

Police officers sometimes get medals for saving lives, stopping runaway horses and shooting it out with bandits, (once in a while their spouse gets the medal — posthumously). But sometimes the most rewarding

moments come when, after extending some small kindness to an elderly person, they feel a warm hand clasp theirs and look into grateful eyes, and they hear, "Thank you, and God bless you." ■

Poetic License

Members are painfully aware of the oppressive volume of paperwork usually required to bring an accused to justice. In many cases, the investigator's final report, sometimes referred to as the Report to Crown Counsel, or Prosecutor's Information Sheet, is replete with tedious police jargon and generally speaking, makes for pretty boring reading. Occasionally however, a final report to Crown Counsel surfaces which does not fit the usual, stereotypical format. Witness the following, submitted by a Cst. "C," who investigated a complaint concerning three male suspects who, after enjoying a hearty meal and plenty to drink at a Chinese restaurant, attempted to abscond without paying their bill — referred to in law enforcement circles as a "dine and dash."

"98-07-01: Three little piggies went to dinner, perhaps they should have stayed home. The first little piggy had roast beef, the second had wine. The three little piggies ate \$112.70 worth of food but, all was not fine. For when it came time to pay with money, the poor little piggies had none. So, the rotund piggies went wee, wee, wee, off to jail (to be released on appearance notice)."

Not to be outdone by the investigator's clever attempt to interject a bit of much-needed humour into an otherwise very dull and monotonous exercise, the Crown Counsel retorted, tongue-in-cheek, with:

*"Of the three little piggies that went to the Jade
One went back and paid, so no charge was laid.
One is in jail, so his count is stayed.
The third remains at large with justice delayed.
But the charge is so minor, do we want a police raid,
Or should his charge also be stayed, saving the taxpayers
His Legal Aid?"*

*Yours truly,
S.D.S
Crown Counsel*

It's nice to see that some people can still keep a sense of humour, even when faced with preparing or responding to something as mundane as police reports.