

# CRIME DICTIONARY

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**crim:** criminal; criminalism; criminalist; criminalistic; criminalistics; criminality; criminally; criminaloid, criminate; crimination: criminative; criminatory; criminological; criminologically; criminology; criminous(ly);

**crime**

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the drug to its users

**crime in the suites:** play on words recalling

*crime on the streets*, referring to corporate

embezzlement, fraud and security thefts

by white-collar criminals in offices

**crime (oratory):** place where such evi-

dence as bloodied clothing, bullet frag-

ments, fingerprints, weapons, etc. are

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**Dedicated to the men and women in law enforcement who  
risk their lives and their reputations in defense of law-  
abiding citizens.**

**“...for the land is full of bloody crimes and the city is full of violence.”**

***Ezekiel 7:23***

# PREFACE

Readers may wonder why this book contains so many abbreviations unless they recall that between 10 and 20 percent of most modern communications include abbreviations, as well as acronyms, contractions, initialisms, signs and symbols referring to organizations, places and things. For more complete coverage anyone may refer to the *Abbreviations Dictionary*, now in its sixth edition, and also compiled by this author.

Definitions relating to alcoholic and narcotic addiction loom large, and were supplied in the main by the Drug Enforcement Administration of the United States Department of Justice. Some were rewritten and simplified from the many appearing in medical books and journals.

Blood brotherhoods and crime syndicates flourish almost worldwide. They, too, have their own terminology, and every attempt was made to include multilingual terms of interest to general readers as well as law-enforcement officers.

Criminal slang entries resulted from many interviews and a widespread reading of contemporary periodicals.

Historical and literary allusions are found in these pages as appropriate.

Medical and psychiatric expressions relative to criminals and their problems are explained as simply as possible.

Nicknames and shortcuts are characteristic of underground and underworld speech, and they, too, are included, along with many popular colloquialisms.

Penal institutions are often identified by their geographical place-names; these names find a place in this *Crime Dictionary*.

Terrorist groups are included because no matter how political their motives may be, it is apparent that their acts are criminal.

Underground argot and underworld jargon reflect all phases of clandestine and illicit activity.

Weaponry is included for obvious reasons.

Multilingual equivalents of common words having to do with crime, in particular with alcohol and drug abuse, are included in the section on foreign terms, because often the mere knowledge of a foreign word unlocks most interesting conversations with people we meet from other lands. Many expressions from many languages are included. The eleven most often found in this compilation include Chinese, Dano-Norwegian, Dutch, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Latin, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish. Dialects include Calo or Mexican-American, Puerto Rican Spanish and Yiddish.

Crime has been defined many times by great authors. Their works, too, have been included, in the section entitled "Selected Sources."

Perceptive readers realize that the morbid interest in crime and the lascivious taste for illicit sex have been exploited by many who fail to reveal the other side of the seemingly glittering coin, payable in addiction, affliction, disease and death.

Vice is anything but nice for its victims, although its exploiters garner great profits until they are detected, arrested, indicted, tried, convicted and imprisoned.

Finally, a contribution attesting to the popularity of criminology from the pen of a 10-year-old neighbor named Matt. His succinct, and unedited, account follows:

*"The Story of Detective Homes. Aroud 60 years ago there was a man named Homes. He was the best detetive in the whrold."*

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Contributors came from or lived in places as diverse as Algeria and Argentina, Australia and Austria, Belgium and Bolivia, Brazil and Bulgaria, Canada and Chile, China and Colombia, Costa Rica and Cuba, Cyprus and Czechoslovakia, Denmark and the Dominican Republic, Ecuador and England, France and Germany, Greece and Guatemala, Guinea and Guyana, Haiti and Hong Kong, India and Indonesia, Ireland and Italy, Jamaica and Japan, Mexico and Morocco, Nicaragua and Norway, Peru and the Philippines, Poland and Portugal, Samoa and Scotland, Singapore and South Africa, Spain and Sweden, Switzerland and Syria, Tahiti and Tonga, Trinidad and Turkey, Uganda and Uruguay, the United States and the USSR, Venezuela and Vietnam, Yemen and Yugoslavia.

