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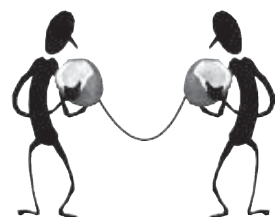
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### Editorial continued

After I hung up on her she left me two angry messages that I saved. You poor thing! Stop making drunken phone calls and call the Domestic Abuse Hotline if you want to complain about your husband... then get yourself into a 12-Step program.

The most despicable criminals are the ones who steal from the Veterans and non-profit organizations. Really?! How low can you go? May the frighteningly wicked relentless curse of the bad Karma monkey be upon you.

\*Although the stories are true, sometimes they're a compilation of different people.

### Old or Outdated Meds in Monroe

The Sheriff's Office will accept old or outdated medications with the Drug Drop program: an environmentally friendly way to dispose of medications



Proper disposal of prescription and over the counter medications is important. Flushing them down the toilet or sink can introduce dangerous and environmentally damaging substances into the water system; throwing them away in the trash can also introduce them into the environment, and runs the risk of them winding up in the wrong hands. The medications collected by the Sheriff's Office are safely burned in the Sheriff's Burn Unit.

The Monroe County The Sheriff's Office would like to remind everyone about the drug disposal program offered at all our county Sheriff's Substations and the reasons why it is important to dispose of medications in the right way.

The Drug Drop program has been an ongoing success. The Sheriff's Office collected 245 pounds of various medications county-wide in the first six months of 2014.

Anyone - with the exception of commercial establishments - may bring in prescription drugs that are no longer needed, and over-the-counter medications, or call and someone will pick up the medications for disposal.

People who call to have medications picked up can do so with no questions asked. The goal of this program is to dispose of the items properly, not to catch people with illegal drugs.

In the Upper Keys, medications will be accepted at the Plantation Key Substation Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. For pickup, call 305-853-3211 during office hours.

In the Middle or Lower Keys, call 305-289-2430 or 305-745-3184 for more information.

Please note: People who bring their medications in themselves need to make sure to keep prescriptions in the prescription bottle until they drop them off... to show proof the prescription is legitimately theirs.

The Sheriff's Office will not accept medications from commercial establishments.

## Editorial: Beware the Curse of the Bad Karma Monkey!

We who live in the Keys enjoy a laid-back lifestyle that makes us a target for crooks.

Not so long ago some crooked local gift shop owners skipped town, taking with them their friends' shared rent money and all the items they could steal. Many folks had left valuable items with them to sell on consignment and were heartbroken to find that the swindlers had left in the dark of the night. Just when you breathe a sigh of relief that at least they are gone, and you think no one else can get hurt, another bad egg opens shop, sometimes even in the same building!

Trust the ones who have been around a while, and have great reputations like the Pink

Junktique, Mother Ocean, and of course, Coral Financial Pawn Shop. They make sure you have a contract and you get paid accordingly. They are reputable business people, so they have the money set aside to pay you, no excuses. You won't find them drinking while they are working, or in hysterical screaming matches with their unhappy consigners. They won't sell your \$200 item to themselves for \$5, and your things won't disappear into thin air. They don't have a rap sheet and aren't declaring bankruptcy either. If you have been a victim of any of these undesirable and crooked people, please report it to the Sheriff's Dept. 305-853-3211.

How about the guy who consigned his whole inheri-

tance of antique furniture and collectables only to have it left outside in the blistering sun, heat and rain to quickly rot? Instead of taking a chance, why not list your items on Craig's list or one of the many Facebook sites at no cost to you? There is even one called Buy Nothing Upper Keys, where you can give things away and get things for free. Take your most valuable items, including gold and silver, to Coral Financial Pawn Shop. Bill has been in business over 30 years and has an excellent reputation.

And how about the itty-bitty local singer who consigned his dead granny's antiques because he said he needed food for the baby, but he still had plenty

of dough for his bag of weed? His most recent mug shot didn't look so good. We hear most of his band quit because of his childish tantrums. This is not his first "alleged" offense either. Everyone wants to know, Mr. Rockstar Wannabee, what are 'synthetic narcotics schedule 1 & 2 sell, mfg or deliver'? There are no lollipops in the slammer, little dude. You'll be off your (self-assumed) pedestal there, so don't drop the soap...

After last month's editorial I got a lot of calls from people thanking me for warning the public... but I did get a call from a drunken woman threatening me with a relative who is a lawyer.

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