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## Mr. Rooter® Plumber Recovers \$70,000 Ring

**WACO, Texas (Jan. 23, 2009)** – After a woman accidentally flushed her \$70,000 diamond wedding ring down the toilet, a Phoenix plumber made the miraculous recovery.

When *Mr. Rooter* plumber Mike Roberts got the call, he knew he had a big job in front of him - one that could save the day or really disappoint the distraught woman.

“This was going to be like dredging the ocean for a treasure chest,” Roberts said. “The sewer line was so deteriorated that flakes of the pipe and debris were littered throughout the length of the line.”

Recovering the ring was an eight-hour process that started with hundreds of toilet flushes in hopes of pushing the ring through the sewer line. When that didn’t work, Roberts removed the toilet. With no sign of the ring yet again, he put a video inspection camera down the pipe. After three hours of the camera searching the line, Roberts finally found the ring.

Because the ring was so expensive and he knew its location in the pipe, Roberts felt he couldn’t risk moving the camera another foot. He didn’t want to lose it again. The best bet of retrieving the ring was to dig up the floor.

Since this happened at a women’s restroom in a Phoenix restaurant, they got the owner’s permission to excavate the floor. Once the jack hammer did its job of breaking the concrete, Roberts used a shovel to dig the 40 inches to the sewer line. After removing a section of the sewer line, he reached inside and pulled out the ring.

“It was the most beautiful ring I had ever seen, even with all the sludge on it,” Roberts said. “We washed it off, and she put the ring back on her finger with tears of joy streaming down her cheeks. She hugged us and said thank you so much. ”

After this remarkable recovery, the woman may be thinking ‘plumbers are a girl’s best friend’ – not ‘diamonds are a girl’s best friend.’

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