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Bedazzled

Lesbian, 40s. She is wearing either handcuffs or the zip ties police use as handcuffs. She is speaking to a police officer.

Is it technically theft if I'm just going through the Goodwill drop-off bin looking for something that was mine to begin with?! It is? Well. I'm sorry to hear that.

Perhaps you need to understand my motivations. Intent matters, right?

Imagine you've just been through what could technically be described as a "messy break-up". I'm sure—as an officer of the law—you experience your share of interpersonal stress. People can be mean. Surely you see plenty of that. We see it to. With you guys. *(Beat)* But that's a conversation for another time.

Say an ex is trying to really yank your chain? Hypothetically. What might they do? They might take something treasured, something one-of-a-kind. Unbeknownst to the owner—in this case, me—they might toss said precious object into a Goodwill donation bin out of spite, malevolence, or a blistering ill will. And, in so doing, render that precious thing sullied, beyond redemption. Not unlike the love that once existed between them.

I had to retrieve it. I had to. This isn't theft. This is rescue. That bedazzled jeans jacket is one of a kind.