



### **Criminal Lawyers Award!**

A Charlotte, NC, lawyer \_\_\_\_\_ (buy) a box of very rare and expensive cigars, then insured them against fire among other things. Within a month having smoked his entire stockpile of these great cigars and without yet having made even his first premium payment on the policy, the lawyer filed claim against the insurance company. In his claim, the lawyer \_\_\_\_\_ (said) the cigars \_\_\_\_\_ (be) lost "in a series of small fires." The insurance company \_\_\_\_\_ (refuse) to pay, \_\_\_\_\_ (say) the obvious reason: that the man \_\_\_\_\_ (consume) the cigars in the normal fashion.

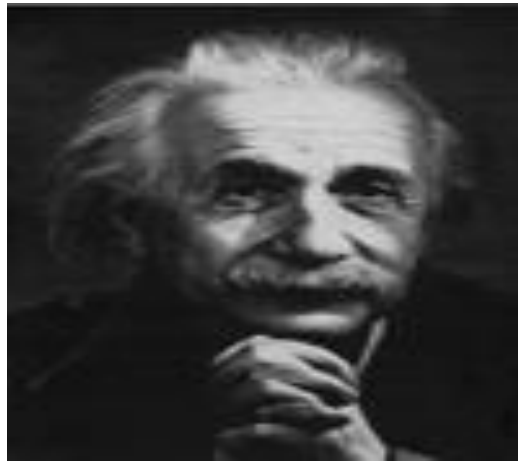
The lawyer \_\_\_\_\_ (take) the case to court...and won!

In delivering his decision the judge \_\_\_\_\_ (agree) with the insurance company that the claim \_\_\_\_\_ (be) frivolous. The Judge \_\_\_\_\_ (state) nevertheless, that the lawyer \_\_\_\_\_ (hold) a policy from the company in which it had warranted that the cigars were insurable and also guaranteed that it would insure them against fire, without defining what is considered to be unacceptable fire, and was obligated \_\_\_\_\_ (pay) the claim.

Rather than going through a lengthy and costly appeal process, the insurance company \_\_\_\_\_ (accept) the ruling and \_\_\_\_\_ (pay) \$15,000 to the lawyer for his loss of the rare cigars lost in the "fires."

**NOW FOR THE BEST PART...**

After the lawyer cashed the check, the insurance company had him arrested on 24 counts of ARSON!!! With his own insurance claim and testimony from the previous case being used against him, the lawyer was convicted of intentionally burning his insured property and \_\_\_\_\_ (be) sentenced to 24 months in jail and a \$24,000 fine.



### Einstein's Chauffeur!

This is a true life anecdote about Albert Einstein, and his theory of relativity.

After having \_\_\_\_\_ (submit) his famous theory, Albert Einstein \_\_\_\_\_ (go) on tour to the various universities in the United States, delivering lectures wherever he went. He \_\_\_\_\_ (be) always accompanied by his faithful chauffeur, Harry, who would attend each of these lectures while seated in the back row. One day, after Einstein \_\_\_\_\_ (finish) a lecture and \_\_\_\_\_ (coming out) of the auditorium into his vehicle, Harry addressed him and \_\_\_\_\_ (said), "Professor Einstein, I've heard your lecture on Relativity so many times, that if I were ever given the opportunity, I \_\_\_\_\_ (be able to) deliver it to perfection myself!"

"Very well," replied Einstein, "I \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to Dartmouth next week. They don't know me there. You can deliver the lecture as Einstein, and I'll take your place as Harry!"

And so it was... Harry \_\_\_\_\_ (deliver) the lecture to perfection, without a word out of place, while Einstein \_\_\_\_\_ (sit) in the back row playing "chauffeur", and \_\_\_\_\_ (enjoy) a nap for a change.

Just as Harry \_\_\_\_\_ (descend) from the podium, however, one of the research assistants \_\_\_\_\_ (intercept) him, and \_\_\_\_\_ (begin) to ask him a question on the theory of relativity.... one that involved a lot of complex calculations and equations. Harry \_\_\_\_\_ (reply) to the assistant "The answer to this question is very simple! In fact, it's so simple, that I'm going to let my chauffeur answer it!"



A couple from Minneapolis \_\_\_\_\_ (decide) to go to Florida for a long weekend to warm up during one particularly icy cold winter. They both \_\_\_\_\_ (have) jobs, and had difficulty coordinating their travel schedules. It \_\_\_\_\_ (be) decided the husband would fly to Florida on a Thursday, and his wife would follow him the next day. Upon \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive) as planned, the husband \_\_\_\_\_ (check) into the hotel. There he decided to open his laptop and \_\_\_\_\_ (send) his wife an e-mail back in Minneapolis. However, he accidentally \_\_\_\_\_ (leave off) one letter in her address and sent the e-mail without noticing his error.

