

Corny Criminals

Here's another part in our series on good, bad and funny criminals.



Clean Nose

Woman charged for unusual crime.

Charleen Newman is the first woman to be charged with a very unusual crime: cleaning her nose on a police officer's shirt. It all happened after police in West Virginia were called out to **deal with** a **domestic dispute**. Officer Elliott was the first to arrive. He found a woman outside the house shouting at a man who was in the kitchen. The man **refused** to open the door, claiming that he was frightened that the woman was going to hit him. So, the police arrested Ms Newman, 36, after she refused to calm down. However, as they were walking her to the police car, Ms Newman allegedly **wiped** her nose on the back of the police officer's shirt. Ms Newman was charged with **battery** on a police

officer. This crime is defined as "intentionally making physical contact of an insulting or provoking nature against an officer". So now you know.

Speed Camera Anger

Have you ever experienced **road rage**? There are often stories of vicious arguments on the motorway, of people attacking other people's vehicles or of motorists attacking one another. There are also stories of violence against **speed cameras**. They have been **beaten**, burned and **torn down** by angry motorists but this is the first time that one has been shot. Apparently, the speed camera



was shot three times with a **high-powered rifle**. Police in Tennessee were **on routine patrol** in the **early hours** when they heard **gunfire**. They **searched** the area and saw a man in a car behaving "very suspiciously". When the officers stopped and searched the van, they found a high-calibre hunting rifle on the floor of the vehicle. When the driver, Chad Clark, 47, was questioned about this, he said that he "didn't want to say what

he was doing there because he didn't want to get into trouble". Later, the police found a camera that had been hit with three **high-calibre rounds**. Clark was charged with vandalism. ☺

GLOSSARY

to deal with *phr vb*
to resolve or take care of a problem or situation
a domestic dispute *n*
a conflict or argument between people in their home
to refuse *vb*
if you "refuse" to do something, you say you will not do that thing
to wipe *vb*
if you "wipe" your nose, you clean it with a cloth or tissue
battery *n*
the crime of attacking someone or touching someone in an offensive manner
road rage *exp*
extreme anger experienced by someone who is driving
a speed camera *n*
a special camera used by police to see how fast you are driving
beaten *adj*
hit and damaged by a person, usually with a hard object
to tear down *phr vb*
to demolish; to violently remove from a place
a high-powered rifle *n*
a long gun that is very strong/powerful
on routine patrol *exp*
if a police officer is "on routine patrol", he/she is driving/walking in an area generally (not investigating a crime)
the early hours *exp*
the first few hours of the morning, when it is still dark outside
gunfire *n*
the loud sound that a gun makes
to search *vb*
to inspect an area carefully trying to find something
a high-calibre round *n*
the ammunition used in a high-powered rifle (see previous entry)