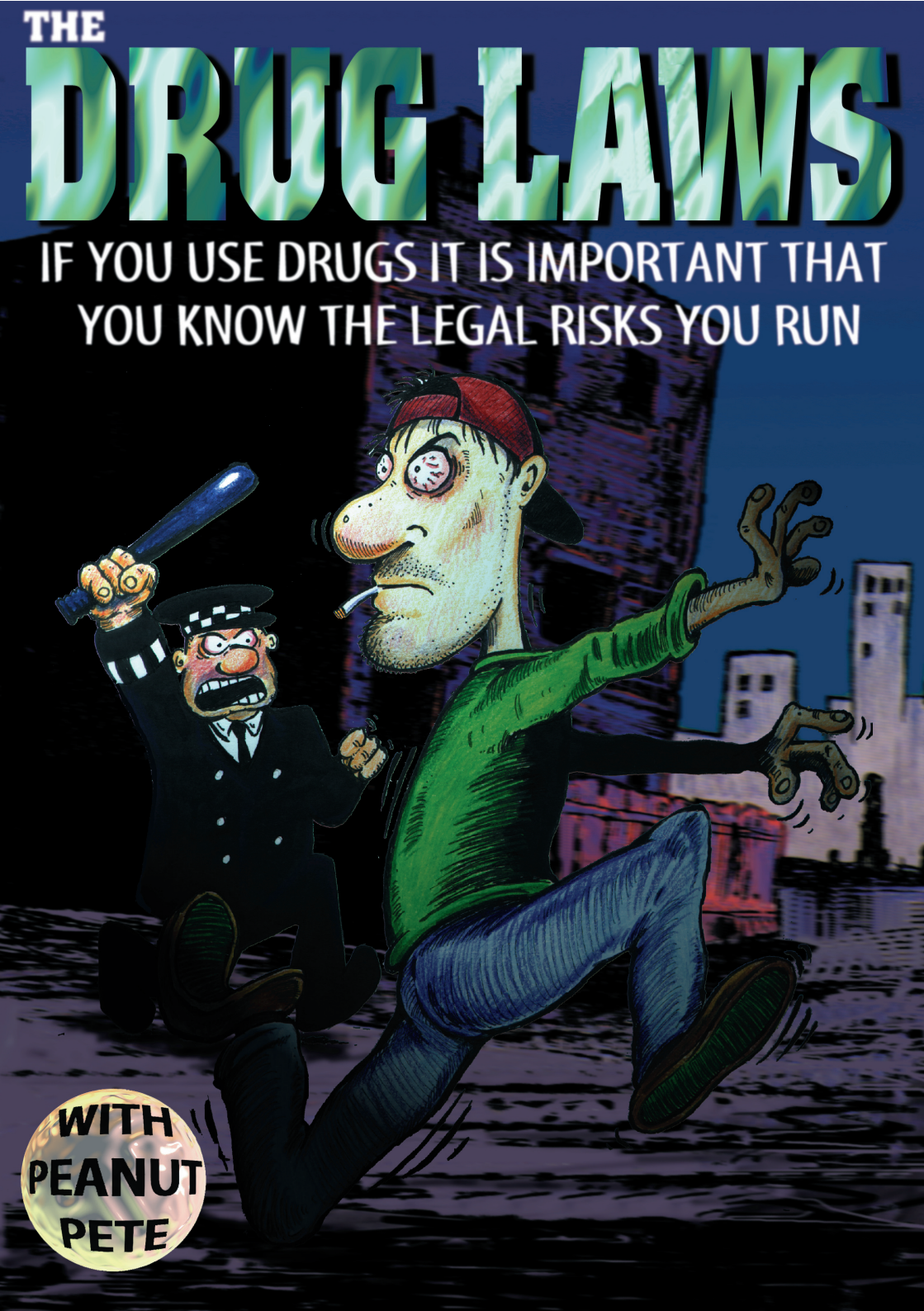
# THE DRUG LAWS

IF YOU USE DRUGS IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU KNOW THE LEGAL RISKS YOU RUN



WITH PEANUT PETE

I KNOW..I KNOW..... DRUGS ARE EVERYWHERE, BUT THEY ARE STILL ILLEGAL, SO CHECK THIS .

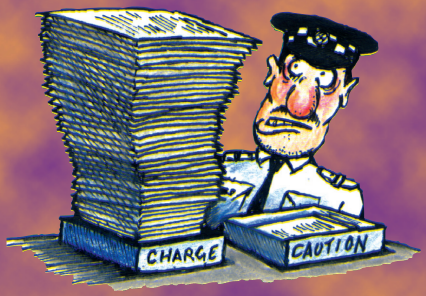


If the Police can prove that an illegal drug is or has been, in your House, your Car, your Bag, Pocket or **WHATEVER**, you can be nicked for **POSSESSION** of an illegal drug.

