

BLACK SCREEN

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Present

**ONE FRIDAY
NIGHT**

The Assignment:
Write About Your
FRIDAY NIGHT

The Assignment:
Video Tape Your
FRIDAY NIGHT

These Words are Real

These Are **Your**
Friends

Our Kids

**ONE FRIDAY
NIGHT**

The word "Friday"
stays on through this
bite.

The average age at
which young people
begin to drink is 13
years old.

Logo Title Card

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Hot Music Hit
Montgomery Friday
Night Driving
Sequence

I go to Farmington High School.

Gallup High. Cuba,

Taos. Espanola. Silver City.

Mayfield Mountainair.

Valley. El Dorado La Cueva.

Windowrock. Carlsbad.

Lordsburg High School. T or C,

Tucumcari

My name is Mark My name is Angela.

I'm Jane. My name is Juan. I'm Julie.

I'm Ann. I'm Tim. Julian,

Lea, Melissa, Seth, Daniel

I'm 15. 17. I'm 13 years old.

16. I'm 14.

11,

10. I'm 12.

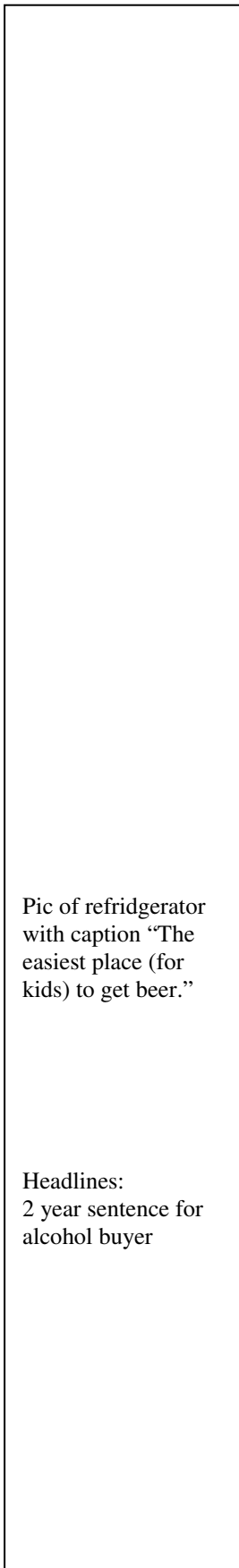
**ESSAYS PT. 1 PREPARING
FOR THE NIGHT**

Ingrid

ON Friday we were cruising when we met
these people so we cruised and hung out.

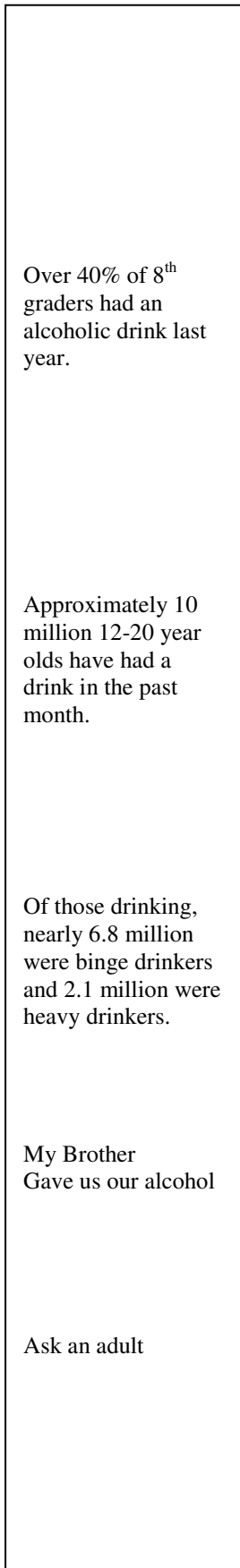
Alexandra

I told my auntie that I wanted to spend the
night at my grandma's house. So she said
"yeah." I didn't like lying to my auntie
which I did so I could go to the party.



Pic of refridgerator with caption "The easiest place (for kids) to get beer."

Headlines:
2 year sentence for alcohol buyer



Over 40% of 8th graders had an alcoholic drink last year.

Approximately 10 million 12-20 year olds have had a drink in the past month.

Of those drinking, nearly 6.8 million were binge drinkers and 2.1 million were heavy drinkers.

