

Dumb Criminals

What crimes have these people committed?



Crime Stories

'THIEF CLEANER' PLEADS FOR JOB BACK



Stacy Truman, 35, a cleaner at a bank in Manchester, England was sentenced to ten months for the theft of £40,000. Stacy explained how she found the safe open one morning and in what she described as a 'moment of madness' had taken the money and flown to Paris. Stacy had already started her new life when she was caught four days later and arrested on the spot.

Stacy promised to pay back the money she had already spent and apologised for her stupidity. In court, Stacy pleaded for her job back, stating her imprisonment would be a great loss to the bank.

DRUG DEALER OWNS UP TO POLICE



A 19-year-old man was recently arrested after alerting police to the fact that a thief had stolen his safe containing a large amount of marijuana and drug money from his Brooklyn residence during a home burglary.

The man explained to police, 'When I arrived home, I noticed someone had broken in to my safe and taken all my marijuana and earnings.'

The self-confessing drug-dealer was arrested in his New York apartment soon after stating 'I'm not guilty! I don't smuggle drugs....I just sell them.'

HOMELESS MAN ARRESTED FOR FRAUD



John Bannon, bar manager in the High Bar in London's West End only noticed someone had pick-pocketed his wallet when his credit card was handed to him by a customer.

'I noticed a homeless man approaching the bar. Witnesses had seen him in the bar the day before but didn't take much notice. Then he ordered a round of drinks and pulled out my credit card to pay for them. When I called 911, he was sitting down in the bar and was enjoying his drink, oblivious that he had committed a crime.'

When the police came, he had just finished his pint and was about to order another one.

HILFIGER CRIMINALS SHOPLIFT IN STYLE



Monica Lake, 39, and her step-sister Bethany 35, were arrested for shoplifting from a Tommy Hilfiger store in Florida, dressed head-to-toe in the store's brand.

'They strolled out of the store wearing all our most popular items,' Store assistant Paul said, 'They had spent an hour trying on different styles before they just walked out.'

Police stated that they had got to know these two women quite well for shoplifting before this incident.

'I had never met such fashionable criminals until I met these two women.'

The Hilfiger criminals will be sentenced to one year of community service and have been banned from entering top brand stores.



Article Questions

'THIEF CLEANER' PLEADS FOR JOB BACK

1. She was arrested '*On the Spot*' – what does that mean?
2. She pleaded for her job back – Can you explain '*pleaded*' to your group?
3. 'She was sentenced to ten months' – can you explain this?

DRUG DEALER OWNS UP TO POLICE

1. 'I'm not guilty' – what's the opposite of '*guilty*'?
2. 'I don't smuggle drugs.' – What's the meaning of '*smuggle*'?
3. What's the difference between a '*burglary*' and a '*robbery*'?

HOMELESS MAN ARRESTED FOR FRAUD

1. What's a '*witness*'?
2. 'How many drinks are in '*a round of drinks*'?
3. What's the meaning of '*oblivious*'?

HILFIGER CRIMINALS SHOPLIFT IN STYLE

1. What does '*to stroll*' mean?
2. 'What does '*to be banned*' mean?
3. '*To get to know*' – can you explain this phrase to your group?

Let's have a discussion!



1. Can you list five more crimes?
2. Have you ever committed a *petty crime*?
3. Have you ever been a *victim of fraud*?
4. Have you ever *witnessed* a crime?
5. Would you call the police if you saw someone *shoplifting*?



Story Cards

Scenario 1

Parents arrive home from holiday and realize they shouldn't have left their teenage son at home alone for the week.

When they arrived home, they saw that:

e.g – Someone had stolen the car.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Scenario 2

A teacher left his students alone in the classroom and when he returned he realised it had been a terrible idea.

When he got back to the classroom, he saw that:

e.g – The students had smashed the windows

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.