

Following the Law: You Can Run, but You Can't Hide!

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Remember the little traffic violation ticket you forgot to pay? The child support payment you forgot to send in? The court appearance you failed to keep? The little warrant out for your arrest? Well, guess what folks, you might think the law has forgotten about it, but the joke will be on you! More warrants are served on traffic stops than from going to addresses with warrants. For some reason people wanted for one reason or another forget all about it when they are behind the wheel of a car. A perfect example of this - Timothy McVay. He had just planned and executed the worst crime our generation of Americans had known up to that point and he forgot that there was no license plate on his getaway car. The trooper stopped him and held him up for not having a plate, while in jail he was matched to the Oklahoma bombing by the FBI.

A police officer friend of mine, Jerry Robards, who has been an officer for over 11

years, told me about a few of his "roadside incidents". Jerry is an officer in Madisonville, KY.

Follow the Law, because it will be following you!!

"One night I got behind a small car with Ohio plates because their muffler was dragging on the ground. I pulled it over for a courtesy to inform them of the problem. There were two people in the car, one a 21-year-old male and a young lady. I figured they were married and traveling. I ran his license and it was flagged by Ohio. The girl was 15 and running away from home. The two were traveling into Madisonville and were only four miles from the guy's grandmother's house where they had planned to hide out. I arrested him for custodial interference and called the girl's parents. It took them over eight hours to get here. When I came to court, the girl's father was in the courtroom. He came up to me and handed me a card. It was a 'thank you'

card. He had also written a note in it saying how thankful he was that I had returned his daughter to them. He had tears

in his eyes as he shook my hand."

Jerry relays another incident. "Of course, on the other hand, I stopped a vehicle one night with five men in it. They all had identification except for one guy. He said that his was in a suitcase in the trunk. I got them all out one by one and checked the other guy's story and they all vouched for him. I had a bad feeling, but I didn't want to make them all wait for him to take all of the luggage out of the trunk for his license, so I sent them on their way. About an hour later, a Kentucky State Trooper pulled the same car full of guys over again. He ran a check and made the guy get his identification out of the luggage in the trunk. When it was all said and done, the guy had a murder warrant out of Texas on

him. From that night on, I have a rule. No identification on you, then you don't go anywhere until I get one. This little rule: has nabbed me more criminals than anything else. If a person doesn't have a license on him, then there has to be a problem."

Remember, you might think — you have pulled something off with not showing up for court, with writing that bad

check, with not responding to that truancy ticket you got for not sending your kid to school, but don't get pulled over for anything in your car, or be in an accident! All of these little items can and will be checked when asked for your license, and withholding your license or saying you don't have it with you will make things even worse. Using someone else's license or a false license will also count as a felony once that is discovered as well! The best thing to do, **FOLLOW THE LAW**, because it will be following you!!

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