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PM: "I ALWAYS SUSPECTED MR. POTATO HEAD WAS DODGEY"

PM CLAIMS TO HAVE HAD DOUBTS ABOUT MR. POTATO HEAD SINCE CHILDHOOD

In a well executed dawn raid this morning, federal and state police, assisted by the new water canon that was recently introduced to the NSW police force, stormed a Sydney garden, where it's believed that Mr. Potato Head was staying.

Police allege that Mr. Potato man was responsible for a flood of illicit drugs that have recently swept through Australia in recent months.

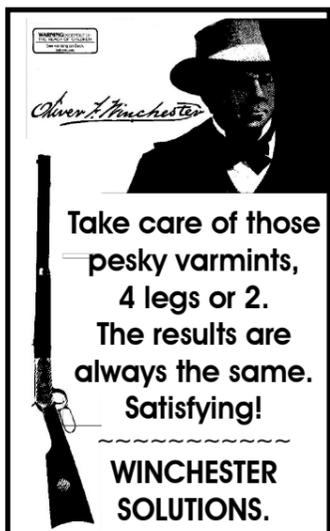
It is believed that Mr. Potato man had been assisted by an action figure accomplice known as Action Man. Both made a habit of hiding in children's bags, thus making it easier to pass through customs without declaring their hoard.

Customs officials say that thousands of dollars in import duties had been avoided during the import of the illicit drugs into the country.

The prime minister, John Howard-Ino, said that he remembers from the time he received his first toy as a child, he always suspected Mr. Potato Head as being suspicious.

"He always seemed to have a big chip on his shoulder" said Mr. Howard-Ino. "This is the main reason I stuck with Barbie dolls.

"They were much more friendlier and a lot more fun to play with" said the PM.



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Judge Roy Bean's Jersey Lilly Saloon and Courtroom in Langtry, Texas, 1837. Photo courtesy Library of Congress.

JUDGE ROY BEAN

Judge Roy Bean once killed a Mexican official in a dispute over a girl in California.

A friend of the Mexican official hanged Bean, but before he died, he was cut down by the contested damsel.

Ever after, Bean was unable to turn his head due to the injury.

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Mr Potato Head in drug bust

Article from: The Daily Telegraph
By Rhett Watson, police reporter

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The loot... what Customs found in Mr Potato Head.

MR Potato Head and Action Man have become the unwitting stooges of an Irish-based organised crime outfit trying to smuggle drugs into Australia.

Two toys have so far been caught being mailed to the same Sydney post office box in July and August.

The Mr Potato Head figurine, caught in July, was found to be concealing 290 grams of ecstasy - about 1000 tablets with a street value of \$29,000. Action Man was hiding 50 grams of cocaine.

The Australian Federal Police's acting national border manager, Commander David Stewart, said the investigation into the syndicate had gone off-shore and was dealing with the Irish authorities.

"We're not entirely satisfied that this has been a one-off and that it is Australia alone (being targeted)," he said.

The Irish connection is unusual given it is not considered a traditional supplier of ecstasy.

Police have so far been unable to trace the person who was supposed to collect the drugs from the post office box.

While the figurines were a new dimension to the trojan horse type of smuggling, Mr Stewart confirmed it was hardly new for organised crime syndicates to use the mail system as their drug mules.

Previously it has been anything from drugs concealed in the lining of suitcases to speedboats especially manufactured to allow illicit substances to be concealed in foam between fibreglass.

"They have a penchant for kids' toys at the moment," Mr Stewart said. "They will take any opportunity to get (drugs) into a country.

Borders have become no geographical boundary for these syndicates."

The Australian Customs Service finds between 175 and 200 pieces of mail containing drugs and prohibited weapons every week.

Last week it was 233 hits at the Sydney International Mail Centre, which handles 70 per cent of the country's inbound international mail.

David Laffan, who runs Customs' operation at the centre, believes a third of those hits would contain drugs.

And he said the syndicates are moving to smaller amounts of drugs in more parcels.

"They're trying to bring in smaller amounts in the hope we'll miss them but then are lots more of them," he said.

"You'll get 60 grams in one letter but then you'll start picking up similar envelopes and then you'll wind up with a total of half a kilo. "You can get 20 to 30 letters in a hit that contain drugs."