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Senior In The Slammer - Robert Atwater

When U.S. District Judge J. Owen Foster noticed that the defendant in his courtroom had been on the lam for a dozen years, his first question was: "Where's he been?" The answer? Hiding out on the Senior PGA Tour.

Convicted felon Robert Atwater (aka, Darren Muarry) played in the 2001 SBC Senior Classic, a regular event on the senior tour. He had caddied in the tournament the previous year and conned the sponsors so well about his golf prowess that they gave him an exemption to play. Atwater wasn't just an imposter, he also was only 49 at the time, too young to play in a senior event. He finished last.

Atwater was indicted in 1990 on money laundering and drug charges, but he disappeared, spending at least some of his time as a caddie until he was caught last April. He faces a minimum of 10 years in prison, but he can look on the bright side: When Tiger Woods imposter Anthony Lemar Taylor was caught stealing \$17,000 worth of goods, he got 200 years to life.

