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**EXERCISE 1****FORMAT AND COPY-EDITING SYMBOLS**

Using the proper copy-editing symbols, correct the errors in the following stories. Use the reference chart for copy-editing symbols on the inside of the front cover to help you.

Except for some obvious errors, the stories' style (the abbreviations, for example) is correct. There is one exception: You will have to form all the possessives. If you need help, see Appendix C, "Rules for Forming Possessives." Use Appendix A to check names and addresses.

1. BACKGROUND INVESTIGATIONS

for \$150, three retiree detective s will Help you investigate a potential date roommmate, em-
ploeye or anyone else you are curious about.

one year ago, the detectivrs openedBackgroundds Unlimited and, for \$150, will conduct a
basic background investigation. The investigation includes on an examinatio of an Individuals
criminal record, driving record, employment history credit historyy and educational background

"People have started coming to us, askingus to on check there spouses, tenants nannies --
anyone you nac can imagin," said Roger datolla, retired who after wworking 26 years for the
city s police department,. HIS partners, Betsy Aaron and Myron Hansen, retired after 20years
"We re friendds, and this seemed like a natural for us," Datolla said. "Were all familiar with the
routnie, and its catching on faster than we expected. Of coarse, some people want us conductt
more detailed investigations, and we chagre more for that."

Lar ge corporations ask bBackgrounds Unlimited to investigate potential employees. "They
want to find out about someone before they hire the person, before its two late,"" Datolli con-
tinued "A charming personality isn't enough these days for someone loking for a good job.
People in personnel offices realizeze they can't rely on instinct, refences, or even diplomas or
written employment histories. Its too easy to fake all that.plus, small businessses, especially,
don't have the contacts or know-how to conduct good background checks."

Aaronadded: "WE started fo off thinking almost all our worlk would be from businesses, mainly
checking on ojb applicamnts, possibly employee thefts and that type of thing. Sudenly, we re getting

other people, and that part of our business is mushrooming, almost half of what we do now. We've had mothers come in, checking on guys their daughters are dating, and couples checking on neighbors. We even had a college teacher ask us to check on a student he thought was dangerous.

2. JURY AWARD

A judge Monday ordered the city to pay \$2.8 million to Caleb Draia, a thief from Chicago shot in the back.

A police officer fired three shots at Draia, and one hit him, paralyzing him for life.

Draia admitted that he grabbed a purse from 74-year-old Celia Favata as she was returning to her car in parking lot at Colonial Mall. He pleaded guilty to a charge of robbery and was sentenced to five years in prison, a term he is now serving.

Draia's lawyer argued that the police were not justified in shooting his client in the back as he fled. A judge agreed, ruling that Draia was the victim of excessive, deadly police force.

Favata testified that she was nearly choked to death. "I tried to holler for help, and he threatened to choke me to death if I didn't shut up," she said. Her glasses were broken, her dress torn, her nose bloodied and her left arm broken when Draia threw her to the ground.

"This wasn't just a mugging," city attorney Allen Farci argued. "This was really a case of attempted murder."

After Judge Marilyn Pico announced her verdict, Favata said: "It's not right. I never got 10 cents, and now this thug gets nearly \$3 million. He deserved to be hurt."

Patrolman George Oldaker was shopping at the mall when he heard Favata's cries, and saw her lying injured on the ground. "Officer Oldaker was justified in shooting Draia because he was preventing the flight of a violent felon," the city attorney argued. "There was no other way to stop Draia, to keep from him escaping. No one knew who he was, so if he got away, chances were he'd never be CAUGHT."

Farci said he will appeal the judge's decision. "It's ludicrous," he said. "This verdict sends a message to people that you can be rewarded if anything happens to you, even if you're hurt while committing a very serious crime. He could've killed that poor old woman."