



D.U.I.: It's A Crime

Guidance, Driver's Ed., Social Studies

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4 30-minute programs for grades 7-12

One Year Tape and Keep Rights

Duplication Rights Included

According to a report from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, approximately 8 million of the 20.7 million students in grades 7-12 drink weekly. This series chronicles the life of a young college student from the time he casually drinks a few beers at a party to his arrest and incarceration for Driving Under the Influence of alcohol. Each video can be used independently of the others.

101. Alcohol and the Law—The program introduces Jack as a student and married family man who stops by a post-exam party and has a few beers. It is a rainy night on a dark, road as Jack drives home. He encounters a fallen boulder in front of him, swerves to avoid it and smashes into an oncoming car injuring the driver. Taken to a hospital, Jack is lectured on the effects of alcohol on the body. When a test shows 0.1% blood alcohol level in his system, Jack is arrested and goes through the arraignment process for D.U.I. and Causing an Injury.

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102. The Criminal Trial—Students follow Jack through booking and bailbonding procedures. Jack meets with a lawyer who studies the accident in an effort to determine what course of legal action should be taken. He recommends that Jack pursue a trial by jury, hoping that a jury will be sympathetic to the fact that the accident probably would have occurred anyway because of the boulder in the road and not because Jack had been drinking. The video

realistically portrays criminal courtroom procedure as the two opposing attorneys present their cases and the jury debates Jack's future. Jack is ultimately found Guilty, and the video ends with Mr. Young advising an appeal to the State Supreme Court.

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103. Criminal Appeal and Civil Trial—The appellate court has agreed to hear Jack's petition, and a hearing is in progress before the Supreme Court. The scene shifts from the Supreme Court to the preparation and enactment of a civil case brought by the injured parties, Ellen and Gary Brown. The Browns find that in order to collect damage from their automobile policy, it will be necessary for them to sue Jack. The same day Jack receives word of the civil suit, he also finds that the Supreme Court has denied his appeal from the criminal trial. The focus of the case is quite different from earlier criminal proceedings because it involves a claim for money damages. The jury awards the Browns over \$900,000.

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104. Serving Time—Jack is awaiting sentencing for his earlier criminal conviction. Although his lawyer asks for leniency, the judge sentences him to six months in jail, two years probation and 50 hours of community service. In jail, Jack is befriended by an inmate named Luther, a man who has been in and out of jails all of his life. While in jail, Jack sees his outside world fall apart. His wife loses her job, and she and their baby go to live with her parents. Just as he prepares to be released from jail thinking the worst is finally behind him, Jack gets another shock. His probation officer explains the restrictions of probation and warns him that life as a convict will not be easy. The video ends as Jack walks out of the jail and embraces his wife and parents. Heavy on his mind is the fact that the DUI experience will be with him forever as a result of one night's misjudgment.

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