

Obstructing of Police Brings Fine

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**"NOT A NIT-KEEPER," SAYS
DEFENDANT**

When charged at the Sunshine Court on Friday last with obstructing Constable Power in the execution of his duty, Geoffrey Francis Napier, 288 Hampshire Rd., Sunshine, denied the charge and denied being a "nit-keeper" for a local two-up school.

Constable Power gave evidence that on 18th January last at 5.45 p.m., in company with Constable Murphy he saw some men engaged in what looked like two-up, at the rear of Crittall's factory in Hampshire Road. As he approached the defendant ran over to the men and shouted and waved to them. He was sure that the men were playing two-up and that the defendant had warned them of his approach.

In giving evidence the defendant, said that he had not obstructed the police but merely waved to a friend of his, who was with a large crowd of men, to tell him to come home to tea.

He thought that the men might have been playing two-up but he denied giving them notice of the presence of the police.

The story did not convince the Bench and the defendant was fined £1 in default 24 hours imprisonment. He was allowed 14 days in which to pay.