In the mean time:

In Houston, a widow had just returned from her husband's funeral. He \_\_\_\_\_ (be) a minister of many years who had been "called home to glory" following a heart attack (died and gone to heaven). The widow checked her e-mail, \_\_\_\_\_ (expect) messages from family and friends. Upon reading the first message, she \_\_\_\_\_ (faint) and \_\_\_\_\_ (fall) to the floor. The widow's son \_\_\_\_\_ (run) into the room, found his mother on the floor and saw the computer screen which read:

To: My loving Wife  
From: Your Departed Husband  
Subject: I've arrived!

I've just arrived and have been checked in. I see that everything \_\_\_\_\_ (prepare) for your arrival tomorrow. I am looking forward to \_\_\_\_\_ (see) you then. Hope your journey is as uneventful as mine \_\_\_\_\_ (be).

P.S. Sure is hot down here.



## FBI

FBI agents \_\_\_\_\_ (investigate) insurance fraud at a psychiatric hospital in San Diego. After hours of \_\_\_\_\_ (review) thousands of medical records, the dozens of agents \_\_\_\_\_ (get) quite hungry. The agent in charge of the investigation \_\_\_\_\_ (call) a nearby pizza parlor with delivery service to order a quick dinner for his colleagues.

The following telephone conversation \_\_\_\_\_ (take) place and \_\_\_\_\_ (be) recorded by the FBI because they \_\_\_\_\_ (listen) all conversations coming from or going to the hospital.

*Agent:* Hello. I \_\_\_\_\_ (like) to order 19 large pizzas and 67 cans of soda.

*Pizza Man:* And where would you like them delivered?

*Agent:* We're over at the psychiatric hospital.

*Pizza Man:* The psychiatric hospital?

*Agent:* That's right. I'm an FBI agent.

*Pizza Man:* You're an FBI agent?

*Agent:* That's correct. Just about everybody here \_\_\_\_\_ (be).

*Pizza Man:* And you're at the psychiatric hospital?

*Agent:* That's correct. And \_\_\_\_\_ (make) sure you don't go through the front but \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to the service entrance to deliver the pizzas.

*Pizza Man:* And you say you're all FBI agents?

*Agent:* That's right. How soon can you have them here?

*Pizza Man:* And everyone at the psychiatric hospital is an FBI agent?

*Agent:* That's right. We \_\_\_\_\_ (be) here all day and we \_\_\_\_\_ (starve).

*Pizza Man:* How \_\_\_\_\_ (pay) for all of this?

*Agent:* I have my checkbook right here.

*Pizza Man:* And you're all FBI agents?

*Agent:* That's right. Everyone here is an FBI agent. Can you remember to bring the pizzas and sodas to the service entrance in the rear? We have the front doors locked.

*Pizza Man:* I don't think so.

*Click. (the pizza man hung up the phone)*



Pride of the US Navy

This is the actual radio conversation of a US naval ship with Canadian authorities off the coast of Newfoundland in October 1995. Radio conversation \_\_\_\_\_ (release) by the chief of naval operations, 10-10-95.

CANADIANS: Please \_\_\_\_\_ (change) your course 15 degrees to the south \_\_\_\_\_ (avoid) a collision.

AMERICANS: We \_\_\_\_\_ (recommend) you \_\_\_\_\_ (change) your course 15 degrees to the north \_\_\_\_\_ (avoid) a collision.

CANADIANS: Negative. You will have to change your course 15 degrees to the south to avoid a collision.

AMERICANS: This is the captain of a US Navy ship. I say again, change YOUR course.

CANADIANS: No, I say again, you change YOUR course.

AMERICANS: This \_\_\_\_\_ (be) the Aircraft Carrier USS LINCOLN, the second largest ship in the United States Atlantic Fleet. We are \_\_\_\_\_ (accompany) with three Destroyers, three Cruisers and numerous support vessels. I DEMAND that you change your course 15 degrees north. I say again, that's one-five degrees north, or we \_\_\_\_\_ (take) counter-measures to ensure the safety of this ship.

CANADIANS: This is a lighthouse. It's your decision.



## Unlucky Young Man

Once a young man \_\_\_\_\_ (go) into a drug store to buy condoms.

The pharmacist \_\_\_\_\_ (say) the condoms \_\_\_\_\_ (come) in packs of 3, 9 or 12 and \_\_\_\_\_ (ask) which the young man wants.