My Brother
Gave us our alcohol

Ask an adult

Betty

That weekend I went with my friend telling my mom that our softball team was going to have a sleep over. She believed me. When I was picked up I was really excited because this was the first real party I was going to.

Susan

It all started when I was in 8th grade. I was in a new place, new school, new home, even a new me, so I just became a rebel.

Shane

I'm getting ready about 8pm, curling my hair, putting on my make-up, and dressing to match. Call my friend to see if she is ready.

Juan

Friday and Saturday nights are the best nights of the week for teens. The work starts out in the day trying to get the money and a buyer that won't rip you off. The other hardest thing is trying to find a house

Dan

It is not hard to get alcohol if you're a teen. Everyone knows someone who will buy them alcohol.

Ed

I called my brother and asked him if he could "pull out" for me and he said it was alright. We met him back at parking lot and he gave us our alcohol that he purchased for us. He told both of us to be careful and we left.

Jesus

If I want to party and also get drunk I will ask an adult that I may know to get us or me alcohol

FELICIA'S STORY PART 1

<p>Teresa Full Screen</p> <p>Slide to Left</p> <p>Felicia pic slides in Right over text. Pics change Throughout intvs</p> <p>Intv. Slides in right side</p> <p>Full screen church sign : letterbox Continue into Bus sequence</p> <p>Squish bus sequence, Slide in Tony Left</p>	<p>Right: Teresa Holguine works in a beauty salon. Felicia is one of two daughters.</p> <p>Text under letterbox: Gabriel grew up with Felicia and considers her a cousin.</p> <p>Sonia is older than Felicia but they were close friends.</p> <p>Anna is a friend who attends Victory Love Fellowship Church</p> <p>Bottom of screen: Tony Gomez has worked at Victory Love for ____ years.</p>	<p>She kept the house bubbly. Music, She was always singing, dancing. She came home and did her chores and she know how to get her way. But she would do it and then she would tell me, “mom, can I go shopping with Josephine and her mom?” “Oh, sure.” “ You know I did all my chores.” That’s just the way she was . And if I wasn’t feeling good she’d clean and make something to eat. She’s just a good girl.</p> <p>WEST MESA INTVS. PG 1 She was just like always happy. She was always happy and singing and dancing and everything.</p> <p>WEST MESA INTVS. PG. 3 She was the only girl we let do to our hair, makeup and buy new clothes, stuff like that.</p> <p>WEST MESA INTVS. PG. 7 We met in church when I was in about sixth grade, and she was just beginning to like start ministry, helping out with the church</p> <p>WEST MESA INTVS. PG. 5 She likes to go to church with her mom and dad and help with outreach.///Victory Outreach, for kids to kids.</p> <p>TONY GOMEZ PG. 1 What we do is pick up kids that live in this area who are kind of in poverty or don’t have real parents there, even kids that do, we just get them out of their regular environment, bring them to church.</p> <p>TONY GOMEZ PG. 2 She helped me on my bus, she was always really happy, Every time I’d see her she ‘d come and give me a hug and say hi. On the bus she was really friendly with all the kids. She had a good time with them.</p>
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<p>Full screen Kids at church.</p> <p>Two angles Tony</p> <p>Slow letterbox montage of sad headlines through these bites.</p> <p>Interwoven with the sad headlines will be some school footage, hallways, classrooms...all treated.</p>	<p>Over 50% of 12th graders have been drunk in the past year.</p> <p>20% of 8th grade girls had a drink in the last 30 days.</p> <p>Girls today are four times more likely to begin drinking before age 16 than their mothers were.</p>	<p>They would always sit by her because she always sang to them. They loved to hear her sing.</p> <p>I just knew, you know, she was a good girl and knew that she loved Jesus and she was always happy. I guess she just got caught up with the wrong people.</p> <p>ESSAYS PART 2 WHY KIDS DRINK</p> <p>Gwen We're teenagers. We are expected to do things like this. We escape from everyday life which is filled with decisions, hurts, conflicts, arguments with parents, home life vs. school life.</p> <p>Doug He is always trying to give us some of his liquor. I suppose he drinks because his dad drinks.</p> <p>Melanie One time for finals just before Christmas break, my friend and I were taking our PE final. She had some hard liquor. She had just got it because it was after lunch. She told me her friend bout it for her. So I drank some with Dr. Pepper.</p> <p>Walter Several students and I ditched. We went over to my friends' house. While we were there all of my friends got messed up.</p> <p>Kedrick Sometimes he would come to school with alcohol in his bag and in the locker, but he never got caught.</p> <p>FELICIA'S STORY PART 2</p>
