

Finger in Chili Case Concludes



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Reporter

A couple from the suburbs of Las Vegas received court sentences this week for attempting to extort money from Wendy's Restaurant after claiming they found a finger in a cup of chili. Anna Ayala, the finger finder, was sentenced to 9 years in a state prison. Her husband, Jaime Plascencia, who obtained the finger, received 12 years.

Ayala stated to police after the incident. "There's no words to describe what I felt. It's sick, it's disgusting...just knowing there was a human remain in my mouth is tearing me apart inside."

She and her hubby later pleaded guilty and admitted it was all a hoax. The two realized they were in hot water when forensic scientists found the finger had not actually been bitten into. Also, the fact that the finger was not cooked. The finger was purchased from a co-worker of Plascencia for a \$100, who lost it in a paving accident.

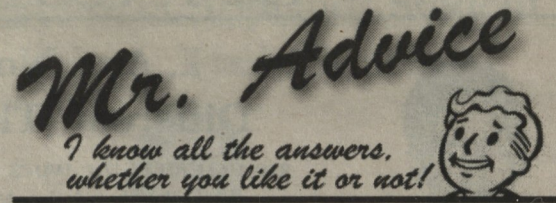
The penalty of this crime seems slightly harsh for most of the public. To help understand how California's judicial system looks upon a crime of this sort, I took it upon myself to compare it to other crimes. According to megalaw.com, every person who assaults another with intent to commit mayhem, rape, sodomy, oral copulation is

punishable by imprisonment in the state prison for two, four, or six years. Also, every person who unlawfully and maliciously deprives a human being of a member of his/her body, or disables, disfigures, or renders it useless, or cuts disables the tongue, or puts out an eye, or slits the nose, ear, or lip, is guilty of mayhem. Mayhem is punishable by imprisonment in the state prison for two, four, or eight years. Finally, arson that causes great bodily injury is a felony punishable by imprisonment in the state prison for five, seven, or nine years. (For those interested, I would recommend visiting megalaw.com. It offers delicious state penal codes and the opportunity to shop on-line at amazon.com all in one sitting.)

After reviewing the facts, it may be difficult to see why pulling the old finger in the chili trick is considered worse than gouging someone's eyes out.

Perhaps taking on a major corporation isn't a great idea. Fortunately, there is an upside to this case. Police reviewed a recorded jailhouse phone call and discovered that Ayala boasted about being asked for an autograph while in jail. It's good to know that she won't have any problems making friends on the inside.

Ask Mr. Advice



Dear Mr. Advice,

Haven't seen your column in a while, so I don't know if you're still giving out advice or not. Anyway, I have a problem... You can answer it if you're up for the challenge...

You see, my girlfriend is ADDICTED to the hit TV action series "24." You know, the one on Fox starring Canadian superstar Kiefer Sutherland? I understand that it's a good show, but when it comes on, she completely ignores me... Like the two-night season 5 premiere. It was like I didn't exist. Sometimes, after the show, she looks at me as if I'm scum.

"Why can't you be more like Jack Bauer?" she says.

"Honey... if terrorists kidnapped me right now, what would you do to save me?" How is a guy supposed to answer question's like that? I tried going to the gym to bulk up, but not even that floats her boat. Help me Mr. Advice... the clock is ticking...

Yours truly,

Depressed in Southport

Dear Depressed,

If you're trying to compare yourself to Jack Bauer, don't even bother. Every woman wants him. Every man wants to be him. She'll probably break up with you soon. That's all I have to say. Hope this helps!

I am,
Mr. Advice

From: Prince Johnson Garuba (Jnr.)

Dear Sir,

I am Prince Johnson Garuba (Jnr.) eldest son to Dr. William C. Garuba,

the former financial controller of the Revolutionary United Front (R.U.F.) of Sierra Leone. My father was assassinated by people believed to be members of Tejan Kabbah's government since he was first accused by the government for supporting RUF. Before my father's death, he made it known to me that he had deposited a consignment (Box) with a security company in Dakar-Senegal containing US\$18,000,000 and that I should go to our country home to get all the necessary documents. He also told me that he registered the box as African art works that is, the management of the Security Company are not aware of the real contents of this box. Presently, my brother and myself are in N.P.S Refugee Camp in Dakar-Senegal, I have been able to make arrangements with the Security Company's Manager to help re-transfer this box to Europe or Asia, so I want you to help me to stand as a beneficiary to this consignment when it arrives. Moreover, all other details of this transaction will be kept secret for now, pending your response but all necessary documents will be sent down to you if requested for. At the end of this transaction, I will be able to give you 20%(twenty percent) of the total amount.

Hope to hear from you soon. You can reach me on this mobil nos. 233-24-288425 or e-mail

Yours Truly

Prince Johnson Garuba [jnr]

Dear Prince,

I'm sorry, but I don't understand what you want advice in... and thanks for the money offer, but I live in Canada and US dollars are of little use.

Hope this helps!

I am,
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