Idioms to do with crime.

(a) Match the idioms 1-15 with the correct definitions a-o.

1 a con trick	**a** (of goods) to be stolen.
2 a fence	**b** bribe someone.
3 an inside job	**c** discover someone in the act of committing a crime.
4 blow the whistle on sb/smth	**d** a dishonest trick played on someone in order to get money from them.
5 case a joint	**e** legitimize money obtained illegally.
6 catch someone red-handed	**f** publicly reveal something illegal or dishonest.
7 cook the books	**g** stealing a car and driving it, often dangerously, just for fun.
8 do a bunk	**h** examine or inspect the place you intend to rob.
9. do time	**i** someone who buys and sells stolen goods.
10 fall off the back of lorry	**j** avoid punishment completely.
11 go straight	**k** falsify a company's accounts; cheat at bookkeeping.
12 get off scot-free	**l** a crime committed by someone connected with the place or organisation where the crime took place.
13 grease someone's palm	**m** serve a prison sentence.
14 joy-riding	**n** give up a criminal way of life; not break the law again.
15 launder money	**o** disappear without telling anyone where you are going.

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(b) Complete the following sentences with a suitable idiom. Choose from the ones listed above and make changes to the verbs where necessary.

1 The police _____ the thieves _____ as they were leaving the shop through a back window.

2 The mysterious disappearance of one of the cashiers shortly after the robbery confirmed the police's suspicions that it had been an _____ .

3 He only got the contract because he _____ a government official's _____ .

4 He had been _____ for years, trying to cover up the tl0,000 he had taken from the company.

5 When Tom came out of prison after serving two years, he promised his girlfriend that he would _____ and never steal again.

6 A few years ago, my cousin _____ for fraud. He was in prison for three years altogether.

7 Don't buy those cassette recorders. If they're that cheap they must have _____ .

8 Although the police knew they had committed the crime, they couldn't prove it, so the men _____ .

9 Most bank robbers _____ thoroughly before attempting to rob it.

10 He _____ in the middle of the night to avoid paying his hotel bill.

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