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<p>Full screen</p> <p>Slide right and slide in cover of beauty salon on left.</p> <p>Switch shots on Teresa</p> <p>Slide shop cover to full</p> <p>TS Teresa on last line</p> <p>Two angles Rodney</p> <p>Hard Music Hit with footage from high school “drive alongs” with cops breaking up parties.</p> <p>Some POV driving footage</p> <p>(Option: slow treated shots of trashed house after a party)</p>	<p>Bottom: Rodney Holguine works as a carpenter.</p> <p>My Parents went away for the weekend</p> <p>His Parents bought the alcohol.</p> <p>Watching them drink.</p> <p>Lack of discipline</p>	<p>TERESA PG. 2</p> <p>So after she got out of the ministry on Saturdays she’d go to the salon and help me. So she know all my clients, also.</p> <p>TERESA PG. 3</p> <p>She got up Friday morning. She has no (inaudible). She got ready. She came and kissed me. And she went off to school. And then I went to work and I worked a few hours and she called me at work. ///</p> <p>And she called me from one of her classes and asked me if... if she can go with Stephanie to spend the night. Because I had told her I wasn’t really sure... if it was okay, so she was bugging me like all day long. She really wanted to go.</p> <p>RODNEY PG. 1</p> <p>my sister called and my niece was having a slumber party. So they asked if she could go and my wife said, “don’t let her go.” And my daughter kept on saying, “please daddy, please. Let me go.”</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ESSAYS PARENTS SEQUENCE</p> <p>Paul</p> <p>I remember this one time my parents went away for the weekend and all that was left at home was me and my friend.</p> <p>Kevin</p> <p>Once when I went to a party at my friends house, his parents bought the alcohol and there was a whole bunch of parents there. My friend and I were just watching them drink. They looked like they were having fun. They were all laughing.</p> <p>Darren</p> <p>One other reason why teens turn to alcohol is because of lack of discipline from the parents. I have seen how the parents have just let their son or daughter go out and do</p>
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	<p>Everything is okay</p> <p>Going to spend the night. They didn't let me.</p> <p>Really cool guy</p> <p>Buys us beer</p> <p>No one was home.</p>	<p>whatever. The parents just think that everything is okay.</p> <p>Paulina I asked my parents if I could go with my friend only I told them I was going to go watch a movie and spend the night. They didn't let me,</p> <p>Juan My friend's dad is a really cool guy. He always lets us party at his house and always buys us beer or whatever we want on a Friday night.</p> <p>Pat I went out on a Friday night to a party. We had it at Mikes house because no one was home.</p> <p>FELICIA'S STORY PART 3</p> <p>RODNEY PG. 1 So they asked if she could go and my wife said, "don't let her go." And my daughter kept on saying, "please daddy, please. Let me go."</p> <p>TERESA PG. 3 He called me about 4:30 – 5, and I told him okay, you know, it's up to you. You know, let her go and just talk to her before she leaves. And just let her know that if she needs us to call us.</p> <p>RODNEY PG. 1 So I told her, "Okay, go ahead. You can go. So they were supposed to have ice cream and cake.</p> <p>TERESA PG. 3 And she left with them. And she called to tell me that she loved me and why, and she'd talk to me on Saturday, when she got up in the morning.</p>
<p>Two angles Rodney</p> <p>Take Teresa on one side then</p> <p>Two angles on Teresa</p> <p>Take Rodney on one side then</p> <p>Two angles on Rodney</p> <p>Two angles on Teresa, slide TS to full screen by end of bite</p>		

<p>Hard Hit Music Cruising footage, surreal look</p> <p>UNM Party footage treated.</p> <p>Teen Party footage treated.</p>	<p>Bottom: Last weekend</p> <p>Bottom: They are too immature</p> <p>Bottom: I decided</p> <p>I didn't care</p> <p>Good feeling</p> <p>Side: Americans who begin drinking before the age of 15 are four times more likely to develop alcohol dependence than those who wait until the age of 21</p> <p>Alcohol use plays a substantial role in all three leading causes of death among youth – unintentional injuries, suicides and homicides.</p>
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ESSAYS THAT NIGHT

Renee
The last party I went to was last weekend and there was drinking. It was just graduates and high schoolers drinking. We don't let junior high kids party with us no more because they are too immature.

