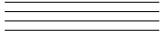


MURDER AND MAYHEM IN MIAMI



C H A S E T W I C H E L L

That's what we call the evening news.

Shootings, of course, dropping or throwing
babies from high windows, animal cruelty,

of course. But also strange crimes and actions
you'd think would be rare but are very common:

Driving a vehicle into a building.

There was a Ferrari in my bathroom.

Importing exotic wildlife,
anything endangered or rare,

especially snakes that eat live prey.

A man carried his pygmy marmoset
under his shirt through the X-ray,
insisting that all the bones

belonged to a single soul.

Sinkholes appear.

Houses disappear.

People steal ATMs
with a truck and a chain.

We're in full-blown end-of-world mind
here in Miami.

The bay licks at the lowest balconies

night after night. Already barnacles
have attached to their undersides.