Many of the best and most interesting books about crime and related topics are included in the section on selected sources. Periodicals of the greatest aid included the *Los Angeles Times*, the *New York Times*, *The Times* of London, *Time Magazine*, the *Manchester Guardian*, the *San Diego Union* and its *Evening Tribune*, the *San Francisco Chronicle*, the *New Yorker*—a gift from John and Fay Silverstein—and many clippings sent by two other old friends, K.G. and Betty Brown.

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# A

- A:** alcohol; amphetamines  
**AA:** Alcoholics Anonymous  
**AAAC:** American Association for the Advancement of Criminology  
**AAC:** American Academy of Criminalistics; American Association of Criminology  
**AACFO:** American Association of Correctional Facility Officers (q.v.)  
**AACP:** American Association of Correctional Psychologists (q.v.)  
**AAFS:** American Academy of Forensic Sciences  
**AAIAN:** Association for the Advancement of Instruction about Alcohol and Narcotics  
**AALA:** Afro-American Liberation Army (q.v.)  
**AALAPSO:** Afro-Asian-Latin American People's Solidarity Organization (q.v.)  
**AALE:** Associate of Arts in Law Enforcement  
**AALL:** American Association of Law Libraries  
**A&ES:** Arson and Explosion Squad  
**a&r:** assault and robbery  
**A-A P:** Afro-American police in the United States  
**AAPL:** Afro-American Patrolmen's League (q.v.); All-American Policemen's League  
**AAPLE:** American Academy for Professional Law Enforcement (q.v.)  
**AAPP:** American Association of Police Polygraphists (q.v.)  
**AAPRA:** All-African People's Revolutionary Army (q.v.)  
**AAPRP:** All African Peoples' Revolutionary Party (q.v.)  
**AARC:** Association for the Advancement of Released Convicts  
**AASI:** American Association for Scientific Interrogation  
**AASP:** American Association for Social Psychiatry  
**AAWA:** American Automatic Weapons Association  
**AAWS:** American Association of Wardens and Superintendents (q.v.)
- ab:** abortion (both legal and illegal abortions are so nicknamed); abscess (which can be produced by injections with unsterile hypodermic needles; abscesses are thus often observed on the limbs of drug addicts)  
**abactor:** legalism referring to a cattle thief or a horse thief  
**ABAJ:** *American Bar Association Journal*  
**abasia:** inability to walk due to hysteria or to incoordination brought about by the abuse of alcohol or other drugs  
**abbott:** nembutal sleeping tablet (nicknamed for its producer, Abbott Laboratories)  
**ABC:** Aberrant Behavior Center  
**abc (ABC):** alarms by carrier (q.v.)  
**abduct:** kidnap  
**Abe:** five-dollar bill, bearing the portrait of Abraham Lincoln  
**Abe's cabe:** slang for a five-dollar bill  
**ABLE:** Action for Better Law Enforcement; Advocates for Better Law Enforcement; Advocates for Border Law Enforcement  
**abnormal criminal:** psychopath or psychotic whose mental illness creates in him or her the potential for criminal behavior  
**A-bomb:** heroin and marijuana cigarette; opium and hashish cigarette  
**ABs:** *Autonome Brigades* (French—Autonomous Brigades) anarchist terrorists  
**abscond:** to depart from a geographical area or jurisdiction prescribed by one's parole or probation without authorization; to absent oneself intentionally or conceal oneself unlawfully to avoid a legal procedure such as appearing in court; as defined by Ambrose Bierce in the *Devil's Dictionary*, to move in a mysterious way with the property of another  
**abstinence:** habitual avoidance of alcoholic drinks and addictive drugs  
**abstinence syndrome:** symptoms resulting from withdrawal from alcohol or other drugs  
**Abu Ammar:** Yasir Arafat's pseudonym  
**abuse:** to attack physically or with words; to

