	drop the charges against
to be quashed	fit a description
trace the whereabouts of sb	to be found (not) guilty of
stand trial	hand down a sentence
a spate of	handle sb's defence
to be released on bail	hardened criminal
reach a verdict	not a shred of evidence
raid	place sb under arrest
alibi	plead guilty
appeal	press charges against sb
blackmail	previous conviction for
brush with the law	protection money
cache of	to be taken into police custody
criminal record	plainclothes policeman
law-abiding citizen	pass sentence