

## DANGER WITHOUT INTENTIONS

During the second week of summer three of my friends and I got a Minor in Possessions. We were at Marshall Ford Marina on Lake Travis with a bottle of wine. We had been rolling rocks down into the lake when two sheriffs showed up. It was such a dumb thing to have done. None of us had had more than one sip, I had poured most of it on my toe after I had cut it open on the rocks and walked through the lake. We had come up with the idea together, on a whim, not being very smart at all. This citation could potentially keep me from being successful and achieving my goals. It could keep me from getting into the college I want to go to. It could keep me from getting my dream job. Thanks to the phenomenal Judge Bass, I have the opportunity to have this citation differ. Even though I have been forced to take Alive at 25 and Choices and Consequences, I have learned a lot from these two classes. Alive at 25 enlightened me of all the things I need to pay attention to when I am driving. Being aware of everyone and everything is so, so, so incredibly important when driving. The dangers that intoxicated drivers create are always present and I can help eliminate those dangers by being a cautious driver, not driving while I'm intoxicated and keeping others from driving while they are intoxicated. In Alive at 25 I learned how to get myself out of uncomfortable and dangerous situations when driving. The strategies that Mrs. Deborah taught our class have the potential to be applied in all aspects of my life though, and I found it to be extremely helpful. Taking that class with my peers was also very helpful because I learned that if I feel uncomfortable in any sort of situation I have the ability to speak my mind and remove myself from that situation no matter who is around, peer pressure should not affect my decision making. Choices and Consequences was extremely helpful in learning how to make appropriate decisions for different situations. The class really encouraged me to stay in school, and not skip just because I might be tired because there are only good things that can come out of going to class. The personal stories Mr. Guy shared also made the class more meaningful. Bringing in a guest speaker was a really neat opportunity because we got to see the long term consequences of the mistakes we have made now. I didn't know a lot of the consequences associated with what I did and what a lot of my peers do and Choices and Consequences brought the effects of my actions to my attention. I had no idea how unaware I was of the results of my mistakes I make right now. Getting this citation was frightening. It made me realize that what I do now will effect the rest of my life.