

Series of LWSs based on Dirty John podcast. LWS 6, mostly based on ep. Filthy.  
PART 2



JOHN with a puppy at the age of 4. "He was taught to manipulate at a very early age," his sister Karen Douvillier said.

1. Listen and do the multiple choice task

a. His father encouraged him to join

the Air Force

Witness Protection

Doctors without borders

b. John was offered a free ride through  
law school

medical school

technical school

c. So here he was, he \_\_\_\_\_ (click all the correct options)

dropped out of school

graduated high school

living here and there

tooling around

working in hospitals as orderlies

and wheeling and dealing

giving or taking

selling cocaine now

messing about

d. She says her brother was obsessed with the James Bond movies, Sean Connery's Bond,  
\_\_\_\_\_ with a license to kill.

love and beyond the door

suave and beyond the law

mauve and beyond the floor

e. He had a \_\_\_\_\_ license plate that said, \_\_\_\_\_ .

customized/PEE 007

pressurised/MEE 007

customized/MEE 007

f. It was just easier for John to just ..... (click all the correct options)

to sell Oxycotton

to speed 007

to sell cocaine

to deal with women and money and cars

to deal with cars and drugs and money

and just hustle

and just bustle

**2.Listen and fill in the gaps in the chunks\_\_\_\_\_.**

got \_\_\_\_\_ drug dealing

\_\_\_\_\_ a friend

\_\_\_\_\_ leniency

as part \_\_\_\_\_ deal

got \_\_\_\_\_ of Arts degree

he \_\_\_\_\_ law school



**CG: I found a man named Kevin Horan, who happens to be an FBI agent now, but in the fall of 1988, they were law school classmates.**

**3.A.Listen and join the collocations\_\_\_\_\_:**

his report about it at all

he had basically little old ladies

credit cards in flunked out

a roofing job card arrived

proud of the fictitious names

not sheepish many different things

a conglomeration of he never completed

he was ripping off credit card swindle

## B. Unjumble the questions and answer them:

1. /John/ when/ disappear / did/?  
\_\_\_\_\_?
2. /did get / his housemates / the answer /when/?  
\_\_\_\_\_?
3. / they see /what/ while peering / did /through the envelope?  
\_\_\_\_\_?
4. /been running scams /that John had / was it clear /why/?  
\_\_\_\_\_?
5. /with/what/ did start /the name Dirty John/?  
\_\_\_\_\_?



### 4. Listen and shadow \_\_\_\_\_

Back in Orange County, California in March 2015, the woman who had been married to John Meehan for four months, did not know all of this.

Debra Newell hadn't talked to John's law school classmates or his ex-wife or the Ohio cop. \_\_\_\_\_

Nor did she get the history of his life in crimes from his sisters. \_\_\_\_\_

But she did have a stack of documents outlining the history of arrests and restraining orders and swindles, more than enough to scare her. \_\_\_\_\_

His threatening texts amplified her fear. \_\_\_\_\_

But as he lay at Hoag Hospital in Newport Beach, his tone became conciliatory, repentant. He begged her to see him. He wanted to explain everything. \_\_\_\_\_

"I still love you and simply can't live without you. I don't want this. I want us without anyone else," John wrote. \_\_\_\_\_

"I'm flawed; I'm not easy to give up on you. When I met you, it was simply you. I helped you to get back on your feet and stood up for you. I love you and need you, please." \_\_\_\_\_

## conciliatory

adjective

UK /ken.sɪ.lɪ.ˈeɪ.ʃ(ə)/ US /ken.sɪ.lɪ.ˈeɪ.t(ə)/

showing willingness to end a disagreement, or trying to make someone less angry:

- a conciliatory gesture/remark
- The UK government was not in a conciliatory mood.