Hewett
We just drove around the area. At one point I remember my friend throwing up out the window. I started to fall asleep but as always everyone was drinking up. So I decided to have a few more drinks. I knew it would get to me but I didn't care, it was BEER. I looked around and I remember we were driving on the wrong side of the road. I told her and she just started laughing. It is just a good feeling to be drunk and not have a care in the world about what tomorrow would be like. I had fun and I know I will continue to do so

JD
When I first started going to parties I was 9 years old. There was all kinds of alcohol. The person who bought it was our friend, Jay. I drank two beers that night.

Jennifer
So I went to this house on Friday night and everybody was drinking except for me, so I felt kind of left out, and I guess they were just drinking for the fun of it, so I decided to start drinking.

Carl
Then we had a contest of who can drink or finish their bottle all completely first. My friends finished about 45 seconds before I did but I couldn't drink as fast as I wanted. For some strange reason we didn't pass out and for fun, we rode ATV's. This one guy

<p>Full Sound Nat Frat Party street</p> <p>Slide party scene left...slide girl in Right.</p> <p>Slide second angle of girl in over party.</p> <p>Party scene full screen</p> <p>Slide party left</p> <p>Slide Frat Guy 2 in over stats</p> <p>Slide Frat Guy 1 in over Guy 2</p> <p>Full screen party</p> <p>Slide to reveal graphics</p>	<p>with his girlfriend said they could ride while she stood. We all were laughing.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AWAY FROM HOME (UNM BITES)</p> <p>Sorority Girl Frat Party pg. 2</p> <p>I think people when they come to college have these like mental images of like huge, outrageous college parties where everyone's trashed and you can't do that now because the police patrol is so tight. Like if you're going to drink heavily with lots of people you have to be quiet. You can't (inaudible) anymore because the cops come by. Like they come by and they just make the rounds every Friday night, every Saturday night and they have like their own special party patrol and they catch you. There hasn't been a party I haven't been at where they haven't like come by and (inaudible).</p> <p>Frat Guy 2 Frat Party pg. 6</p> <p>but you go into like the student ghetto which is on the other side of Central, there are about 4...there are about 4 to 5 parties going per week... on weekends, like at a single time and we're talking keggers there like (inaudible). It's a pretty grim situation.</p> <p>Frat Guy 1 Frat Party pg. 3</p> <p>) I'm a member of the designator driver program that we have here at the university. I... I participate in that and like they offer an advantage that like during (inaudible) at the end we get a free trip to Las Vegas so like I... I personally do not care to drink. But I... if I have the choice I wouldn't drink and it's just... I personally would rather be the designator driver and.. and I feel responsible</p> <p>Sorority Girl Frat Party pg. 2</p> <p>... I honestly think the kids aren't the problem in New Mexico. I think it's like middle-aged people who get trashed and ride around New Mexico. We have a reputation</p> <p>Over 60% of full-time college students have had a drink in the last 30 days.</p> <p>Over 40% of college students report they are binge drinkers.</p> <p>If I have the choice</p>	<p>with his girlfriend said they could ride while she stood. We all were laughing.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AWAY FROM HOME (UNM BITES)</p> <p>Sorority Girl Frat Party pg. 2</p> <p>I think people when they come to college have these like mental images of like huge, outrageous college parties where everyone's trashed and you can't do that now because the police patrol is so tight. Like if you're going to drink heavily with lots of people you have to be quiet. You can't (inaudible) anymore because the cops come by. Like they come by and they just make the rounds every Friday night, every Saturday night and they have like their own special party patrol and they catch you. There hasn't been a party I haven't been at where they haven't like come by and (inaudible).</p> <p>Frat Guy 2 Frat Party pg. 6</p> <p>but you go into like the student ghetto which is on the other side of Central, there are about 4...there are about 4 to 5 parties going per week... on weekends, like at a single time and we're talking keggers there like (inaudible). It's a pretty grim situation.</p> <p>Frat Guy 1 Frat Party pg. 3</p> <p>) I'm a member of the designator driver program that we have here at the university. I... I participate in that and like they offer an advantage that like during (inaudible) at the end we get a free trip to Las Vegas so like I... I personally do not care to drink. But I... if I have the choice I wouldn't drink and it's just... I personally would rather be the designator driver and.. and I feel responsible</p> <p>Sorority Girl Frat Party pg. 2</p> <p>... I honestly think the kids aren't the problem in New Mexico. I think it's like middle-aged people who get trashed and ride around New Mexico. We have a reputation</p>
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Slide party to left

“Treated” national ads for various alcoholic beverages.

