

police to deal with it, that is not always the case. Here is another example:

## **TRESPASSING**

Mark Manager calls the police to report a trespasser. When the officer arrives, the suspect is waiting for the police. The manager tells the officer, "I want this man arrested for trespassing!"

The officer talks to the man in question and finds out he is actually living in the unit. His clothes, television and other personal effects are in the apartment as well.

The officer explains to Mr. Manager, "The man is <u>not</u> trespassing, the resident is allowing him to live there."

"Aha!" replies the manager. "He is NOT on the lease!"

The officer responds, "The lease is a civil matter. You will have to serve notice to the resident who is allowing the unauthorized quest."

If a rental agreement has clearly stated policies regarding unauthorized occupants, the property manager can typically serve a notice for the resident to remedy the breach in 30 days, or face eviction. This is often the case with unauthorized pets.

While these stories may sound far-fetched, truth is sometimes stranger than fiction! These are <u>actual</u> cases.



## ATTEMPTED MURDER

"9-1-1, what is your emergency?"

"It's my husband, he has a gun, and he says he's going to kill me."

"Okay, stay on the line. I have several officers responding to your apartment as we're talking."

"Please hurry."

"Which unit number are you in?"

CLICK -- Dial tone.

"Hello? Are you still there?"

(The line is busy on call back.)

The police respond at 1:40 a.m., set up a perimeter, and evacuate all of the neighboring units. It's the middle of the night, it's cold outside, but the neighbors could be in danger. They have to leave.

For several hours the police negotiate with the gunman, but he refuses to put the gun down. The hostage negotiator is also unsuccessful.



At about 7:00 a.m., the police fire tear gas into the unit, breaking the window and burning the curtains and carpeting. The rental unit smells bad. Fortunately, nobody is seriously injured. The S.W.A.T. Team takes the suspect into custody.

By 7:11 a.m. the suspect is handcuffed and placed into the back of a waiting patrol car. By 8:00 a.m. he is in front of a judge; by 9:45 a.m. he's released and has his guns back.

The manager is livid! She calls the police and insists in knowing why the police let this man go?

The response is, "The police did NOT let this man go, the judge did." The police department's job is to take a suspect before a judge. After that, it is up to the judge! If the judge orders the police to release him, they have to do it.

The manager lashes back, "I want to know why the judge let him go?"

The response it, "It happens all the time. The courts are so busy, and the jails are overcrowded, so not everyone goes to jail. In Maricopa County there are so many inmates, people are staying in tents!"

If you call the sheriff, he'll tell you he doesn't have enough money or facilities because of budget cuts. It all comes back to the people who say, "No new taxes."

In a way, the people blame the police, the police blame the judge, the judge blames the sheriff, and the sheriff blames the people...who blame the police, who blame the judge, who blame the sheriff, who blames the people...

The irony of this true story is the manager was mad at the police for not doing their job, when in fact, they did all they could. The manager, however, did not do HER job. This was the third time the police were called to the same apartment unit in less than 10 months. The manager chose not to evict him the previous two times because she knew the resident was having personal problems.