- maltreat or misuse; wrongful use of alcohol, other drugs, sex, etc.
- abusive dosage:** amount of a drug needed to produce the actions and effects desired by the user; so-called because this amount is usually toxic (see also **lethal dosage**, **maximal dosage**, **minimal dosage** and **toxic dosage**)
- abusive language:** defamatory, harsh or scurrilous language
- ACA:** American Correctional Association (q.v.); Anti-Corruption Agency (Singapore); Association of Correctional Administrators
- Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences:** organization whose goal is to foster excellence in education and research concerning criminal justice; founded in 1963, it publishes the *Journal of Criminal Justice*
- ACA Directory:** *American Correctional Association Directory* of Juvenile and Adult Correctional Departments, Institutions, Agencies, and Paroling Authorities in the United States and Canada; published yearly by the American Correctional Association (q.v.)
- ACAN:** Action Committee Against Narcotics
- ACAP:** American Council on Alcohol Problems
- Acapulco gold:** high-grade golden-brown marijuana grown around Acapulco, Mexico
- ACCA:** American Correctional Chaplains Association
- accelerant:** gasoline or another highly flammable substance used by arsonists to speed up fires they have set (see also **accelerator**)
- accelerator:** fire starter used by arsonists and others; commonly used accelerators include coal oil, kerosene, gasoline or petrol, jet fuel and naphtha (see also **accelerant**)
- accessory:** anyone encouraging or inciting another (or others) to commit a felony is called an accessory before the fact; anyone concealing the fact of a crime or aiding the escape of its perpetrator (or perpetrators) is called an accessory after the fact
- accidentally on purpose:** planned to look like a real accident: *just as he stepped off the curb he was killed by a passing car, accidentally on purpose*
- acco collar:** accommodation collar (arrest made to meet an arbitrary quota)
- accommodation house:** British euphemism for a whorehouse
- accomplice:** anyone participating in a crime or advising and encouraging the commission of a crime
- account executive:** euphemism for a pimp procuring high-priced whores
- accusatorial system:** criminal law administered on the assumption that justice and truth can best be obtained by contest between the accused and the accuser
- ace:** excellent person; generous male; marijuana cigarette; one-dollar bill
- ace of spades:** underworld nickname for a widow
- ACEP:** American College of Emergency Physicians
- ACF:** Anti-Crime Foundation
- ACFSA:** American Correctional Food Service Association
- ACGLA:** Alcoholism Council of Greater Los Angeles
- aci (ACI):** adult correctional institution
- acid:** l-acetyl-d-lysergic acid diethylamide, better known as LSD-25 (q.v.)
- acid freak:** frequent user of LSD; person whose behavior is freakish as a result of using LSD
- acid funk:** LSD-induced depression
- acid head:** user of hallucinogenic drugs, such as lysergic acid diethylamide—LSD
- Acid King:** ex-Harvard professor Dr. Timothy Leary, whose writings encouraged many of his young followers and readers to experiment with LSD; more recently he has had sober second thoughts about the use of LSD and other drugs
- acid lab:** illegal laboratory producing LSD and/or other hallucinogenic drugs
- acid pads:** places where drugs are taken
- acid trip:** hallucinatory experience derived from taking lysergic acid diethylamide—LSD
- ACJ:** Arlington County Jail (in Virginia, near Washington, D.C.)
- A.C.J.:** Associate in Criminal Justice
- ACJA:** American Criminal Justice Association (q.v.)
- ACJC:** Assembly Criminal Justice Committee
- ACJHSIS:** Arkansas Criminal Justice/Highway Safety Information System
- ACJS:** Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (q.v.)
- ack:** accidentally killed (police jargon)
- ACLR:** *American Criminal Law Review*
- ACLU:** American Civil Liberties Union
- aconite:** poisonous alkaloidal depressant,

