

A DAYTIME ROBBERY

Rod was a manager at House Depot. He worked about 50 hours a week. He loved his job, although the extra hours cut into the time he could spend with his three little girls. One morning he was supposed to go home at 7 a.m. Instead, he stayed on to help out for three more hours. He was just about to leave at 10 a.m. when he heard something.

At one of the checkout counters, he saw a man dressed in white painter's coveralls pointing a gun at the female checker. He had on a yellow cap, a white plastic painter's mask, and white gloves.

Rod hurried over. Times in Los Angeles had changed. All managers now received training on how to respond to armed robberies and hostage-taking. Rod was nervous, but he knew what he was supposed to do. He approached the gunman.

"Sir, please don't point that gun. We will give you all the money you?"

The gunman didn't even wait for Rod to finish his sentence. He shot Rod in the stomach. The checker screamed. The gunman ran out to a white van and hopped in. The van sped off.

Rod didn't even make it to surgery. The killing made all the TV news shows. House Depot offered a \$100,000 reward.

count·er1 [koun-ter] Show IPA

noun

1.

a table or display case on which goods can be shown, business transacted, etc.

2.

(in restaurants, luncheonettes, etc.) a long, narrow table with stools or chairs along one side for the patrons, behind which refreshments or meals are prepared and served.

3.

a surface for the preparation of food in a kitchen, especially on a low cabinet.

4.

anything used in keeping account, as a disk of metal or wood, used in some games, as checkers, for marking a player's position or for keeping score.

5.

an imitation coin or token.

cov·er·all [kuhv-er-awl] Show IPA

noun

1.

a loose-fitting, one-piece work garment, consisting of a trouserlike portion and a top with or without sleeves, worn over other clothing.

2.

overalls for women.

de·pot [dee-poh; Military or British dep-oh] Show IPA

noun

1.

a railroad station.

2.

a bus station.

3.

Military .

a.

a place in which supplies and materials are stored for distribution.

b.

(formerly) a place where recruits are assembled for classification, initial training, and assignment to active units.

4.

a storehouse or warehouse, as a building where freight is deposited.

5.

Physiology . a place where body products not actively involved in metabolic processes are accumulated, deposited, or stored.