
An Expensive Lesson

Andres spent last night visiting with his friends and got home extremely late. In the morning, he realized that he hadn't set his alarm and was late for work. He rushed to get ready and ran out to his car. In a panic, he thought about the quickest



way to get to work and stay out of morning rush hour traffic. He quickly put on his seatbelt and turned the stereo to his favourite radio station.

Andres drove dangerously, speeding and swerving in and out of traffic. He was trying to get to work as fast as he could. As he came to a yellow light, Andres sped through instead of stopping. Andres' music was so loud he didn't even hear the police siren behind him. The police chased Andres for two blocks until he noticed them in his rear view mirror. He pulled over.

The policeman came over to Andres' car and signaled for Andres to roll down his window. The policeman spoke harshly, "Sir, your drivers' license please?" Andres searched through his wallet and pockets, but he couldn't find it. "Could you please step out of the vehicle?" the policeman said. As Andres stepped out of the car he realized he had forgotten to grab his wallet. "Sir, do you know why you were pulled over?" Andres was embarrassed and looked away. "You ran a yellow light, disobeyed traffic signs and you do not have your driver's license." The policeman told Andres to wait in his car while he wrote up his tickets. "This ticket is for speeding and this one is for not having your driver's license. If you show

your driver's license at a police station within 24 hours, that ticket will be torn up." the policeman said.

Andres apologized and took the tickets. The tickets were for \$150.00 and \$172.00 He realized how careless he had been. His tickets cost him a day's worth of pay. "I've learned my lesson," he thought.