

### 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 <sup>1</sup> sent a man called Arthur Ferguson to prison for five years, it <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ the end of an amazing criminal career. The police <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ him several months earlier as he <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to sell the Statue of Liberty to an Australian tourist. After the arrest, the police soon <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ that Ferguson <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ money by selling famous buildings several times before.

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

Before coming to America, Ferguson <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 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 <sup>12</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ more money than intelligence.