Perhaps the outdoor billboards.

Perhaps our “own” beer ad that is created and treated.

New Mexico ws fourth highest (worst) in the nation for alcohol related crash fatalities in 2000.

In 2001, over 25 million Americans aged 12 or older drove under the influence of alcohol in the 12 months prior to their interview.

In 2001, Marketers of beer delivered 45% more advertising to youth than to adults in magazines.

Marketers of distilled spirits delivered 27% more advertising to youth than to adults.

Marketers of low-alcohol refreshers delivered 60% more advertising to youth than to adults.

for drunk driving and I think that’s (inaudible) for the under aged drinking

Frat Guy 1 Frat Party pg. 4
 In the state, what are we like 49 or 50 on drunk driving? I mean... but it’s ridiculous, but I don’t... I guess people don’t have anything better to do here.

Frat Guy 2 Frat Party pg. 6
 ? I would say have a mind of your own. That’s about it. Because I would say most underage drinking is like curiosity brought on by pop culture.

AD SEQUENCE

(vid of commercials as cover)

West Mesa pg. 4 Sonia
 There are so many different images for alcoholism these days, like commercials. You look sexy if you’re holding a beer or it’s cool if you’re drinking.

Seth
 All the minors got so drunk they started doing stupid things. A girl would leave with a guy not telling anybody and who knows what they did.

Ashley
 We ended up having sex in his car. I didn’t realize what I’d done until a little while after we returned back to the dance. AS the alcohol wore off, I grew angry with myself.

Thena
 I like to drink at some points, but I go for the flavors. I really don’t get down with the real hard liquor.

Patty
 I asked where she went and they told me she left with a guy. I got so scared. I heard a lot of noise. Then I saw her staggering toward us. She was laughing. She told me she slept with the guy.

Theme Music
 Slow full screen
 of Felicia's room

Slide to left,
 Rodney comes in
 1/3 right

A study of students
 18-24 found over
 70,000 were victims of
 alcohol-related sexual
 assault.

Studies have found
 that alcohol is
 involved in
 approximately half of
 all rapes.

Jessie

She told me that she didn't know where she was or who's house she was at. I mean she was crying. Well as I went to get her she was crying, I asked her what was wrong.

Riligh

It was just me, my sisters and my sister's husband. We all sat in their truck at a dance and passed around a bottle of hard lemonade.

Marie

They were all drinking and my best friend went off by herself to go to the bathroom and one of the older guys saw her. She tried to tell that guy to leave her alone but he would not. She tried to scream for help but no one could hear her.

Kitty

There were a group of guys drunk and out of control in one room. I heard a girl screaming very shrilly. I went over and it was my best friend.

Alphie

Everyone kept telling me "Take it easy", I should've listened, but I didn't. Kept right on drinking. But then something started to happen to me. I guess you can say I was having a seizure.

FELICIA'S STORY PART 4 THAT NIGHT

(Repeat Teresa End Pt. 3 full line that ends with "when she got up in the morning")

Rodney pg. 1

And the next morning, it was I'd say 10:00, I was laying on the couch. Just laying there relaxing, and the phone rang, and I answered the phone and my sister says, "something's wrong with Felicia." She says, "she's cold and she's not breathing."

