

“The Case of the Missing File”

First Place Winner!

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Description: A bumbling detective tries to identify who stole their case file

Genre: Comedic

Hm... Now where did I put my case log? (Notices a pen on the desk.) What's this? A pen, and not one of mine! Great Golly!! I know why I can't find my case log. It's been stolen by the person who uses this pen! It might be my secretary, Ms. Jones. She always seemed jealous of my work. She probably thought, "Why don't I steal the case file and take all the credit!" I've done it! I've cracked the case! (Using a phone.) Hello? Ms. Jones? Remember this morning when I couldn't find my case log? Check my pocket? You think I haven't checked my pocket yet. (Rummages.) See, it's not—oh, it's my case log. Yes, thank you Ms. Jones, that was all.

1-minute cut • approx. 115 spoken words