- also known as monkshood or wolfsbane, used in ancient times in China, Gaul and India as an arrow poison
- ACOP:** Association of Chief Officers of Police (in England and Wales)
- ACP:** Academy for Contemporary (Criminal) Problems; Association of Correctional Psychologists; automatic Colt pistol (designation of a cartridge of a stated caliber for use in arms chambered for one of several cartridges developed by Colt)
- acquisitive vandalism:** legal term for damage to property accompanying the looting of automatic vending machines, parking meters, telephone coin boxes, etc.; of metal from buildings and public places (see also **junk**); and of ornamental plants and shrubs
- acquittal:** judgment of a court, based on the verdict either of a judicial officer or of a jury, that a defendant is not guilty of the offense(s) for which he or she was tried
- ACR:** *American Criminal Review*
- ACSI-MATIC:** Assistant Chief of Staff—Intelligence (automatic processing system for large-scale intelligence information used by the CIA)
- action:** a piece of the action (a bit of the business); also refers to sexual intercourse
- active crowd:** police term for an angered and excited mob
- activist:** anyone—whether centrist, left-wing or right-wing—who is actively engaged in political affairs
- activity:** sexual activity
- ACTL:** American College of Trial Lawyers
- ACTO:** Advisory Council on the Treatment of Offenders
- acts of God:** occurrences beyond human control, such as blizzards, earthquakes, electrical storms, floods, violent winds, volcanic eruptions, etc.; most insurance policies do not protect the insured from acts of God; under such circumstances looting is often widespread.
- ACU:** Abused Child Unit of the Los Angeles Police Department
- ADA:** Assistant District Attorney
- Adamsite:** mob-control gas which causes nausea and severe vomiting
- ADAPCP:** Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Program
- ADCO:** Alcohol and Drug Control Office(r)
- add.:** average daily dose (medical term)
- Add-Can:** Addicts-Canada
- addict:** victim of addiction (q.v.)
- addicted infants:** narcotic addiction in infants born to morphine-dependent mothers has been known for more than a century; today addicted infants are on the increase as overall narcotic addiction is also on the increase; drug-addicted infants suffer tremors, vomiting, high-pierced crying, restlessness, frantic fist sucking, sleeplessness, sweating, fever and generalized convulsions—just like their drug-addicted mothers
- addiction:** state of chronic or periodic intoxication caused by repeated consumption of alcohol or another drug; addiction involves an overpowering need to take the drug and thus to obtain it by any means whatsoever; the level of consumption usually increases as time goes on; physiological as well as psychic (psychological) dependence, once established, has harmful effects on both the addict and society
- Addiction Research and Treatment Corp.:** drug treatment program based in Brooklyn, N.Y.
- addictive drugs:** physiologically or psychologically addictive drugs include alcohol, amphetamines, barbiturates, opiates (heroin, morphine, opium) and tranquilizers
- Adirondack:** Camp Adirondack (minimum-security prison in the Adirondack Mountains near Lake Placid, N.Y.)
- ADIT:** Alien Documentation, Identification, and Telecommunications (computer system utilized by the Immigration and Naturalization Service)
- adjudicated:** determined a delinquent, status offender or dependent in criminal or juvenile proceedings
- adjudication:** see **criminal adjudication** and **juvenile adjudication**
- adjudicatory hearing:** fact-finding process wherein a court determines whether or not there is sufficient evidence to sustain allegations made in a petition
- adjustment center:** segregated section of any prison used for the protection of inmates who refuse to be intimidated by prison gangs and cannot defend themselves adequately
- ADL:** Anti-Defamation League (B'nai B'rith)
- administrative segregation:** (penological jargon) solitary confinement
- admiralty law:** maritime law (q.v.)
- ADPRIN:** Automatic Data-Processing Intelligence Network (operated by the U.S. Bureau of Customs to foil smugglers)

**Adrian:** Girls Training School at Adrian, Mich. (holding many female juvenile delinquents)

**ADT:** American District Telegraph Security Systems (q.v.)

**adult book:** advertising euphemism for a pornographic publication—refers not only to books, but also to magazines and posters

**adult business district:** neighborhood zoned for use by such enterprises as pornographic bookstores and movie theaters, striptease cocktail bars, etc.

**adult entertainment center:** euphemism for an area catering to the sex trade through cocktail bars, massage parlors, pornographic shows and shops, X-rated motion pictures and the like; Boston's "combat zone" gives visitors the illusion that the city has legitimized alcoholism, prostitution and trafficking in dangerous drugs; mobsters admit that such areas are highly profitable for the underworld

**adult fiction:** advertising euphemism used to describe pornographic novels

**adultery:** voluntary sexual intercourse between a married man and a woman who is not his wife or between a married woman and a man who is not her husband

**adw (ADW):** assault with a deadly weapon (abbreviation appears both ways but small letters are preferable, as ADW also stands for "Air Defense Warning")

**AELE:** Americans for Effective Law Enforcement

**A-E S:** Arson-Explosion Squad (of the New York City Police Department)

**AFI:** Air Force Intelligence (including the National Reconnaissance Office); Association of Federal Investigators

**AFIO:** Association of Former Intelligence Officers (q.v.)

**AF of P:** American Federation of Police (q.v.)

**AFP:** Air Force Police; American Federation of Police (q.v.)

**African black:** African-grown marijuana

**African dominoes:** dice

**Afro-American Liberation Army:** black terrorist group active on campuses and in urban neighborhoods, including many ghettos

