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TOO QUICK TO JUDGE

Last month, the Seymour Division van crew was called to a dispute at a service station at Puckapunyal. A driver had filled his tank and had been charged \$20.30, but when he inspected his fuel gage, it showed only 1/4 full. He reckoned he had been ripped off.

However, as the division van crew pointed out, he had been looking at his temperature gauge, not his fuel gauge, which was showing full.

One very embarrassed driver, whose personal temperature gauge was well into the red, left the service station without wishing to proceed with the complaint.

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PANIC STATION

From the "Herald-Sun" comes the story of the man who gave himself in for growing marijuana after police proximity provoked — unnecessarily — panic. The man told police that, because the police helicopter was hovering about the area, he thought he was about to be raided. But the chopper was in the area for other reasons.

The man had begun to worry earlier when two police cars passed his house. Soon after, when the helicopter flew over, the man became frantic. He ran into the backyard and moved some marijuana plants inside. Later, after other police cars passed, the man became convinced that police were about to raid.

He ran into the street and waved down a police car. After a short conversation, he invited police into the house. Police prosecutor, Sergeant Ian Dunn said, "he directed police to a cupboard where his de facto wife lifted floorboards. She then removed a number of vegetable and marijuana plants." Ian said 24 plants, two branches and a container of leaves were seized.

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