Best True Lawyer Story of The Year

This took place in Charlotte, North Carolina. A lawyer purchased a box of very rare and expensive cigars, then insured them against, among other things, fire.

Within a month, having smoked his entire stockpile of these great cigars, the lawyer filed a claim against the insurance company.

In his claim, the lawyer stated the cigars were lost `in a series of small fires.' The insurance company refused to pay, citing the obvious reason, that the man had consumed the cigars in the normal fashion.

The lawyer sued - and WON! (Stay with me)

Delivering the ruling, the judge agreed with the insurance company that the claim was frivolous. The judge stated nevertheless, that the lawyer held 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 to pay the claim.

Rather than endure lengthy and costly appeal process, the insurance company accepted the ruling and paid \$15,000 to the lawyer for his loss of the cigars that perished 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 was sentenced to 24 months in jail and a \$24,000 fine.

This true story won First Place in last year's **Criminal Lawyers** Award contest. Only in America... No wonder the rest of the world thinks we're

Frightening Drivers Sober



Thai police have erected fake crash sites, like the one below, as a drunk driving deterrent. They're intended to frighten locals out of drinking and driving.

Drug Abuse: What it Poes to You



Vanity verses a Buzz

And this is just what substance abuse does to your appearance. A photo cannot capture the damage done to your brain, internal organs, the suffering caused to others and the damage to your own future.

If you have a substance abuse problem get help!



Dear Anny Bannanny Injustice in Our Town

Dear Anny Bannanny,

I have heard the stories of the "Old Keys" when if you didn't like someone you just took them on a one-way fishing trip and dumped the body in the mangroves. It seems as though things haven't gotten much better these days with the length of time it takes to bring anyone to justice in this county. My friend Georgia Morgan's murderer was caught with a smoking gun, yet, it still took three years to convict him and they had to hire another State Attorney to do the job! Ed Bozarth was bludgeoned to death over three years ago. His tall, emaciated body was wrapped in a bag and crammed into the engine compartment below the bed he shared with his wife on his boat the "Screw You 2". Another friend of mine died in a trailer fire that was deemed arson by the fire department. WHAT IS GOING ON HERE?

Signed,

Impatiently Waiting

Dear Impatient,

Sorry, but you've got the wrong banana. This Anny Bannanny doesn't wear a detective's hat, carry a magnifying glass or smoke a pipe. Why ask me about these injustices? Call the State Attorneys office at (305) 292-3400. They will probably tell you to call the Sheriff's Department, which is what they told me. It's called "passing the buck". And some officials in this town are pretty good at it. But do make the call. They need to know you care.

While I can't solve your problems now, consider preventing

future unjustice and join Crime Stopers. See the aritice on page 15.

Signed Wrong Bannanny