The Light in the Shed

A man was going to bed when his wife told him he had left the light on in the garden shed; she could see it from the bedroom window.

But he said that he had not been in the shed that day. He took a look, however, and there were people in the shed stealing things.

He called the police, but they told him that no one was in his area, so no one was available to catch the thieves. He said, "Okay," hung up, counted to 30, and called the police again.

"Hello. I just called you a few seconds ago because there were people in my shed. Well, you don't have to worry about them now; I just shot them all."



Within five minutes, there were half a dozen police cars in the area, an armed response unit – the works. Of course, they caught the burglars red-handed.

One of the policemen said to the homeowner, "I thought you said you shot them!"

He replied, "I thought you said there were no cops available!"

While such an approach may not be recommended, the story does serve to prove that ingenuity – some thinking outside the box – can often achieve desired results.

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