

Front Page News

A monologue by Dennis Bush
Selected from his collection,
“Life and Death, Laughter and Love”

Cast: 1 male

Length: 2 pages of dialogue (472 words)

Performance time: About 3 minutes

The Story

Fletcher made front page news when the cops dragged him out of his home in handcuffs. But Fletcher didn't do it. No matter how many times he said so, the police didn't believe him, until the DNA test results came back. He was innocent and was released. That newspaper article, though, was hidden, way back on page 37. So don't judge Fletcher until you know him, and know his real story. (drama)

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(Early 20s.)

Page 37. That's where the correction was — page 37. The story about my getting arrested — the one with a picture of me getting dragged out of my house in handcuffs — was on the front page.

I was innocent. From the very beginning I told 'em, "I didn't do it." While they were dragging me out of my house, I was screaming, "I didn't do nothin'!" But they didn't care. They didn't listen. They were convinced that I done it, and they didn't care how many times I said I didn't. In their minds I done it, and that was all they cared about.

I don't even think my lawyer believed me. He was one of those public defender lawyers they give you for free And I got what I paid — nothing. When he was asking me about the night when I was s'posed to have killed some lady, he fell asleep.

The prosecutor had some crackhead tell him that he overheard me talking on a payphone making plans to kill the lady. So the word of a drug addict looking to make a deal to stay out of jail means more than me saying — and meaning — that I didn't do it. Turns out the crackhead said it was Fletcher Brogan who did it. B - R - O - G - A - N. And the police, with all their high-tech crime-solving equipment, come get me — Fletcher Broghan — B - R - O - G - H - A - N and

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