

RULES TO PROFIT BY

This, the "Rules To Profit By" or RTPB for short, is a guide for criminal behavior and methodology. It is by no means the last and final word but, for the rookie criminal, it's a training manual to avoid repeating the mistakes of other criminals. It also presents a way to learn some important "tricks of the trade" without having to learn them the hard way.

Sometimes the rules will contradict each other. Use your best judgement about which rule most applies to your particular situation. Remember, the young thug may know the RTPB, but the old godfather knows the exceptions. So stick to the rules till you gain enough experience to know when to make exceptions.

I guarantee you that, if you follow these rules religiously, you'll avoid 99% of the mistakes that other criminals make, and that the cops investigating the crime (if they even discover it) will think a seasoned professional, not a rank amateur, committed it.

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1. T NO Trust No One!
 2. C. Y. A. Cover Your Ass (at all times)!
 3. M. U. F. F. Money Up Front, Fool!
 4. K. I. S. S. Keep It Simple Stupid.
 5. 7 P's Proper Prior Planning Prevents Piss Poor Performance!
 6. Greed KILLS! (Remember Scarface?)
 7. Trust but verify.
 8. Nothing ventured, Nothing gained.
 9. Don't do the crime if you can't do the time.
 10. Better to have it and not need it, than to need it and not have it.
 11. NEVER have a schedule or favorite spot. That is the surest way to get set up for a bust.

12. If someone rips you off, you must punish them or everyone else will think they can do it too.
13. Don't have weapons anywhere near you or where they could be connected to you if you are not willing or able to use them.
14. NO ONE can know how much you have, where you have it, where you got it from, how you got it, or where it goes to. Only through secrecy can you keep you ill gotten gains safe from the cops.
15. Listen to your instincts. If you feel someone is lying, you're being set up, or you're being watched, you're probably right.
16. NEVER tell your woman your business. If she knows, she'll have power over you and she may turn you in. Besides, it's nice to have somewhere you can get away from work.
17. If you get caught, let the lawyers do the talking.
18. When on trial, you'll never regret having kept your mouth shut when you were arrested.
19. NEVER sit with your back to the door, you can't see your enemies coming if you do (#2). And keep your back to a wall.
20. Frequently check behind you to see if you are being followed. (#1,2)
21. Always have a way to escape prepared. Preferably more than one. (#2,4)
22. Always assume that you are on camera. Wear a hood or mask that covers your face, head, ears, and neck.
23. Always wear gloves. People who don't, get caught. Anybody asks why, say something about "Germs, they're everywhere." Then they'll think you're just a germophobic weirdo, and not a criminal.
24. Don't say anything over the telephone (especially cellular) that you wouldn't say with a federal agent standing next to you. Radios also.

25. Don't leave messages on answering machines. You have no way of knowing who may hear them. (#1,2)
26. Keep your calls real short (under 2 minutes) to deter tracing. The shorter the better. (# 4)
27. Use public phones when possible and use prepaid calling cards to add another step for tracers to go through. (# 2,4)
28. If you must have a cellphone, don't just turn it off, disconnect the battery to keep them from homing in on your phones signal. And after making a call (# 24), move your location just in case they did. (#2)
29. Change your beeper number monthly so by the time the police get it, it will already have been changed. Also, you can keep annoying people from calling you for longer than one month. (# 2,4)
30. If you are ever stopped by the police, and they take or examine your pager, immediately throw it away and get a new one so the police can't clone your pager. (# 2,4)
31. NEVER keep a journal, diary, or scrapbook of your deeds. If you are arrested, all those things will be used to show your guilt in court.
33. Don't use drugs while you are working. You'll need a clear head to get away if anything goes wrong. (#2,4)
33. The perfect crime has 4 elements: Profit, not revenge, is the motive. A well thought out plan. 2 people at most. No one else knows (mouth kept shut).
34. If caught in the act remember Rules 17 and 18. If caught after the fact DENY, DENY, DENY!
35. Know the laws that cover whatever it is that you are intending to do. Then they can't scare you with time that they can't actually give you.
36. Research what you intend to do so that you don't repeat other peoples mistakes.

37. Practice a new skill before you risk using it in a real life situation that you'll have no way of controlling.
38. Don't make threats. If you intend to carry it out, you've forewarned your enemy. If you don't, you'll look weak.
39. If you need to travel with a gun, ship ahead of time via UPS or such.
40. Always have a plausible denial of guilt for anything.
41. If it's illegal, and you don't need immediate access to it, bury it. You can dig it up when you need it.
42. Know the area around your house like the back of your hand. Which yards have vicious dogs, pools, high fences, and any other impediments to your escape.
43. Don't front yourself off with fancy cars, jewelry, cloths, and such if you don't have a job that could pay for it. If you work at McDonalds, you obviously can't afford a Mercedes.
44. NEVER keep your money in a bank. It's too easy for the law to find and seize it.
45. P.E.T.T.Y. Pathetic Earnings That'll Trap You. Shooting someone for shoes is PETTY. Robbing a bank for \$500 is PETTY. Anything that isn't going to make you come up is PETTY.
46. If a cop is looking at you, it's not because he's admiring your clothes, it's because he's busy thinking of a legal reason to detain, question, and possibly arrest you. Police don't look at you for more than a moment unless they're going to put the fuck to you. Calmly proceed to the nearest available place that'll block their view, THEN run like hell.

If you see the police in their cars in the parking lot of the resturant next door, or the alley behind your house, assume it's because they're waiting for you. DON'T go home, turn around and leave! If you're already home, you may want to use your escape now before they get all set up.
47. There's four ways of committing a crime: Cunning, Stealth, Speed, or Strength.

Any or all of the four may be used in a crime.

Cunning

To act in such a way that the victim doesn't realize a crime is being committed. Con games and swindles are examples.

Stealth

To act without being detected. This means taking as long as needed to complete your crime without detection, before and/or after the fact. Examples of this would be tunneling under a bank or switching a valuable object with a realistic fake.

Speed

To act so quickly that no one, victim or police, can respond quickly enough to prevent completion of your crime. Smash & Grab is such a crime.

Strength

To bring overwhelming force to bear. This makes any interference irrelevant since you easily brush it aside. LA Bank Robbers is a prime example of this.