



Incident: Alex and the Bicycle

Alex, 14 years old, notices an expensive mountain bike inside a partially opened garage on his way home from school. The garage faces the alley and no one seems to be around. Alex enters the garage, looks around, and decides to take the bicycle. After riding it around for a while he realizes he'd better get home. But he can't just show up with a bike that isn't his. He ditches the bike in an alley not too far from his house and then carries on.

Meanwhile, the owner of the bike has returned to his garage after going inside his house to get something to drink. He immediately notices that the bike is gone and calls the police. The police manage to recover the bike later that night. Acting on a tip, the police attend at Alex's home to question him about the incident.

The police inform Alex that he has the right to speak with a lawyer. As the police begin to ask Alex about his involvement, in the presence of both of his parents, Alex immediately confesses to having taken the bike, expresses his remorse, and acknowledges that it was a stupid thing to do.

Alex has no prior youth record. He is an average student and loves to play basketball and hockey.