**Afro-American Patrolmen's League:** organization seeking to improve relationship between black citizens and police departments; publishes *Black Watch* weekly and

*National Black Police Association News* quarterly

**Afro-Asian-Latin American People's Solidarity Organization:** Cuban overseas underground

**after-hour clubs:** unlicensed and often unsafe places selling liquor after legal closing hours while pretending to be neighborhood social centers

**AG:** Attorney General

**Agaña:** Adult Correctional Facility and Community Correction Center in Agaña, Guam

**agent in place:** espionage agent having legal access to material ranging in classification from confidential to top secret

**agent of influence:** espionage agent in high places, where he or she can help formulate policies favorable to his or her backers as well as giving them valuable information

**aggravated assault:** serious bodily injury brought about unlawfully and intentionally, with or without a deadly weapon; unlawful, intentional attempt at, or threat of, serious bodily injury or death with a deadly weapon

**aggression:** behavior characterized by physical or verbal attack or both

**aggressive patrol:** police-patrol technique of stopping and questioning suspicious-seeming characters

**aggro:** aggression

**agricrime:** agricultural crime (theft of crops and/or equipment)

**A-head:** acid head (q.v.)

**AHS:** American Home Security

**AI:** Amnesty International (q.v.)

**AIB:** Assassination Information Bureau (q.v.)

**AI Car:** (traffic) accident investigation unit

**aida (AIDA):** automatic intruder-detector alarm

**AIDP:** *Association Internationale de Droit Penal* (French—International Association of Penal Law)

**AIDRB:** Army Investigational Drug Review Board

**AIDS:** Automated Identification Division System (of the FBI)

**aikido:** Japanese art of self-defense utilizing not only holds and locks, but also the opponent's momentum (to the opponent's disadvantage)

**AIM:** American Indian Movement (militant underground force)

**AIO:** Air Intelligence Organization

**A-I-P:** heroin derived from opium grown in

Afghanistan, Iran and Pakistan and usually transported via Turkey to Europe, Canada and the United States

**air bear:** police-manned helicopter

**air dance:** execution by hanging (also called the air jig, the air polka, the air rumba, etc.)

**air gun:** weapon which uses compressed air or gas to launch a bullet or other projectile

**Air Gun Museum:** see **Daisy International Air Gun Museum**

**air injec:** air injection (death brought about by injecting air into a vein)

**air interdiction:** anti-smuggling program of the U.S. Customs Service along the Mexican border

**air mail:** garbage tossed from windows

**Air Opium:** nickname of a private "airline" manned by pilots of fortune who fly opium out of Laos to other parts of the world and, more often, to rendezvousing ships, which pick up watertight bags thrown from the planes into the Gulf of Siam

**air piracy:** airplane hijacking(s)

**air pirate:** airplane hijacker

**AISA:** *Association Internationale pour la Securite Aerienne* (French—International Air Security Association)

**AJ:** Americans for Justice (q.v.)

**AJI:** American Justice Institute

**AJIS:** Automated Jail Information System

**AJJUST:** Automated Juvenile Justice System Technique (of storing criminal data for instant retrieval)

**AJS:** *American Journal of Sociology*

**aka:** also known as

**AKA:** Associated Klans of America

**AK-47:** Russian assault rifle

**Alabama State Training School:** school for female delinquents at East Lake, near Birmingham

**ALAL:** Association of Legal Aid Lawyers

**Alameda:** Alameda County Prison and Rehabilitation Center, near San Francisco

**alarms by carrier:** panic-button device alerting fire stations or police headquarters; such a system uses high frequencies, which are carried on the ordinary telephone system in the United Kingdom

**Al-Assifa:** Syrian terrorist group

**Albany:** name for prisons in the Albanys in California, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Missouri, New York, Oregon and Texas

**Albion:** Albion State Institution and Western Correctional Facility at Albion, N.Y.

**Albuquerque:** Girls Welfare Home at Albuquerque, N.M.

**alc:** alcohol; approximate lethal concentration (of a drug or poison)

**Alcatraz:** (Spanish—Albatross) island in San Francisco Bay, formerly the maximum-security penitentiary of the United States; the National Park Service conducts tours through the old cell blocks

