

# Illegal Activities and News in Haikus<sup>1</sup>

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## **Woman cooks methamphetamine in a Walmart**

A Walmart employee was in for a shock when she confronted a customer about her recent shoplifting of store cosmetics. The St. Louis, MO woman was found cooking a small amount of methamphetamine in a soda bottle inside her purse.

Upon police arrival, a 20-ounce bottle of the substance was found, prompting immediate evacuation of the store. St. Louis County police Lieutenant Mark Cox confirmed these personal "one-and-done" meth batches are becoming increasingly popular, "But taking it into a Walmart is very unusual."

## **Town meeting to tackle profanity, marijuana, and other annoyances**

The town of Middleboro, Massachusetts had a town meeting this morning at 7:30 to vote on bylaw changes. These changes would include fines for public profanity and the use of marijuana in public. The fines include:

\$300 for public marijuana use

\$50 for shoveling snow onto the street and consuming alcohol in public

\$20 for public profanity and disorderly conduct

## **Georgia toothpick thief strikes**

Police of Athens, GA are investigating the theft of about 400,000 toothpicks (worth almost \$3,000, believe it or not) from a manufacturer.

Six cases were taken from Armond's Manufacturing Company Incorporated on one occurrence, and another seven cases on a separate incidence. Each case has 288 packages with 100 toothpicks each.

There are no indications of forced entry, but two employees claim they saw a man selling their brand's toothpicks at a flea market.

## **News in Haikus**

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"Private sector's doing fine."  
That was a bad move.

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The Confederate  
Museum needs your help, guys!  
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