

CASE NAME: EKADVIGRAM
ATTENDING OFFICER(S): JASON LUCAS
SEATTLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
CRIME LOCATION: SEATTLE GAMWORKS

RESOLVED!



Answer: INCONSPICUOUS

- Nice with jam and bread (3) TEA
- Say it's now law (5) ENACT
- Extremely ethnocentric (6) RACIST
- Over-priced coffee with milk (5) LATTE
- Sent for the butler (4) RANG
- It's how you walk (4) GAIT
- One might be positive (3) ION
- Perceives (6) SENSES
- Lowly laborer (4) SERF
- Mock (3) APE
- Every bridge defender's goal (3) SET
- Tellers behind one's back (11) TATTLETALES
- Chain end-to-end (11) CONCATENATE
- Twisting the wash back and forth (9) AGITATING
- It might mean putting things in order (9) ARRANGING
- Events sometimes feature these unflattering artists (13) CARICATURISTS
- Those with ailments (9) SUFFERERS
- Wisdom it ain't (13) SENSELESSNESS
- Op. 20 by Beethoven, and others (7) SEPTETS
- Utterly mollify (7) APPEASE
- See-thru printer stock (7) ACETATE
- Not necessarily fact (7) OPINION

The answers form pairs wherein the length of one word is n and the length of the other word is $2n + 1$. In each pair, the longer word is anagram of the shorter word with each letter used twice, plus one extra letter. Taken in the order in which the short words occur, these pairings are:

TEA → ACETATE extra letter is C
ENACT → CONCATENATE.....extra letter is O
RACIST → CARICATURISTS extra letter is U
LATTE → TATTLETALES.....extra letter is S
RANG → ARRANGINGextra letter is I
GAIT → AGITATING extra letter is N
ION → OPINIONextra letter is P
SENSES → SENSELESSNESSextra letter is L
SERF → SUFFERERS extra letter is U
APE → APPEASEextra letter is S
SET → SEPTETS.....extra letter is P

The extra letters spell out COUSIN PLUS P.

You must now reuse the double-anagram-plus-one-letter mechanism. In this case, that means doubling the letters in COUSIN, adding the letter P, and anagramming. The result is the final answer, INCONSPICUOUS.