Incident 2

BEAT

Jess Officer 1: it was right and the end of the night shift (.) and I saw this vehicle (.) and it was (.) literally (.) text book (.) this was a drink driver

CAR

Alan Officer 2: Best...Best to have a chat with him and see what’s going on

BEAT

Alan Officer 2: There are certain people on the..on the road who..who commit offenses who try to look to commit those offenses (.) who try to risk it (.) when they think the police are..are probably at their most busiest or won’t be out and probably (.) probably sort of six or seven o’clock in the morning they think we’re all tied up with paperwork (.) or just getting ready to go home

MOTORWAY

Officer 2: Hello mate

Man In Car (MIC): Hiiiii

Officer 2: how you doing (.) Just stopped ya because you were wondering...wondering a little bit on the motorway

MIC: well (.) I as a bit tired

Officer 2: have you had a drink today

MIC: no.. yeah went to a (.) friends party and erm yeah

Offcier 2: you’ve had a drink

MIC: Yeah I’ve had a couple of drink yeah erm (inaudible)

Officer 2: OK mateJust come and have a seat in my police car for a sec

Officer 2: I think he’s had a drink he has (.) this bloke

BEAT

Officer 1: I can see straight away that he’s staggering (.) and he’s and it’s obvious that he’s had a drink

MOTORWAY (Police car)

Officer 1: Morning

MIC: alright

Officer 1: how are you

MIC: Inaudible

Officer 2: he can hardly walk

Officer 1: how much have you had to drink then

MIC: I had a couple of pints at a friends party

Officer 1: a couple

MIC: yeah

Officer 1: right

BEAT

Officer 1: I know how someone acts when they’ve (.) when there over the drink drive limit (.) I know how it smells on their breath I know how their eyes (1) are glazed (.) and you just know

MOTORWAY

Officer 1: I require you to provide me with erm a specimen of breath (.) into thee (.) road side breath test device (.) are you willing to provide that

MIC: (2) yeah

Officer 1: OK

Officer 2: Long blow (.) go on (4) keep going keep going keep going (.) what ya doing (1) ooo that was quick that was quick wasn’t it. (2) ooo FAIL

Officer 1: ok you’ve failed (.) a measurement of 56 (.) the limit is 35 so that’s er a far way above

Officer 1: what do ya do

MIC: I’m a staff nurse

BEAT

Officer 1: the job that he does I’m sure he’s dealt with a number of erm patients and victims of erm serious road collisions which erm could well have been caused by erm drink drivers (2) you know so he’s seen the other end of it (.) he’s seen the consequences of it

MOTORWAY

Officer 2: will you switch that phone off for us

MIC: alright (2) Just going to let my girlfriend know what’s happened

Officer 2: sorry

MIC: I just want.....

Officer 2: no switch your phone off please

MIC: I need to let my girlfriend know

Officer 2: Switch the phone off (1) you’re under arrest you can’t have contact with anyone (1) until we get to the police station

MIC: you haven’t arrested me you haven’t arrested me

Officer 2: yes we have arrested ya

MIC: no you haven’t

Officer 2: give me the phone

MIC: you haven’t arrested me

Officer 2: give me the phone you are not contacting anyone (.) you are under arrest

MIC: I need to let my girlfriend know

Officer 2: you can do that from the police station

Officer 2: we’ll take him to the police station and put him on a more accurate machine (.) and that’ll tell us exactly what he’s got (.) he could hardly stand up then he (.) tripped up over there (.) erm danger on the road to be honest with ya other road users (.) people like that shouldn’t be on the road (.) what’s more shocking about it than anything else is that he’s a nurse

BEAT

Officer 2: you take the risk the risk that we won’t find ya (.) and on this occasion we did so at those times you just never know where we are (.) and we could just be at the weirdest place at the weirdest time and your in the wrong place at the wrong time

Police Station

Officer 3: what do you do for a living

MIC: I work for the NHS

Officer 3: what do you do for them

MIC: I’m a deputy manager

Officer 3: right because you’ve informed me that ya (.) that you are a registered nurse (.) I have to tell you that it is a notifiable occupation and West Midlands Police may have to notify your employer of your detention.. of your arrest (.) ok

BEAT: a notifiable occupation is someone who is in a position of trust and as a member of the NHS you are one of those people (.) so therefore what would happen it (.) if you’re convicted at court or (.) infact not convicted at court when you’re arrested we will inform your employer (.) that you’ve been arrested and what the offense is

Police Station

MIC: sorry I don’t make very good entertainment (.) I’m not as dramatic as they are

Officer 1: ok you’re up (.) let’s go (.) so hold the tube here (.) and off you go when you’re ready

Officer 1: keep going keep going Keep blowing that’s it keep it going until the bar keep going that’s it

BEAT

Officer 2: totally unacceptable (.) I personally couldn’t live with myself if I (.) took someones life because I couldn’t be bothered to get a taxi home or make alternative arrangements so (.)

Station

Officer 2: The legal limit is 35 so anything above that and you’re in trouble. (.) right ok (.) because you’ve blown between 40 and 50 (.) you do have the option if you wish to do so to have it replaced by specimen of blood (.) it’s your choice

MIC: ok

Officer 2: you wanna give a specimen of blood (.) ok

Officer 1: I’ll go and let the sarge know what’s going on

Officer 2: my experience of the specimen test they all come up positive anyway so it’s a waste of time (.) you feel ya chance is wasted when you can charge them and send them to court anyway.

Officer 1: follow me please (.) sorry which cell number

Officer 3: four

Officer 1: four

Officer 1: if you could just pop your shoes off and leave them outside

Officer 1: it’s coming up to 8 o’clock in the morning (.) took the best part of two hours at the end of a 12 hour shift (.) so a 14 hour shift