

Complete the text with the verbs in the green box

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had arrested had arrived had made had bought
had sold

When, in 1926, a US court ¹ sent 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.