

Complete the text with the verbs in the green box

sent sold discovered had was wasn't tried
had arrested had arrived had made had bought
had sold

When, in 1926, a US court ¹sent a man called Arthur Ferguson to prison for five years, it ²_____ the end of an amazing criminal career. The police ³_____ him several months earlier as he ⁴_____ to sell the Statue of Liberty to an Australian tourist. After the arrest, the police soon ⁵_____ that Ferguson ⁶_____ money by selling famous buildings several times before.

Ferguson ⁷_____ in the United States from Scotland the previous year. Soon after his arrival, he ⁸_____ a luxurious house in Washington to a rich Texas farmer. But for the farmer, this ⁹_____ an ordinary house: he quickly realised that he ¹⁰_____ the White House – the home of the US president for 150 years.

Before coming to America, Ferguson ¹¹_____ Buckingham Palace, home of the English royal family, for £2,000, Big Ben for £1,000 and Nelson's Column for £6,000 – all to rich Americans who perhaps ¹²_____ more money than intelligence.