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Cardboard cops against crime



We all know that speed can cause terrible accidents where people get ¹broken into/badly hurt. In Edinburgh, there's a new police officer in town,

holding a speed camera, to try and get drivers to drive more slowly. But, this police officer is ²locked/trapped to a pole by a chain – he's made of cardboard!

Scotland isn't the only place where these cut-out police officers are used. A few years ago, British police in England and Wales bought 750 cardboard cut-outs which were worth £50,000.

But are these cut-outs actually helpful in stopping ³criminals/jails? Some authorities claim that they make people feel safer, and one supermarket reported that there were 75 percent fewer ⁴trials/thefts. Others argue that the cut-out police officers are useless in preventing ⁵victims/attacks, and that money would be better spent on real emergency services jobs.

Last year, the police cut-outs became ⁶robbers/victims. A ⁷gang/witness broke in to a shopping centre and stole 20 cardboard cut-outs. It seems they got away with it because the thieves were never ⁸arrested/attacked. The only witnesses were the cut-out police themselves.