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Fraud

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The facts as far as they could be ascertained, were as follows:

1. One burnt out car containing one burnt out and unrecognisable body
2. One life insurance claim from the wife of the said body in car

December 2005 Molly and John found themselves hugely in debt but they told no one, not even their family and on the face of it were a happy carefree retired couple, used to living the high life of travel good food and luxury.

Their lives were insured for £200,000 and as they paced the floor looking for a solution to their debts, those insurance papers were burning a hole in the drawer.

It was John who first came up with the idea that one of them was going to have to die in order to make the claim. Simple really except that in order to get the pay out, there needed to be a body.

Molly had an idea formulating in her mind and set off for the local library, she had some research to do. She returned with armfuls of books and she learned how to successfully burn a body. She then told John of her plan and he didn't take much persuading.

Armed with spades and bags they visited the local cemetery at dead of night and dug up a body, it was hard labour but their enthusiasm carried them through. They lifted the body from the coffin and deposited it in the boot of their car. The next night they took two cars to a quiet country road several miles away and propped up the body behind the steering wheel of one car. Molly then applied her newfound knowledge and body and car went up in spectacular fashion.

John now disappeared off to Scotland where Molly would join him once she had made the claim and they would go abroad to start a new life.

It was regrettable for them that DNA tests performed on the unfortunate corpse, revealed that of an eighty one year old woman.

John and Molly now reside at Her Majesty's pleasure for the foreseeable future but at least they know where their next meal is coming from.