrived and arrested him. Although handcuffed the defendant continued to struggle violently and had to be physically pushed into the patrol car by Constable Matthew Preece. He continually lashed out with his feet attempting to kick police. The defendant was eventually placed in the patrol car and transported to Dunedin Central Station.

When spoken to by police the defendant admitted the facts as outlined and in explanation stated that he was affected by drugs and alcohol but that he didn't really know why he had behaved like he did.

The defendant is a 25 year old unemployed man who lives locally he has not previously appeared before the court.

Reparation Schedule

\$120.00 payable to the Blue Oyster Art Gallery.

137 High Street, Dunedin.

\$2081.35 payable to the Southern Cross Hotel.

118 High Street, Dunedin.

\$150.00 payable to Dicey O'Rileys Bar.

131 High Street, Dunedin.