

# a yuppie in giuliani's new york /3/ cops in trouble

When I called to **inquire about** my **particular** case, I **was told** to call back later. „**Ask to** speak with Officer Kosenza.“ I **was going to** do just that **except** I didn't get a chance. Kosenza called me **himself** that night, while I **was having** dinner with my girlfriend. He **wanted me to** come to court, **right then**.

First he **sweet-talked**. („I promise I'll **have you out** of there **in** 20 minutes, Adam.“) Then he **threatened**. („If you **get pulled over while you're out of state**, the police will see you have a warrant and **throw** you in jail.“) He **ended up begging**. („Look, I **took the trouble to** call you. I thought we **had** a **deal**. You're **making** this too hard.“)

But I **was right to** be **cautious**. Gladys's **middle-aged** daughter had **connections** at the **local precinct**, so she **checked things out**. And she **discovered** that New York's cops are **in trouble**. **With** crime falling to **record lows**, it's **getting** more and more difficult for cops to „make the numbers“ that show they're **doing a good job cracking down on** crime.

Rudy would not be pleased. What to do? The answer, **it turns out**, is to **go through out-of-date** tickets that **haven't been paid**—anything they could **turn into** a „crime.“ **What they do next is** they **sweettalk** potential offenders **into turning up at** the station, fingerprint them and **lock 'em up** for **as long as** 48 hours. Gladys's friend **suggested I should get** a lawyer.