<p>Cover of Teresa at work, use push to phone image.</p> <p>Side shot of Teresa, right</p> <p>Slide in the POV sequence of what ambulance folks are doing.</p> <p>Slide Rodney in on one side</p> <p>Ambulance continues surreal on the left</p> <p>Teresa side shot.</p> <p>Sonia in side</p> <p>Right side Anna</p>	<p>Info on the ambulance call, what they did to resuscitate her, how long they worked on her...where they took her...etc.</p>	<p>Teresa pg. 3 Saturday morning I got up early and went to work because I had a wedding (inaudible), so I started about 7 and I was done by 9:30 – 10. And then I got a phone call from my husband. And he said that his sister called and said that she wasn't breathing. And I said, "what do you mean she's not breathing?"</p> <p>Rodney pg. 1 And then I said, "I'll be right there." So I hung up the phone and I went straight over there. By the time I got there they were trying to bring her back.</p> <p>Teresa pg. 4 One of the ladies that worked with me drove me because I was upset. So I called Brenda on her cell phone and she said they were still at her mobile home. (inaudible) So she took me there and I went in and they wouldn't let me in that room. The paramedics were in there and they wouldn't let me in.</p> <p>Sonia West Mesa pg. 4 me and my mom were in the truck. We were like three houses down from mine and my mom was on the phone and my mom was all, she was all, "what? No way." And she started crying and I was like, I knew something else had happened. I was telling her, "what happened? What happened?" and she's all, "Felicia's dead." That's all she told me and she stayed on the phone and she just kept saying, "oh, my God, oh my God."</p> <p>West Mesa pg. 8 That morning I'd woken up and got ready and I was getting ready to go to a church gathering and my friend Delilah called me and she... she told me that Felicia was (inaudible) and so I was like, "what do you mean? Felicia?" I was like, "how could this happen?"</p>
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In New Mexico 44% of all fatal crashes in 2000 involved alcohol.

The research indicates that youth who drink frequently come from families who drink frequently.

Women metabolize alcohol differently than men and will reach higher peak blood alcohol levels drinking the same amount as men.

Over 3000 people were injured in DWI rashes during 2000 in New Mexico.

201 people died in alcohol related crashes statewide in 2001.

his room. Instead, a nurse came on the line and said, “I’m sorry dear, I don’t know how to tell you this, but / your friend / passed away earlier this morning.

My once close friend, was found fifteen feet from the car..... If alcohol wasn’t in his system, or consumed by the people around him, my friend would still be here today.

Mark
What if we all were killed, even the most horrific thing, what if I lived and all of them died. Would their parents forgive me, will my parents forgive me?

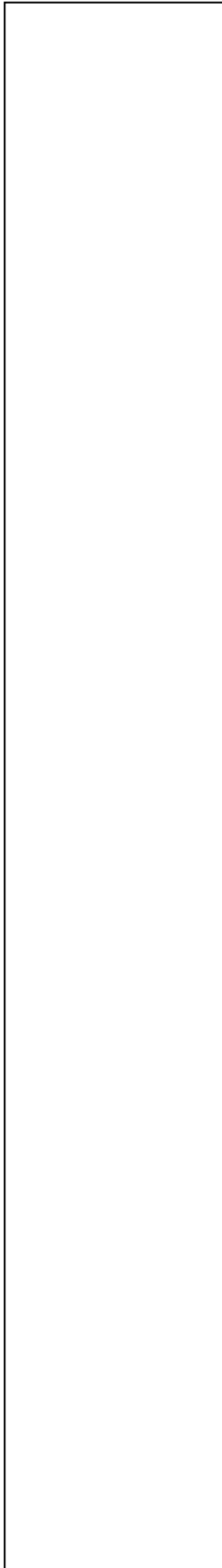
Betty
When my friend had told me it’s time to drink but I was scared so I didn’t. But my friend had started to drink and she got really bad and started to throw up. Later that night she passed away because she had too many shots. I wish we had not gone so she could have graduated. I have to live with this forever...for the rest of my life.

Katie
After my dad turned the corner, he told my mom, “look”. It was Jane’s car. From the look of it, she ran straight into a tree. The policeman told us that Jane drank two times the legal level for an adult, but Jane was only 14 years old.

Juan
Maybe this is one of the reasons people say don’t drink. It is like there is another person inside of you that comes out. This person is the very bad person and it’ll make you do thing you would never dream of doing when you are sober.

