

## Tragiconsequences

I just thought I'd bring this word back to life ("tragiconsequences" was last seen being dragged from the sidewalk into a black van by two guys who looked a lot like Anderson Cooper and Brian Williams)

I see that Harvard has done away with their, or it's "caselaw" courses. Another name for caselaw; Organic Law (how can you argue against organic law, you can't!)

(Also on life-support; "mechanismo")

WASHINGTON — Federal prosecutions for serious financial crime plummeted as the nation headed toward one of the worst economic meltdowns in U.S. history, a USA TODAY examination of Justice Department records shows.

That drop in enforcement touched everything from stock-trading schemes and corporate wrongdoing to fraud aimed at individual consumers, according to the records. From the fiscal years 2003 to 2009, the number of federal corporate fraud cases plunged 55%; securities fraud charges dropped 17%; and bankruptcy fraud cases fell by 44%.

Justice Department officials, under pressure from lawmakers, have promised to reverse that trend, and have launched thousands of new criminal probes targeting financial crimes. But while the number of new cases filed in federal courts has increased slightly in recent months, it remains a fraction of what it was a few years ago.

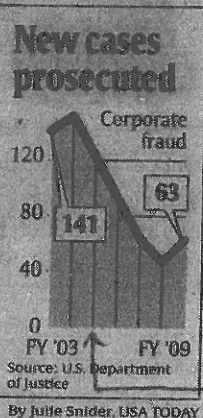
"There's no doubt that if we got started two years ago, we would have gotten a lot more of these guys. Because we didn't, there are people who are going to get away with it," said Sen. Ted Kaufman, D-Del. "We should never have left ourselves naked when it comes to financial fraud."

Associate Attorney General Tom Perrelli said federal investigators are moving as quickly as they can to prosecute crimes linked to the financial crisis. "The administration is very much focused on the prevention and deterrence side of this," he said.

Federal prosecutors charged 91 people in corporate fraud cases in the fiscal year that ended Sept. 30, Justice Department figures show. In 2003 — the first year for which reliable figures were available — they charged 313. They charged 82 people with bankruptcy fraud, fewer than before the recession caused a surge in bankruptcies.

Those figures are consistent with separate reports from the office that oversees federal courts, and from TRAC, a Syracuse University research group. The drop in enforcement came as the Bush administration pushed the FBI and federal prosecutors to focus on terrorism and national security, said Ellen Podgor, a Stetson University law professor who studies white-collar crime.

Better enforcement



Hudson fund

First Minnesota State Court shut-down ('05)

Bush waited for three years after 9/11 to focus on terrorism?

As my grandpa would say: "baloney."



# Killings will be Solved

(From an AK Newspaper)  
Fairbanks Daily News-  
Miner; & believe.

All Hutchens knows about her grown son's whereabouts that night is that he picked up Hurd from work, and then drove to North Pole to pull someone out of a ditch. He later picked up Hurd's girlfriend from work. Her shift usually ended at midnight.

A dog walker found the men's bodies near Quincy Hutchens' pickup truck on the morning of Oct. 26, 2006.

Naming a killer won't bring back her son, Deborah Hutchens said.

"Nothing is going to change whether someone is arrested or not," she said.

Hoyt is less philosophical.

"If this kid was in jail and locked up like he should have been, than (maybe) my son would still be alive," she said.

Steward's mother, who also is grieving the loss of a son, said that whatever Brandon might have been mixed up in, he paid with his life.

In the months after Quincy was slain, Deborah Hutchens said things got worse for her family before they got better. One of Hutchens' children wound up in the hospital, unable to deal with his grief. Another is in treatment as a consequence of violent-

ly losing a sibling. A third is learning to cope with multiple sclerosis.

Nick Hutchens, Quincy's 20-year-old brother, said he feared for his family in the wake of the killings. The brothers were close. In earlier years, they shot BB guns together and played cowboys and Indians.

"I didn't know what it was about," Nick Hutchens said of the killings. "I feel like whoever killed him really took something from me and my family."

In the midst of the turmoil, there was cause for hope. Deborah Hutchens met her grandson — Quincy's son — 3-year-old Cyruss. The boy never got to meet his father.

Deborah pulled a pictureboard from the top of a shelf in her living room. Cyruss pointed to a baby picture of Quincy and said, "That's Cyruss," making his grandmother smile. The father and son share many qualities, including a pointy right ear.

Cyruss' routine visits are therapeutic for the Hutchens family.

"When I see him put Hot Wheels in his Carhartts' pockets, I think that that's something that Quincy used to do," Hutchens said. "He's got the same good spirit as his dad."

Aside from acquiring a couple of rambunctious bloodhounds, the Hutchens household is relatively calm these days.

Quincy's banking lender recently mailed his mother the title to his truck, a newer model Ford Ranger. The truck, which has bullet holes, is considered evidence and authorities are holding it. The vehicle contains many of Quincy's personal belongings, including an iPod and a sword collection.

The truck and its contents will be returned to the Hutchens family after the case is closed.

"We were a close family before," Hutchens said. "We're definitely a close family now, but there's a hole. When a hole the size of this one has been ripped in a family, there is no closure. The edges will smooth with time, but they will never seal."

You're not seeing things; the editor added the "maybe" to this woman's quote. (This mother's quote)

That is dispicable.