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Arrive Alive Essay

I gripped her hand tighter with mine. I could feel my throat restricting as if I was being choked, but I pushed that to the back of my mind. Within seconds, I tasted salt, suddenly aware of the tears cascading from my eyes and into the corners of my mouth. Looking around, there was only white for the eye to see. In that hospital room, the only color to see was the bloodied, bruised body of my mother.

Then I woke up. I looked at the bottom of the door to my bedroom and saw that the hallway light had been turned off -- the light that we left on so my mother could see when she got home. I let out a big sigh of relief and realized I had been holding my breath since I woke up. It was also at this time that I noticed that there were actual tears streaming down my face: I had been crying in my sleep. I dried my face off and got up. I peeked open my door and went downstairs, checking the garage to find the car parked. She made it home safe. Grabbing a water bottle, I headed back to bed.

She had gone to a wedding that evening. She called my father and had revealed that she had been drinking, "I'm not drunk. I'm only a little buzzed." I remember being glad that I wasn't the one talking to her because she would not be pleased with what I had to say. Having grown up with the commercials and the advertisements, I knew that being buzzed is the same thing as being drunk. If you are buzzed, you are drunk. It was also around 9:00 at night, and she would be driving back on River road. This road already had a dangerous combination of speed and curves, but it was now dark out and she ran the risk of hitting a deer, or even perhaps something bigger.

I later talked to her about my frustrations, but she didn't fully understand. I guess it can be hard to teach an old dog new tricks. The programs implemented by businesses such as The Law Offices of Joe Bornstein helped to shape my views on driving distracted. It has provided the younger generations with the facts necessary to make the right decisions when it comes to safe driving practices. It is important to continue these campaigns in order to insure that we continue to do the same with future generations. Since our society does not make anyone retest for their driver's license once they have it, we need to ensure that we continue to guide the youth. The proverb "a leopard can't change its spots" applies to driving habits, which makes guiding kids before they begin driving imperative.