



# Learning at a Fast Pace

Name: Brady Subart

Grade: Junior

Ticket Points Before: Four

Ticket Points After: Zero

**Lesson:** Always drive like there is a cop around the corner

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On the night of November 23, 2012, junior Brady Subart departed the Mountain Vista gym and headed home after basketball practice.

Exactly one month before, Subart had received his drivers license, and like most new drivers, he was jetting around the streets at rapid paces. To Subart's disadvantage, he had to learn the lesson of speeding the hard way.

"I was driving home from practice at around 7:30 p.m." Brady said. "I always take the same route home every night. I drive down Wildcat Parkway and turn right onto Broadway. I wasn't really paying attention to my speed, and there was a cop sitting in the Living Way Fellowship Church parking lot. I flew by him and he pulled out behind me."

Brady slowed down and hoped that he would not get pulled over, but by the time he reached the Highwoods entrance the police car's blue and red lights were illuminated.

The officer walked up to Brady's window and asked, "Why are you speeding tonight?" and flashed the radar gun with a big 61 lit up. "61 mph in a 45 — that's 16 mph over, so the ticket would have been \$160 and four points," Brady said, "but the officer was really cool, and gave me the option to do 'Alive at 25.'"

The "Alive at 25" class is a driver safety course that a driver can take to learn smarter and better ways to drive. The class cost \$90, but reduced the ticket to zero dollars and zero points.

"I had to pay for the class myself, but I was really lucky because not everyone gets that option," Brady said. "The class taught me that driving really wasn't something to take lightly. It is actually really serious. You should always drive like there is going to be a cop around the corner because most of the time there is."

The fear from getting pulled over had been replaced with the fear of what his parents would do when he got home.

"I was so scared," Brady said. "I walked in and my mom asked what was in my hand and I said it was a ticket. She just gasped and told me to go talk to my dad. I went downstairs to show my dad and he flipped, like the maddest I've seen."

After a long night of arguments and fights, the next day Mr. and Mrs. Subart had settled on a suitable punishment they felt fit his crime.

"I could only use my car to drive to and from basketball and my mom tracked my miles to make sure that was all I was driving to," Brady said. "I had to take the bus to and from school. I got my iPhone taken away and had to use one of my older phones that could make phone calls. My mom deactivated/deleted my Twitter, Instagram and Facebook. I lost my Playstation, and I had to come straight home and do homework after school, and only got to watch an hour of TV a night."

The consequences went on for a solid six months. Brady's mom, Jackie Subart, said how important it was for him to learn his lesson this time. She felt that if he did not correct his reckless driving that the next time could be far worse than just a speeding ticket. "I want him alive and safe," Jackie said. She said it was a hard punishment to carry out, but it was what needed to be done for Brady's well being.

Looking back, with a year of driving under his belt, he said he now realizes that speeding is not worth it because too many things can happen.

"I don't speed as fast or as much," Brady said. "I have learned to be more of a smarter and defensive driver because you never know what other people are going to do."

"Also, just in life to appreciate everything you have because I took advantage of having a car before all of my friends, and I was just showing off and it got me in trouble. I realized that it's a privilege to have your license, not a right, and you have to earn it. Driving isn't a joke and you have to take it seriously."