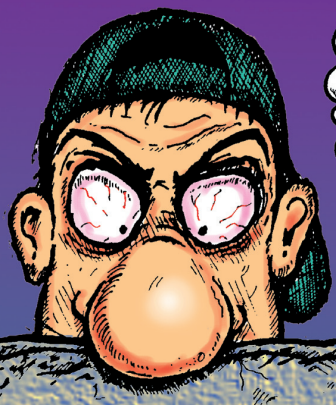
Being done for **SIMPLE POSSESSION** means that the Police accept that the drug has been for **YOUR USE ONLY.**

**CAUTIONING:** IN MANY PLACES THE POLICE WILL BE WILLING TO **CAUTION** YOU FOR **SIMPLE POSSESSION.**
(Ring your nearest drug service for the local Police policy)

In fact the Police will usually want to caution you. If they caution you they will only have to fill in 2 pieces of paper, if they charge you and take you to court they have to fill out nearly 50 separate pieces of paper! so they want to caution, BUT DO YOU WANT TO BE CAUTIONED ?




The advantages of a caution are simple. You can be arrested and be in and out of the Police Station in a couple of hours. You will still have a **criminal record** but there are no embarrassing court appearances and nothing in the local papers telling the world you are a druggy. You can also be cautioned more than once. But if you carry on getting caught you will go to court.




# THE MISUSE OF DRUGS ACT

THE SIMPLIFIED VERSION

THERE ARE HUNDREDS OF DRUGS ON THE LIST
HERE ARE SOME

## CLASS A

**L.S.D.: ECSTASY; COCAINE;**
**HEROIN AND OTHER STRONG OPIATES;**
**MAGIC MUSHROOMS** (IF DRIED OR PROCESSED)

## CLASS B

**CANNABIS** (RESIN & HERBAL):
**AMPHETAMINES; BARBITURATES;**
**CODEINE AND OTHER WEAKER OPIATES**

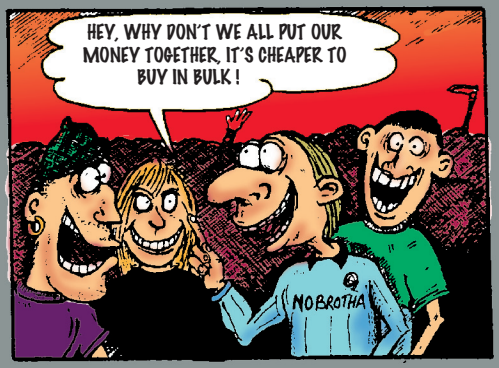
ANY CLASS B DRUG PREPARED FOR INJECTION
COUNTS AS CLASS A

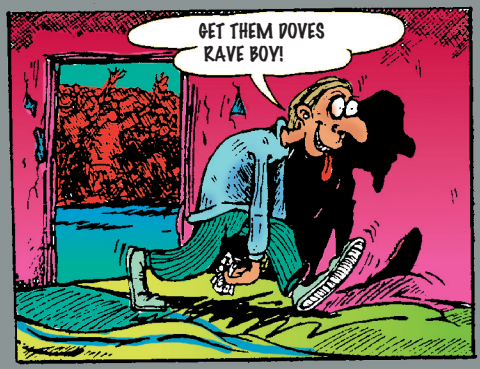
## CLASS C

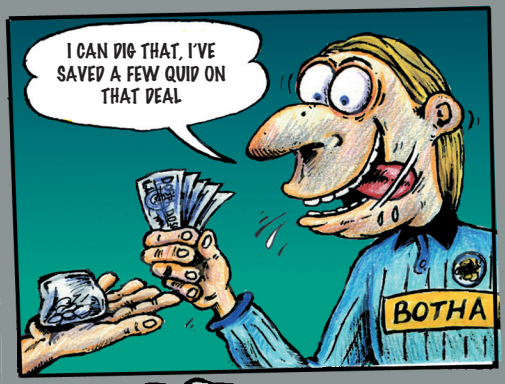
TRANQUILLISERS & SLEEPING PILLS
SUCH AS **VALIUM/ LIBRIUM/ TEMAZEPAM**

For example you could have a big chunk of Cannabis and be done for simple **POSSESSION**.....

But if you got caught with the same chunk cut into twenty strips you could be done with **POSSESSION WITH INTENT TO SUPPLY** -A very different Kettle of Fish







IF YOU ARE DONE WITH INTENT TO SUPPLY YOU ARE LOOKING AT SOME SERIOUS JAIL SO....