FELICIA PART 5
AFTERMATH

<p>Images from Felicia's home, pictures on one side, her room on the other.</p> <p>The family and friends looking at her old pictures while we see those pictures TS on the other side.</p> <p>Teresa in one side while above shots continue.</p> <p>Pull Teresa full screen.</p> <p>Rodney Full screen</p> <p>Felicia's room slow mo.</p>	<p>Autopsy Report: Office of the Medical Investigator: Opinion: This 14 year old teenager, Felicia Holguine, died of acute ethanol intoxication.</p> <p>She was reportedly drinking alcohol at a slumber party and was later found unresponsive on the floor of a bedroom. She was transported to a local emergency room, but was pronounced dead shortly after arrival.</p> <p>Toxicology evaluation revealed a high (0.384%) level of blood ethanol.</p>	<p>with Felicia she had a good family. Her parents are good and they tried to teach her the best that they could and she was a good person but I think it's like basically the peer pressure.</p> <p>Rodney pg. 2 I thought she was in good hands. I wasn't going to let her go. There was supposed to be cake and ice cream and something happened and it turned into liquor. My niece wanted to have some liquor for her birthday. Some guy pulled some out. That's the last we seen of her. And... parents, if you don't keep an eye on your kids, no one else will.</p> <p>Teresa pg. 4 Then they were trying to resuscitate so they wouldn't let me in the room, and I was just pacing and praying and I got this feeling inside and then they put her on a stretcher and they were taking her out. And when they brought her out that when (inaudible)... and just... she didn't look like she was alive. But she was still warm. And I just kept talking to her to come back.</p> <p>Rodney pg. 2 . You think nothing will go wrong and it does. It hits you in the face and you don't know. You don't know what's going on. You let them go somewhere and it gets out of hand. It's over and they call you and they say, "she's gone."</p> <p>Teresa pg. 4 And then (inaudible) went to the hospital and they wouldn't let me go in there so they told me go into another room and they just came out a couple of minutes later and said she was gone. And I just kind of (inaudible) and they told me it was probably alcohol poisoning</p> <p>West Mesa pg. 8</p>
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CREDITS START
DOWN ONE SIDE,

LIST OF RESOURCES
ARE ON OTHER 2/3
OF SCREEN.

people become loud and talkative.....and talkative people become quiet and observant.

I'm sure most parents know exactly what I'm saying. Come on now, you all were once teenagers. You all have experienced a taste of what we go through. You all know what happens at parties.

BUT, it's one's own choice. We all choose what we take into our bodies.

Drunkenness, hooking up, sex, fights, drunken rage, being too happy.... then sickness, throwing up, the hang over, the feeling of unmorality.

"I'll never do this again." Yeah, right. They'll be doing it again next weekend.

CREDIT AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Robert

I grabbed the bottle, closer and closer, it went to my lips, I could feel the rim of the bottle against my lips, I could taste it, I felt it going down my throat, I could hear my name being praised and chanted among them, then I heard the car door open, a hand graped the back of my shirt yanked me out, a shut the door, i looked up and it was my older cousin, he pulled me to my feet, yelling at me, threw me in his car and took me home.....I don't really see my so-called friends any more, when ever I do there either drunk, or pissed off cause they can't get drunk.

Melissa

I don't drink. I have been asked mre than a dozen times to try it, "you'll really like it," "it makes you feel good." Yes, it's very hard to say no, but I know what's right for me and also what it can do later on, the addictive part of it. I don't have to drink and get drunk to have fun.

Dave

I hung around for a few hours and went home. They asked me if I wanted a ride, but I said I'll walk home instead.

Darren

From my point of view I think they do it because they think it is a cool experience and they think that it is the only way to fit in with a group.

I also know that some of my friends and relatives abuse alcohol because that's the only way to get their minds off of worries or stress. Most of these worries are because of lack of love, lack of communication with parents, maybe there is a lost one in the family, or the parents have separated. This causes them to think that life is not worth living, therefore they turn to alcohol to get rid of worries.

Kiki

My pals were trying anxiously to make me have a drink but I thought no, it's not me. So I told them no thanks, I'll be the safety driver.

Lea

It was a Friday and I wanted to go some place and do something instead of just staying home. So I asked my mom if I could use the truck, she let me without hesitation. //Later, when the dance was over, a couple of my friends went with me in my truck and followed others to a party. At first they were playing pool and watching TV, then later they started to bring out the alcohol. Everyone drank and asked me if I wanted some. They know that I never drink so they were all watching to see if I was going to drink. I didn't feel any pressure because they didn't really force it on me. They just wanted to see if I would. All that I did was look at the drink and smelled it then passed it back. I wasn't about to try something that could ruin my

life. And I didn't want to look and act stupid.

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. I talk to them and they're like, "you want to go party?" And I'm like, "no, it's okay, I have family things to do," and it's not worth it. It's just like... ///// And like my friends are like, "oh, well, why don't you want to go?" It's like, "well, because look what it's done to everybody. Look what it's doing to people and you could just kill you and mess up your whole lives."