The Jester's Defense

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Yes, you can claim to be an "idiot" and walk out of almost any imaginable court scenario that doesn't involve actual harm to people or property. This is because when an idiot admits being an idiot, he cannot be held responsible and cannot be expected to make a sensible or responsible reply. There is nowhere the court can go with him and make it stick. Why? Because he's an idiot. This is also called "The Jester's Defense".

Monarchs were prevented from killing, fining, or otherwise harming Jesters under the same provisions of law.

So long as you have done no actual material harm, and stand there and claim to be an "idiot" every time the court or prosecutor addresses you, they are stuck honoring the among the oldest traditions of all law: The Jester's Defense.

As damaging as this might be to one's pride, the assurance of an almost certain dismissal of charges when faced with charges related to taxes and infractions of vehicle codes and thought crimes and small quantity marijuana possession and 80 million other such legislative horrors, it could be well worth smiling at the judge and loudly proclaiming, "I'm an idiot!" every time anyone says anything to you.

Especially for poor people and those unable or unwilling to spend large portions of their lives learning administrative and martial and international and municipal law, this particular defense strategy is very simple and very hard for any prosecutor to overcome.

It does not require you to be or claim to be an "absolute idiot" ---- like a Medieval Jester, you may be perfectly functional, witty, light on your feet, and still successfully make The Jester's Defense.

Likewise, it does not suggest mental illness, just an incapacity.

Just remember that once any questioning about pleas and so forth begins, you are limited to one reply: "I am an idiot!"

There's a popular country song right now called, "What Was I Thinking?" --- which describes a young man's response to his own behavior and risks he took to romance a certain young lady at the risk of a shotgun.

Many young men who find themselves on the short end of a situation that leaves them wondering the same thing--- what was I thinking? --- would be well-served and well-advised to just throw up their hands in front of the judge and the prosecutor and say, "I'm an idiot!"

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