# KNOW WHAT JAIL YOU'RE LOOKING AT ?

**YOU COULD BE CHARGED WITH INTENT TO SUPPLY FOR CARRYING AS LITTLE AS TEN TABS OR TABLETS YOU SHOULD BE AWARE OF THE RISKS ( THEY VARY GREATLY ) BUT ALL THE CASES BELOW ARE REAL**

**GLEN** is 20, he rarely made much money out of dealing and what he did he would spend on drugs. He got caught with 13 Ecstasy tabs. Pleaded NOT GUILTY at CROWN COURT to POSSESSION W ITH INTENT TO SUPPLY: SENTENCED TO 3 YEARS



**PETER** is 20, he got a real buzz out of dealing and liked everybody to know who he was- He'd only been dealing for six months. Caught with 80 Acid Tabs. Pleaded GUILTY at CROWN COURT to POSSESSION WITH INTENT TO SUPPLY: SENTENCE: 4 YEARS



**CAROLE** is 19, she is a single parent. She was holding the 25 tabs for her boyfriend who is a well known dealer. (He had nothing on him when the Police raided the club). She pleaded guilty to POSSESSION WITH INTENT TO SUPPLY: Sentenced at CROWN COURT to 1 YEAR SUSPENDED + SUPERVISION



**MICK** was caught with seven Grams of Amphetamine in separate 1 Gram bags. He wasn't a dealer he had been using up to a Gram of Speed a day.

The Police said he must be dealing if he had it in separate bags. He was charged with POSSESSION WITH INTENT TO SUPPLY at CROWN COURT. SENTENCE: 2 YEARS





**MATTHEW** is 22, according to Matthew "Some people look at money and see drugs" Matthew looked at drugs and saw money. He got caught with 90 tabs of Acid. Sentenced at MAGISTRATES COURT with POSSESSION WITH INTENT TO SUPPLY, pleaded GUILTY: SENTENCE: 2 YEARS PROBATION

**FACT:**
90% OF ALL DRUGS OFFENCES ARE FOR POSSESSION, USUALLY OF CANNABIS. HALF RECEIVE A CAUTION, A QUARTER RECEIVE A FINE. LESS THAN 10% ARE SENT STRAIGHT TO PRISON.

**MAXIMUM SENTENCES**
MAXIMUM SENTENCES VARY ACCORDING TO THE NATURE OF THE OFFENCE, LESS FOR POSSESSION-MORE FOR SUPPLY ETC. AND ALSO HOW HARMFUL THE DRUG IS THOUGHT TO BE. HIGHEST FOR CLASS A, LOWEST FOR CLASS C.



LESS SERIOUS OFFENCES ARE DEALT WITH AT **MAGISTRATES COURT**. MAXIMUM PENALTIES 6 MONTHS + £5000 FINE FOR EACH OFFENCE.

MORE SERIOUS CHARGES ARE DEALT WITH AT **CROWN COURT** WHERE PENALTIES ARE HARSHER. FOR TRAFFICKING OFFENCES SUCH AS IMPORT OR SUPPLY OF A CLASS A DRUG (SUCH AS HEROIN, L.S.D. OR ECSTASY) A MAXIMUM OF LIFE IMPRISONMENT & AN UNLIMITED FINE FOR EACH OFFENCE.....



## IF YOU ARE UNDER 17 YOUR PARENTS WILL BE TOLD WHAT HAS HAPPENED

If you are caught **BANG TO RIGHTS** with a bit of personal the best thing to do is to hold your hands up and admit the offence. The Police themselves have told us they would like to caution more people but some people have watched too much television. They get all stroppy with the Police and deny everything or say something like.....




This just gets the Police in a bad mood and they give you a hard time.

## TO GET A CAUTION YOU MUST ADMIT THE OFFENCE.

In practice this amounts to saying something like:

"FAIR ENOUGH MATE. THESE ARE MY DRUGS BUT THEY ARE JUST FOR MY PERSONAL USE".

If you play ball with the Bill you'll improve your chances of receiving a caution.

**BUT AT THE END OF THE DAY ONLY YOU CAN MAKE THE DECISION TO HOLD YOUR HANDS UP OR STAY SCHTUM TILL YOU SPEAK TO A BRIEF.**

## SIMPLE POSSESSION IS ONE THING, BUT..... BE CAREFUL

Because you can sometimes be done for **POSSESSION WITH INTENT TO SUPPLY,** even though you don't see yourself as a **DEALER.**

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