**alcoholic:** person whose drinking habits prevent him or her from leading a useful life and often interfere with the lives of associates and family members as well as friends and neighbors; an alcoholic can be a burden to all those with whom he or she comes into contact during the destructive course of this costly habit, which is often connected with crime; after years of working with millions of alcoholics, Alcoholics Anonymous has concluded that an alcoholic is a person who can never again drink safely

**alcoholism:** the compulsive abuse of alcohol by the alcoholic, who not only has difficulty in holding a job, maintaining a family or pursuing educational plans, but often injures other people, including family members and society in general, while under the influence of alcohol

**alcoholomania:** abnormal craving for alcoholic intoxicants

**Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms:** bureau of the U.S. Treasury Department charged with the collection of specific taxes on alcohol and tobacco as well as the enforcement of laws concerning firearms and explosives

**alcoholometer:** see **drunkometer**

**Alderson:** Federal Correctional Institution at Alderson, W. Va. (for women serving lengthy sentences)

**ALECS:** Automated Law-Enforcement Communications System

**ALEOA:** American Law Enforcement Officers Association (q.v.)

**ALERT II:** Automatic Law Enforcement Response Time (computerized file on criminals kept by the Kansas City, Mo. police)

**Alexander:** Arkansas Training School for Girls at Alexander; \$10 bill

**ALF:** Arab Liberation Front (q.v.)

**Al Fatah:** Palestinian terrorist organization led by Yasir Arafat

**algolagnic:** person who derives pleasure from inflicting or suffering pain (a sadist or masochist)



**ALI:** American Law Institute

**alias:** any nickname different from a person's legal name used for an official purpose, such as cashing a check or obtaining a driver's license

**alibi:** (Latin—elsewhere) legal defense alleging that an accused person could not have committed the crime in question because he or she was somewhere other than at the scene of the crime when the crime was committed

**Alibi Ike:** nickname for anyone who always has an excuse or whose defense is that he could not have committed the crime with which he is charged because he was somewhere else at the time

**Alice B. Toklas:** marijuana-filled brownie (named for Gertrude Stein's companion, whose cookbook contains a recipe for a fudge that includes cannabis among its ingredients)

**alien:** foreign-born non-citizen, traveler or vagrant

**alienation:** social phenomenon marked by anomie, despair, loneliness, loss of values as well as beliefs, pessimism and a sense of meaninglessness and rootlessness

**alienist:** specialist in mental diseases who appears in court to testify about the mental state of a criminal or a suspect either at the time of the hearing or when the crime was committed

**All-African People's Revolutionary Army:** a communist organization

**All African Peoples' Revolutionary Party:** an organization headquartered in Washington, D.C. that has charged the CIA and FBI with murdering such African and Afro-American leaders as King and Lumumba; its posters, which demand smashing the CIA and the FBI, have been seen on many campuses where blacks are enrolled

**Allenwood:** Federal Prison Camp at Allenwood, Pa.

**alley:** corridor between rows of cells in a jail or prison

**alley cat:** streetwalker

**alley rat:** a thief

**all-night money:** standard price for sexual services rendered by prostitutes willing to stay with their customers all night

**Alpha 66:** organization dedicated to the destruction of the communist government in Cuba

**Alston Wilkes Society:** organization which aids families of inmates in South Carolina

prisons as well as inmates who are being paroled and released

**alteration of a gaming device:** a serious crime in Nevada, where there are hundreds of roulette wheels and slot machines

**amapola:** blood-red Mexican poppy from which opium and derivative opiates are extracted

**ambidexter:** attorney or juror who takes bribes from both parties involved in a lawsuit or other litigation

**ambulance chaser:** corrupt lawyer on the lookout for victims of accidents, barroom brawls and street fights where the institution of a lawsuit for costs and damages may be feasible

**Amenia:** Ameniam Center for Girls at Ameniam, N.Y.

**American Academy for Professional Law Enforcement:** organization created by the merger of the Academy of Police Science and the Law Enforcement Association

**American Association of Correctional Facility Officers:** publisher of *The Corrections Officer* newsletter

**American Association of Correctional Psychologists:** publisher of the *Journal of Criminal Justice and Behavior*

**American Association of Police Polygraphists:** organization which recognizes outstanding contributors to polygraphy; publishes *Journal* quarterly

**American Association of Wardens and Superintendents:** organization founded in 1870 as the Wardens Association of America; publishes *The Grapevine* bi-monthly

