

“Cops are here!”

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I was sitting at home alone when I got a phone call from my buddy Chase who told me he had an open house for the weekend and was going to have a party. So naturally I told him I was going to be there because missing a party was not on my agenda at the time. I showed up early when it was just Chase and I with a couple others. We were all drinking for the most part, and it was a good time! However, that's when the others showed up. A group of unknown teens walked through the door and I could instantly tell they were trouble. There was one girl in particular (it was her birthday) who was already drunk and was being very loud. Some of the other individuals started to follow in suite and proceeded to skinny dip. Then the birthday girl started getting very... open with her body and was walking around nude in the house and even had the guts to urinate on the neighbors drive way. I thought to myself that this party could not get any worse; but clearly the night had just begun, because this was the night I received my first ticket.

This ticket could affect my ability to get a job in several ways, the main one being a concern of my responsibility. The individual who is considering hiring me may question my judgment and responsibility because of me receiving this citation. If I cannot listen to a law as clear and well known as the drinking age in Texas then he may wonder if I will listen to his rules. Now I know that I will listen to these rules and abide by them but he will not know that unless I have the chance to prove that to him but not every employer is interested in taking a chance. My goal is to become a cop one day and while this ticket will not ruin that goal but it may make it more difficult to achieve. However: unlike most people now adays who are lazy and scared of a challenge I will take it head on and conquer it.

I learned a lot from the classes I have attended. Some things that were discussed in class I have already been taught or were common sense. However, there were rules such as the possibility of receiving a DUI for caffeine that I did not know about. I knew before hand that driving under the influence of anything was bad, but after listening to the guest speakers and seeing the pictures of the crashed it was definitely drilled into my brain to never drive under the influence. Now I know that drinking and driving can lead to me being harmed in some way, but I think that it was great that the teachers also stressed that the driver is not the only person at risk. Whoever is in the car with a driver under the influence or on the road with him has their life at risk because someone made the stupid decision to drive.