

Teens Arrested for Letting Friend Drive Drunk Before Fatal Crash

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1. Define: reckless endangerment
2. Why was the second driver charged with violating passenger restrictions for the time he was driving Modlesky, and with reckless endangerment for letting her drive herself home?
3. Was it fair to charge the first driver with violating passenger restrictions? Why or why not?
4. What does it mean to let someone drive drunk?
5. Are the boys who turned the car over to Modlesky partly responsible for her driving herself home drunk? Why or why not?
6. Generally speaking, are you responsible for a crime if you know about it and don't prevent it? Should you be legally responsible? Explain.
7. If the boys partying with Modlesky had just driven off on their own, while knowing that she planned to drive herself, would they have been legally responsible? What if they tried to convince her not to?
8. Should it make a difference, legally, that the boys drove Modlesky part of the way home and left the car to her? Should that give them more responsibility than they would have otherwise? Why or why not?
9. Suppose you were a judge who had to make a decision in this case. What would you decide? If you decided the boys were guilty of endangerment, how would you make your decision narrow enough that it applied only to situations it should apply to?

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