"Well," he said, "I \_\_\_\_\_ (going out) with this girl for a while and she's really hot. I want the condoms because I think tonight's 'the' night. We \_\_\_\_\_ (have) dinner with her parents, and then we \_\_\_\_\_ (see) a movie. And I've got a feeling I'm going get lucky after that." Once she \_\_\_\_\_ (have) me, she'll want me all the time, so you'd better give me the 12 pack."

The young man \_\_\_\_\_ (make) his purchase and \_\_\_\_\_ (leave) the pharmacy.

Later that evening, he sits down to dinner with his girlfriend and her parents. He asked if he \_\_\_\_\_ (can) say the prayer and they agreed. He \_\_\_\_\_ (begin) the prayer, and continued \_\_\_\_\_ (pray) for several minutes.

The girl \_\_\_\_\_ (look) over to him and said quietly, "You never \_\_\_\_\_ (tell) me that you were such a religious person."

The boy replied in a whisper, "You never told me that your father is a pharmacist."



### American in Paris

Harvey, an elderly American, \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive) at French immigration at Charles de Gaulle airport, Paris and desperately \_\_\_\_\_ (try) to find his passport in his heavy bag.

“You \_\_\_\_\_ (be) to France before, Sir?” the official asked in an aggressive tone. Harvey \_\_\_\_\_ (smile) and admitted that he \_\_\_\_\_ (be) to France before.

“In that case you should know enough to have your passport ready for inspection,” the officer \_\_\_\_\_ (said) angrily.

Harvey gently \_\_\_\_\_ (inform) the man that the last time he \_\_\_\_\_ (come) to France he did not have to show his passport or any other documents.

“Not possible, old man. You Americans always have to show your passports upon arrival here in France,” \_\_\_\_\_ (reply) the officer.

Harvey \_\_\_\_\_ (give) the Frenchman a long, hard look and finally \_\_\_\_\_ (become) annoyed. ‘I assure you, young man, that when I came ashore on Omaha Beach in Normandy on D-Day in 1944, there \_\_\_\_\_ (be) no damned Frenchman on the beach \_\_\_\_\_ (ask) for passports.’





### Never Felt Better

In a court in Killarney, deep in Munster, Ireland, this conversation is reported to have taken place:

**Lawyer:** 'At the scene of the accident, Mr O'Shea, \_\_\_\_\_ (tell) the Garda officer that you never \_\_\_\_\_ (feel) better in your life?'

**O'Shea the farmer:** 'That's right, sir.'

**Lawyer:** 'Well then, Mr O'Shea, why \_\_\_\_\_ (be) it that you are now claiming you \_\_\_\_\_ (be) seriously \_\_\_\_\_ (injure) when my client's car \_\_\_\_\_ (hit) your cart?'

**O'Shea the farmer:** 'When the Garda \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive), he \_\_\_\_\_ (go) over to my horse, who \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a broken leg, and \_\_\_\_\_ (shoot) him. Then he went over to Darcy, my dog, who \_\_\_\_\_ (be) badly hurt, and \_\_\_\_\_ (shoot) him. Then the policeman \_\_\_\_\_ (come) across the road, gun still in hand, \_\_\_\_\_ (look) at me, and said, 'How are you feeling?' I just \_\_\_\_\_ (think) under the circumstances, it was a wise choice of words to say: 'I've never felt better in my life.'





### A Double Lesson

A group of hunters, on holiday, \_\_\_\_\_ (look) for a place to hunt, and \_\_\_\_\_ (drive) up to into a farmer's yard in County Waterford, Ireland. The driver, Brannagh, \_\_\_\_\_ (go) up to the farmhouse to ask permission to hunt on the farmer's land.

The old farmer said, 'Sure you can hunt, but \_\_\_\_\_ (do) me a favour? That old donkey there is 20 years old and sick with cancer, but I don't have the heart to kill her. Would you do it for me?'

Brannagh \_\_\_\_\_ (reply), 'Of course I will,' and \_\_\_\_\_ (walk) back to the car.

While \_\_\_\_\_ (walk) back, however, Brannagh \_\_\_\_\_ (decide) to play a joke on his hunting friends. He \_\_\_\_\_ (get) into the car and when they \_\_\_\_\_ (ask) if the farmer \_\_\_\_\_ (say) if it was alright, he said, 'No, we can't hunt here, but I \_\_\_\_\_ (teach) that old fellow a lesson he won't forget.'

With that, the Irishman rolled down his window, \_\_\_\_\_ (put) his gun out and \_\_\_\_\_ (shoot) the donkey. As he \_\_\_\_\_ (shout), 'That'll teach him,' a second shot was heard from the passenger side and one of his hunting mates \_\_\_\_\_ (yell), 'And m too! I got the cow!'