

Dictionary of Criminal Slang

Word	Meaning
Buffer	Dog
Bush'd	Poor – without money
Buz/the buz	To pick pockets/the game of picking pockets
Chum	A fellow prisoner
Clout	Handkerchief
Cly faker	Pickpocket
Cove/covess	The master/mistress of a house or shop
Rigging	A nautical slang for clothes
Done	Convicted
Drawing	Stealing
Feeder	Spoon
Grub	Food
Hopper-dockers	Shoes
Lamps	Eyes
Mittens	Hands
Monkey	A padlock
Oliver's up	The moon has risen
Pins	Legs
Ruffles	Handcuffs
Scot	A person of an irritable temper
Sell	To betray
Snitch	To betray your accomplice
Square	All fair, honest and upright practices
Stow it/stash it	End it
Toddle	To walk slowly
Whiddler	A talkative person can't be trusted to keep a secret.
Woolly-bird	Sheep
Yarn	Story
York	To stare or look at someone/something

