



## Drunk Driving Conversation

**Joe:** [exhale] I just saw John at the store.

**Kristin:** Well what happened? You sound kind of bummed.

*busted: to get in trouble*

**Joe:** Well, he told me that Melissa just got **busted** again for drunk driving.

**Kristin:** Oh, no.

**Joe:** Yeah...

**Kristin:** That's terrible.

**Joe:** ...that's her second offense in the last year.

**Kristin:** Jeez.

**Joe:** I mean, she just.... I think that she just got finished with the court case from the last time when she got busted. And that was like, she got busted like ten months ago. She doesn't even have a license.

**Kristin:** Oh my god!

**Joe:** Yeah, I mean the first time she got...

**Kristin:** What was she thinking?

*have no idea: does not know*

**Joe:** ...busted, I **have no idea**. I mean, the first time she got busted she was, uh, she had been out drinking with some friends, y'know, at a party. And, uh, y'know, they had advised her not to drive because she had been drinking a bit too much. But, y'know, she was like, "No, no, I'm fine." So she was on her way home and, uh, y'know, she was dr-, uh, driving a little erratically. And, uh, y'know a cop saw her and y'know, **pulled her over** and smelled that she had alcohol on her breath. So, um, yeah, so that's how she got busted the first time. But this time, she's really lucky. She actually wrecked this time.

**Kristin:** Yeah,

**Joe:** And, uh...

**Kristin:** Yeah, she is lucky.



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**Joe:** ...I mean, but she's lucky that no one got hurt.

**Kristin:** Right.

**thank goodness:** to be thankful for something

**Joe:** She wa-, she actually didn't get hurt. She didn't hit anybody, **thank goodness**, and uh...

**Kristin:** Well how serious was the accident?

**totaled:** damaged so much that it cannot be driven

**Joe:** Um, well she, uh, she was apparently driving and, uh, a little too fast and, uh, y'know.... She was obviously drunk. She lost control of the car and, y'know, that was it. Y'know, it's **totaled** also. She hit into a, um, a telephone pole but thank goodness she didn't **hit it head-on**. Y'know, she just like lost control and skidded into it.

**hit (it) head-on:** hit something with the head or front first

**Kristin:** God, I just had this image of her **wrapping it around** the telephone pole.

**wrapping it around:** crashed into badly

**Joe:** Yeah, well, check this out. Jeff said he saw her out at the bar last night doing shots about an hour before she drove. He didn't even...

**Kristin:** Oh, that's smart.

**Joe:** ...think she was driving, because h-, he knows she doesn't have a-, a license.

**Kristin:** Yeah, that's really smart.

**Joe:** Yeah, I just, oh my god, I just don't even know what to say. I mean...

**rear-ended:** hit something from behind or from the back end

**Kristin:** Well, this makes me think of Matthew. Fairly recently, I can't remember if it was his second or third offense with drunk driving, but he was out at a bar one night. Left with a friend and was driving drunk. **Rear-ended** a car. Y'know I guess the car in front had come to a stop and he just plowed right into 'em. And luckily he was okay. His friend was okay. But there were three people in the car, the car that was ahead of 'em. And I think two out of the three people actually got injured.

**run-in (with the law):** to get in trouble (with the police)

**Joe:** Ugh.

**thrown in jail:** to be put in jail

**Kristin:** So, like I said, I don't remember if this was his second or third offense. But, uh, yeah, since, since he had had a **run-in with the law** prior to that he got, uh, **thrown in jail** for a year.



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**Joe:** Oh, I'm not surprised. I mean, you.... If, if you've already had one offense before, I think like it's automatic that you're gonna do jail time.

**Kristin:** Yeah. And he...

**Joe:** I mean it just depends on how much. Because, y'know, the laws vary from state to state y'know. And Melissa actually got busted for drunk driving when she was like 20 years old when she lived in Texas. Before she moved here.

**Kristin:** Oh god.

**Joe:** You think that she would have, uh, y'know, learned something from that, y'know, first event.

**Kristin:** Right, right.

**Joe:** My god.

*throw away the key: to make someone go to jail for a long time*

**Kristin:** Well, I'm surprised they didn't just **throw away the key** with Matthew. I mean he was trashed.

**Joe:** Yeah.

**Kristin:** Not only that, but, I mean, y'know.... The fact tha-, that he was so drunk, this was his second or third drunk driving offense and he actually injured people. He's lucky he didn't kill someone.

**Joe:** Yeah, I mean you don't want that on your conscience.

**Kristin:** No!

*get her off: to get her out of trouble (with the police)*

**Joe:** My gosh. Well Melissa, um, I think that, uh, uh, Jeff told me that, uh, or John said that Jeff told him that, uh.... She spoke with a lawyer. And, uh, y'know unlike last time, um, last time she was hoping her lawyer was gonna **get her off**. And it, it didn't happen because her blood alcohol level was too high. But there's no way she's gettin' off this time. I mean...

**Kristin:** No.



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**Joe:** ...she wrecked a car. And the cops came while she was still at the car. So...

**Kristin:** Oh!

**Joe:** ...they could obviously see, y'know.... They gave her a breathalyzer, but, uh...

**Kristin:** They're gonna **throw the book** at her.

**Joe:** Oh yeah, she's, she's gonna.... I mean she's got, she's looking at three to six months. She's definitely, uh, gonna **get put away** for three to six months. Yeah, because that's the law here. So...

**Kristin:** Right. If not longer.

**Joe:** Well, I, I don't know how it works. I mean, I guess sometimes they let you take these alcohol diversion classes and, uh...

**Kristin:** Oh, to lessen the time.

**Joe:** Yeah.

**throw the book at:** to make someone go to jail for a long time

**get put away:** to get put in jail