

Willie Sutton's Arrests

February 16, 1919 – Arrested by NYPD Detectives Canberry and Croak for unlawful entry and burglary. Sutton was caught in Poughkeepsie, New York along with William Johnson and Bessie Endner after the trio broke into Endner's father's safe and stole \$16,000. Sutton was placed on probation.

Source: NY Times February 17, 1919

April 27, 1923 – Arrested by NYPD Detective Gilkinson while attending a baseball game at the Polo Grounds and charged with theft of \$500 from Edison Appliance Company, where he worked under the alias of Leo Holland. Case was discharged.

Source: NY Daily News April 29, 1923

April 28, 1923 – Arrested by NYPD Detectives Fox and McGaven for First Degree Murder. After being identified as Willie Sutton, he was arrested as a suspect for the 1921 murder of Harold "Happy" Gleason in Brooklyn. Sutton was acquitted.

Source: NY Daily News April 29, 1923

October 29, 1925 – Arrested by NYPD Detectives Newkirk and Murray for Third Degree Burglary and First Degree Grand Larceny. Following the arrest of Eddie Wilson for the September 7, 1925 attempted burglary of First National Bank in Ozone Park detectives were led to Sutton. Sutton was given a 5 to 10 year sentence and paroled on September 6, 1929.

Source: Several

September 7, 1929 – Arrested by NYPD Detectives McCarthy and Lyons for Possession of Burglary Tools. After Sutton was released on parole, he had to appear before a judge for this crime that occurred at the time of his October 1925 arrest. This was recorded as a conviction and Sutton was sentenced to serve one day in City Prison.

Source: Several

November 25, 1930 – Arrested by NYPD Detectives Eggholt and Rikeman for First Degree Robbery. After the October 28, 1930 robbery of M. Rosenthal & Sons Jewelry, clues led to Willie Sutton and Marcus Bassett. After detectives followed Bassett's wife, Kathryn to Child's Restaurant on Broadway & West 73rd Street, they arrested Sutton, who was meeting Kathryn for breakfast. Sutton was sentenced to 30 years and escaped from Sing Sing Prison on December 11, 1932.

Sources: Several

February 6, 1934 – Arrested by Philadelphia Police Captains Creedon and Malone for Armed Robbery and Unlawful Possession of a Machine Gun. As an escaped convict from New York State, Sutton has NYPD looking for him. When, along with Eddie Wilson and Joe Perlongo, he was identified for the July 8, 1933 robbery of the Corn Exchange Bank on 110th Street and Broadway, the city police were infuriated and determined to catch him. After moving to Philadelphia, the trio was identified for the January 15, 1934 robbery of the 60th Street & Ludlow branch of the Corn Exchange Bank. After NYPD Detectives caught Wilson and Perlongo, they were led to Sutton in Philadelphia. NYPD Captain Patrick McVeigh, along with a squad of detectives, including Frank Phillips, Daniel Sheehy, Joseph Arnold, Kirwin and Beakey joined the Philadelphia officers as they burst into the Philadelphia apartment where Sutton was living with his alleged wife Irene Sadvary. They were using the aliases of Richard and Jean Courtney. Sutton was sentenced 25 to 50 years by Philadelphia Common Pleas Court. On March 1, 1935, he was brought back into court and given a Life Sentence as a fourth offender.

April 3, 1945 – Moments after Sutton, along with eleven other inmates tunneled their way, escaping from Eastern State Penitentiary, Philadelphia Patrolmen John Hamm and George Hummell arrested Sutton. He was convicted for Prison Breach.

February 18, 1952 – Arrested by NYPD Patrolmen Donald P. Shea, Joseph McClellan, and Detective Louis Weiner. Sutton was spotted while riding the New York City Subway by Arnold Schuster, who followed him as he exited at Pacific Street. Sutton's photograph was circulated since he escaped from Holmesburg Prison in 1947 and was identified for the 1950 robbery of a bank in Sunnyside, Queens. Schuster found the two NYPD officers, who in turn brought in Detective Weiner and after five years as a fugitive, Sutton was finally arrested. Sutton was convicted and sentenced in Queens for the 1950 Armed Robbery and since the police found a handgun upon his arrest, convicted and sentenced for Possession of a Handgun by a Brooklyn court. After an intensive legal battle focused on violation of constitutional rights, Willie Sutton was released from Attica State Prison on Christmas Eve, 1969. He was never arrested again.