

## **Amazingly real extracts from American courtrooms**

"Are you married? "

"No, I'm divorced."

"And what did your husband do before you divorced him?"

"A lot of things I didn't know about."

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"Mrs. Jones, is your appearance this morning pursuant to a deposition notice which I sent to your attorney?"

"No. This is how I dress when I go to work."

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"Now, you have investigated other murders, have you not, where there was a victim?"

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"Doctor did you say he was shot in the woods?"

"No, I said he was shot in the lumbar region."

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"Could you see him from where you were standing? "

"I could see his head."

"And where was his head?"

"Just above his shoulders."

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"...any suggestions as to what prevented this from being a murder trial instead of an attempted murder trial?"

"The victim lived."

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"What happened then?"

"He told me, he says, "I have to kill you because you can identify me."

"Did he kill you?"

"No."

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"Can you describe the individual?"

"He was about medium height and had a beard."

"Was this a male, or a female?"

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"Are you sexually active?"

"No, I just lie there."

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"Are you qualified to give a urine sample?"

"Yes, I have been since early childhood."

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"Do you recall the time that you examined the body?"

"The autopsy started around 8:30 p.m."

"And Mr. Dennington was dead at the time?"

"No, he was sitting on the table wondering why I was doing an autopsy."

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"Was it you or your younger brother who was killed in the war?"

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"Did he kill you?"

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"Doctor, how many autopsies have you performed on dead people?"

"All my autopsies are performed on dead people."

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"You were there until the time you left, is that true?"

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"How many times have you committed suicide?"

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"How was your first marriage terminated?"

"By death."

"And by whose death was it terminated?"

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"Were you present when your picture was taken?"

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"How far apart were the vehicles at the time of the collision?"