

Small Categories Series

Bail Bonds

So, OK, here's a category I can't really get excited about, but you'd be surprised at how many Bail Bond Agency covers there are! There must be a direct correlation between smoking and people who need the services of a bail bondsman! There seems to be an unusually large number of covers in this category.

The whole concept of 'bail' can be traced all the way back to early Rome's first code of laws, the Twelve Tables, and then tracked to England with the Norman Invasion in 1066 and the later development of Common Law. When the accused was released on bail, he and his sureties were said to be bound "body for body." As late as the 14th century, an English judge, after noting that bail establishes a bond between the accused and the accused's keepers, declared that if the accused escaped, the bail bondsmen would be hanged in his place! [*Ouch! Rough business!*]

Moreover, unlike almost all other categories, where new covers have substantially diminished, there still seems to be a relatively generous number of current Bail Bond Agencies which are still putting out their own covers. Again, I think there actually is a correlation between smokers and Bail Bond Agency clientele, and the Bail Bonds people know it.

The late Jo Wilding, TX, initially reported having 56 Bail Bond Agency covers in 1993, and that's the only figure I have reported for this category, but I know that 56 is really paltry for this category. Someone has hundreds at the very at least, I'm sure.

