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### Be Aware

**Right turn** as I pulled out of the driveway. Seeing my neighbors dark house light up from my high beams. My focus than shifts onto the road. The road looks different tonight. Much more open and free. I felt like I was floating. I had the music blasting. Nothing could go wrong.

**Right turn** makes me slide to the left in my car. I couldn't hold onto the wheel tight enough to keep my self in place. I think to myself where do I want to go tonight. I end up landing on going to the local gas station on main street to get a snack. Sitting back in my drivers seat and getting comfortable for this short 4 minute drive.

**Left turn** was a different feeling. I could not see where I was going all of a sudden. Sitting up in my seat and opened my eyes real wide, there the road was. I got confused why I lost sight of the road their for a second. My high beams were on when I looked down to see if my lights were off, weird.

**Long straight away** means I can pick up the speed. I love driving fast late at night. Ripping 50 mph in the neighborhood isn't safe but what could go wrong. The road felt wide open. I saw a car parked on the side of the road way ahead. Than suddenly I whizzed past it just

missing the drivers side mirror by a foot. Thinking to my self how did I pass that car so quickly their was a lot of space between us. As I look down and realize i'm now going 70. I slam on the brakes because theres a stop sign ahead.

**Left turn** onto the main road. Looking to the right, not a car in sight. I look to the left. Just the red brake lights of what looks to be a ford. Pulling out of my neighborhood taking a left turn I go into the wrong lane but quickly swerving into the correct lane. I am singing my favorite songs feeling good and not a worry in the world. It is smooth sailing from here to the gas station.

**Straight away** on the main road. It is a 25 mph zone and I was making sure to go 25 mph. Keeping my eyes glued to the road and speedometer. Suddenly I see the ford brake lights turn on again. I slam on brakes and stop right behind him. Both cars just stopped in the middle of the road. The ford lights up immediately blue and red. My eyes opened.

**Swerving left and right** without hesitating I blast by the cop car and start running away. The cop on my tail. I was to young to get caught. 18 year olds don't go to jail I thought. I was laughing and shouting at the cop because he couldn't catch me. I look out the rear view mirror and I was getting away. This was exhilarating.

**Stopped** by the big oak tree on the side of the road. Car caved in and I'm trapped inside. Hearing the cop yell as he gets out of his car I take my last sip of the 12 empty beer cans sitting next to me. I was done, my life was over I knew this was a bad idea but I couldn't help it, all my

friends did it and they were fine. As I was fading in and out of being conscious, I knew this was the end of my night if not my life. As my eyes slowly close shut and heart beat slows.