

# Man goes out on limb to delay prison sentence

Shannon Dean Egeland, 43, of Kuna, Oregon, was found guilty Feb. 28 in an elaborate scheme to delay a prison sentence and collect insurance. The Idaho Statesman reported that shortly before Egeland was to begin a 10-year jail term in 2014 for his role in a \$20 million housing scandal, he took out a disability insurance policy and talked his then-17-year-old son into shooting him in the legs with a 20-gauge shotgun, which would delay his prison term — not to mention let him collect on the new insurance policy.

After the teenager shot him, Egeland called police and said he'd been assaulted, but police became suspicious when they found Egeland's wallet and BMW were still at the scene. U.S.

District Judge Anna J. Brown tacked three years and 10 months of additional time onto Egeland's original sentence.

Egeland, who eventually lost his left leg, stood before the judge on his prosthetic leg and said he'd had a lot of time to reflect on his crimes and realized he needs mental health counseling. Assistant U.S. Attorney Scott Bradford called him a "menace to society."

### BRIGHT IDEA

A traditional March wedding at Peckforton Castle in Tarporley, Cheshire, England, was briefly interrupted when an owl trained to deliver the rings to a waiting best man changed its mind about where to land. The betrothed Jeni Arrowsmith and Mark

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Wood of Wrexham watched as the barn owl flew down the aisle toward the best man, but a seated groomsman then pointed at the bird, which it took as a signal to fly to his hand. "The owl just dived in and hit the guy — who is terrified of birds!" said wedding photographer Stacey Oliver. "He fell off his chair." "Everyone was absolutely hysterical," the bride later told the BBC. "It made the wedding because we were talking about it all night."

### LEAST COMPETENT CRIMINALS

When an intoxicated man arrived at the Delaware State Police Troop 1 station in

Wilmington on March 20, looking for a ride home, officers thought he seemed familiar. Turns out he was Christopher McDowell, 34, a suspect in a Feb. 22 shoplifting incident at a local Kohl's store, according to the News Journal. McDowell was charged with shoplifting and arraigned, then released on \$1,000 bail. After he made a phone call to a friend for a ride home, his Kohl's accomplice, April Wright, 48, showed up — and she too was arrested and charged.

John Silva and Derrick Irving thought they had a foolproof plan to cover their tracks after breaking into a mutual acquaintance's apartment March 13 in

DeLand, Fla. The Volusia County Sheriff's Office told News 6 the men stole appliances and a flat-screen TV from the home, then stopped before leaving to set a pot of spaghetti sauce on a hot burner and place a washcloth nearby so it would catch fire and destroy evidence. The victim had been alerted to the break-in by security cameras and called police, who stopped the two and found among the stolen goods in their car an empty jar of Ragu spaghetti sauce. Both men were charged with unarmed burglary, grand theft and arson.

### OOPS!

Presumably in the throes of a serious case of munchies, Lizabeth Ildefonso, 44, drove up to the security booth at the Suffolk County

(New York) jail at 10:12 a.m. on March 16 and tried to order a "bacon, egg and cheese" sandwich. Deputy Sheriff Yvonne DeCaro explained that she was at the jail, but Ildefonso "insisted that she really wanted a sandwich," the Riverhead News-Review reported.

The deputy noticed Ildefonso's eyes were dilated and glassy, and that she had white powdery residue in her left nostril. DeCaro also checked her license and found it was not valid. After failing a field sobriety exam, Ildefonso was charged with felony driving while ability impaired by drugs and driving without a valid license.

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## Officers charged for transporting heroin

**MEMPHIS (AP)** — Two police officers in Tennessee have been charged with helping transport what they thought was a large amount of heroin.

Memphis Police Director Michael Rallings said Friday 41-year-old Kevin Coleman and 25-year-old Terrion Bryson have been charged with conspiracy to distribute more than 5 pounds (2.5 kilograms) of heroin and

other charges. Police said Coleman was on duty and Bryson was off-duty when they met with an undercover officer they thought was a drug dealer Thursday. Police said Coleman drove his patrol vehicle and led another vehicle containing the drugs to a storage facility. Rallings said Bryson rode in the vehicle containing the drugs.

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