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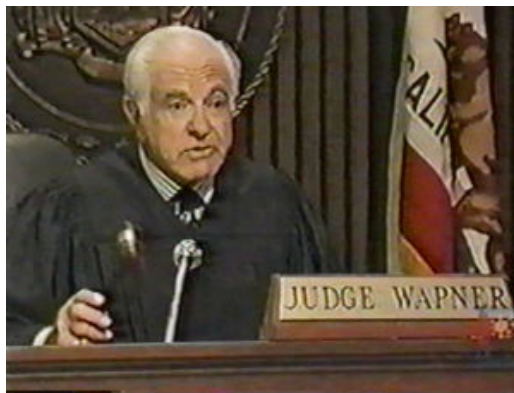
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## Picklebottom's in a Pickle

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After years of rumors and several months of investigation, the owner of the Lost Souls Cemetery, Mr. Thaddeus Picklebottom, has been indicted on various charges stemming from his operation of the Cemetery. The charges include grave robbing, sale of body parts, and unlawful discharge of a firearm. Mr. Picklebottom, once adored and respected by the community, is now a pariah trapped within the confines of his Cemetery by a relentless and endless stream of protesters.

“Reston has suffered far too long with the blight of the Lost Souls Cemetery and the reprehensible behavior of its owner,” said Reston prosecutor J. Tiberius Kirk during the press conference announcing the indictments. He added, “no longer will this community have to endure the outrageous business activities of Mr. Picklebottom – no more cemetery wine bars, cemetery gun ranges, or cemetery Cheesecake Factory . . . though I do really like cheesecake.”



The Cemetery has been the subject of constant protests since the first allegations of grave robbing arose. No one has seen or heard from Mr. Picklebottom since September 3<sup>rd</sup> when he was spotted yelling at the protesters, shaking his cane and telling them to get off his lawn. When asked about the protesters, Sheriff Buford T. Justice tersely stated, “damn hippies.”

Hoping to get Mr. Picklebottom's side of the story, I called his residence located on Cemetery grounds. To my surprise he answered. I spoke with Mr. Picklebottom regarding his legal troubles. When asked about the allegation that instead of burying bodies he sold them to laboratories, carnivals and any person with a need for a corpse, he replied “it's hard to call something a corpse when it isn't dead.” When pressed to explain, he replied, “visit me tomorrow, they're always worse on Halloween . . . I dare you to visit.” He refused to answer any more questions and quickly hung up the phone.