**American Correctional Association:** organization which publishes *Corrections Today* and books about correctional problems

**American Criminal Justice Association:** organization which makes annual key award recognizing outstanding attainment in criminal justice; formerly Lambda Alpha Epsilon

**American District Telegraph Security Systems:** organization founded in 1874 to provide alarms and crime detection devices for commercial, industrial and residential properties

**American Federation of Police:** 50,000-member organization; formerly United States Federation of Police; publishes *Police Times Magazine* weekly

**American Law Enforcement Officers Association:** 55,000-member organization;



- publishes *Police Times* monthly
- American Nazi Party:** group of adherents to Hitler's anti-black, anti-Semitic racial doctrines (see also **National Socialist White People's Party**)
- American Polygraph Association:** organization created by the merger of the Academy of Scientific Interrogation, the American Academy of Polygraph Examiners and the National Board of Polygraph Examiners
- Americans for Justice:** a group of urban terrorists
- American Society of Criminology:** organization formerly known as the Society for the Advancement of Criminology; publishes *Criminology* quarterly
- American tweezers:** burglar tools; jimmies
- AMI:** Associated Marine Institutes (q.v.)
- Amistad:** Amistad Reservoir on the Rio Grande near Ciudad Acuña, Mexico and Del Rio, Texas; this lake-filled international recreation area offers many opportunities for such clandestine activities as the illegal entry of aliens and narcotics
- Am J Corr:** *American Journal of Correction*
- Am L:** *American Lawyer*
- Amnesty International:** organization concerned with the release of political prisoners worldwide on a country-by-country basis
- amotivational syndrome:** general lack of any motivation and loss of personal will, rendering the victim highly prone to suggestions and manipulation by other people; sometimes evidenced in chronic drug users
- amped:** high on amphetamines or other stimulants
- amphetamines:** central nervous system stimulants producing, among other effects, anxiety, irritability, rapid heartbeat and restlessness
- amphets:** amphetamines
- amps:** ampules
- Am Soc Soc:** American Sociological Society
- amt (or AMT):** amphetamines
- anarchism:** revolutionary doctrine insisting that all government is undesirable and unnecessary; in its stead anarchists advocate free association and voluntary cooperation of groups and individuals replacing the state; anarchists are anti-capitalist and anti-communist
- anarcho-syndicalism:** revolutionary doctrine stating that the final control of society must be in the hands of the trade unions; adherents' main weapon is the general strike
- anascha:** resinous hashish grown in the Moslem areas of the southern USSR
- Anchorage:** the McLaughlin Youth Center at Anchorage, Alaska
- anfo (ANFO):** ammonium nitrate plus fuel oil (a blasting agent)
- angel dust:** the animal tranquilizer phencyclidine, called pcp or PCP, originally used by drug pushers as a substitute for tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), the active ingredient in marijuana, but now sold on its own; pcp can cause amnesia, coma, and, in the event of overdose, death
- angler:** pickpocket
- Angleton:** maximum-security prison at Angleton, Texas, south of Houston
- Anglo:** Anglo-American—person of Anglo-Saxon (as opposed to Latin or Latin-American) origin; also applied to Americans, Britons and Canadians, traditionally viewed with some distrust by many Latins and Latin Americans
- Angola:** Louisiana State Penitentiary at Angola on the Mississippi River in West Feliciana Parish; reputedly its prison administration is one of the most severe in the country
- animal crackers:** LSD-impregnated animal crackers
- animal theft:** stealing cattle, horses, poultry, rare birds, wildlife specimens and other animals
- ankle:** ankle holster
- ankles:** ankle shackles
- ankle shackles:** shackles similar to handcuffs, but heavier, that are locked around the ankles
- A-N L:** Anti-Nazi League
- Annandale:** New Jersey State Reformatory, northwest of Raritan
- anomie:** absence of any well-defined sense of right and wrong
- anomy:** absence of regard or respect for law; lawlessness
- ANP:** American Nazi Party (q.v.)
- Antabuse:** trade name for tetraethylthiuram disulfide, used in treating alcoholism; another drug, Temposil (citratated calcium carbamide), is, however, considered safer, as it is weaker
- anthropophagy:** cannibalism
- antidepressants:** antidepressant drugs prescribed to lessen severe depression; some