

The Speech
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A POLICEMAN (50) in the standard uniform and hat, stands behind a podium, alone. On it are notes which he occasionally looks at. In front of him is a large, still camera and a CAMERA MAN (25). Behind him is nothing.

POLICEMAN

Hello, viewers. I'm giving this television broadcast to address the drugs crimewave our country is sadly experiencing. As you may know, criminals are extremely devious and will do quite literally anything to fulfill thier goals. They might hide drugs in thier shoes, they might swallow bags of them and they may even, let's be frank, shove them up thier bums.

The POLICEMAN gives a pause for dramatic effect.

POLICEMAN

Tragically, there has also been a dramatic increase in gun crime. Again, weapons and bullets may similarly be hidden... up people's bums.

The POLICEMAN pauses again.

POLICEMAN

And finally, plans of terrorism may also be hidden...

The POLICEMAN widens his eyes.

POLICEMAN

... up people's bums! I'm glad I've educated you.

The POLICEMAN looks around the room in deep thought.

POLICEMAN

Now I'm sure lots of you are thinking 'why the preoccupation with bottoms?' I am too. However, my obsession gets taken the wrong way by many, when I keep staring at their private parts in an attempt to fight crime. I have been given three warnings and it is my regret to say, I'm also here to announce my resignation.

The POLICEMAN sheds a tear.

POLICEMAN

I'm... so sorry. I told... myself I
wouldn't cry. Can I get a tissue,
please?

A MAN (25) with long hair and in a shirt, rushes into view carrying a box of tissues. The POLICEMAN takes one and the MAN leaves. The POLICEMAN has his eyes fixed on his rear end as he does so. The POLICEMAN then nods with approval.

POLICEMAN

(to himself)

He's not a drug dealer, I'm sure.

The POLICEMAN readjusts his tie and continues.

POLICEMAN

(singing)

Bums, bums, bums. Bums, bums, bums...

The POLICEMAN slaps himself in the face.

POLICEMAN

Sorry about that. I don't know what came over me. I would also like to take this opportunity to say how grateful I am to have worked for the police. Over the years, I have seen countless crimes solved through an absolutely astonishing team effort. It is with great pride I say that I too have solved a number of cases.

The POLICEMAN blows his nose into the tissue.

POLICEMAN

I want everyone to know that I hold no ill will towards anyone in the force and even though I am now unemployed, I want you to know that I am still 100% dutiful and vigilant. To conclude, I urge everyone watching this broadcast to check everyone's bum they come across. If possible, I want you to take pictures of them too and to send them to m...

The MAN from before comes into view again and starts to pull the POLICEMAN away.

MAN

That's enough for now, sir. I think you've made your point.

The POLICEMAN resists.

POLICEMAN
(to the viewers)
You must check out people's bums! You
must!

The POLICEMAN feels his own behind with an analytical face.

POLICEMAN
(to the man, sadly)
... Do you want to check my bum?

MAN
Come on. Let's go.

The POLICEMAN looks to the floor in shame then walks with the
MAN.