



NICKEL from NICOLE

SAVING LIVES ONE "NICKEL" AT A TIME



Hi, my name is Nicole.

Did you know the #1 cause of **teenager deaths** is car accidents?





~5,000 Teens are Killed in Car
Accidents Every Year


~500,000 Teens are Injured in Car
Accidents Every Year



The causes vary, but can be categorized as:

- 1) Driver Inexperience
- 2) Driving with Teenage Passengers
- 3) Driver Distraction
- 4) Reckless Driving
- 5) Impaired Driving
- 6) Night Time Driving
- 7) Driving while Drowsy

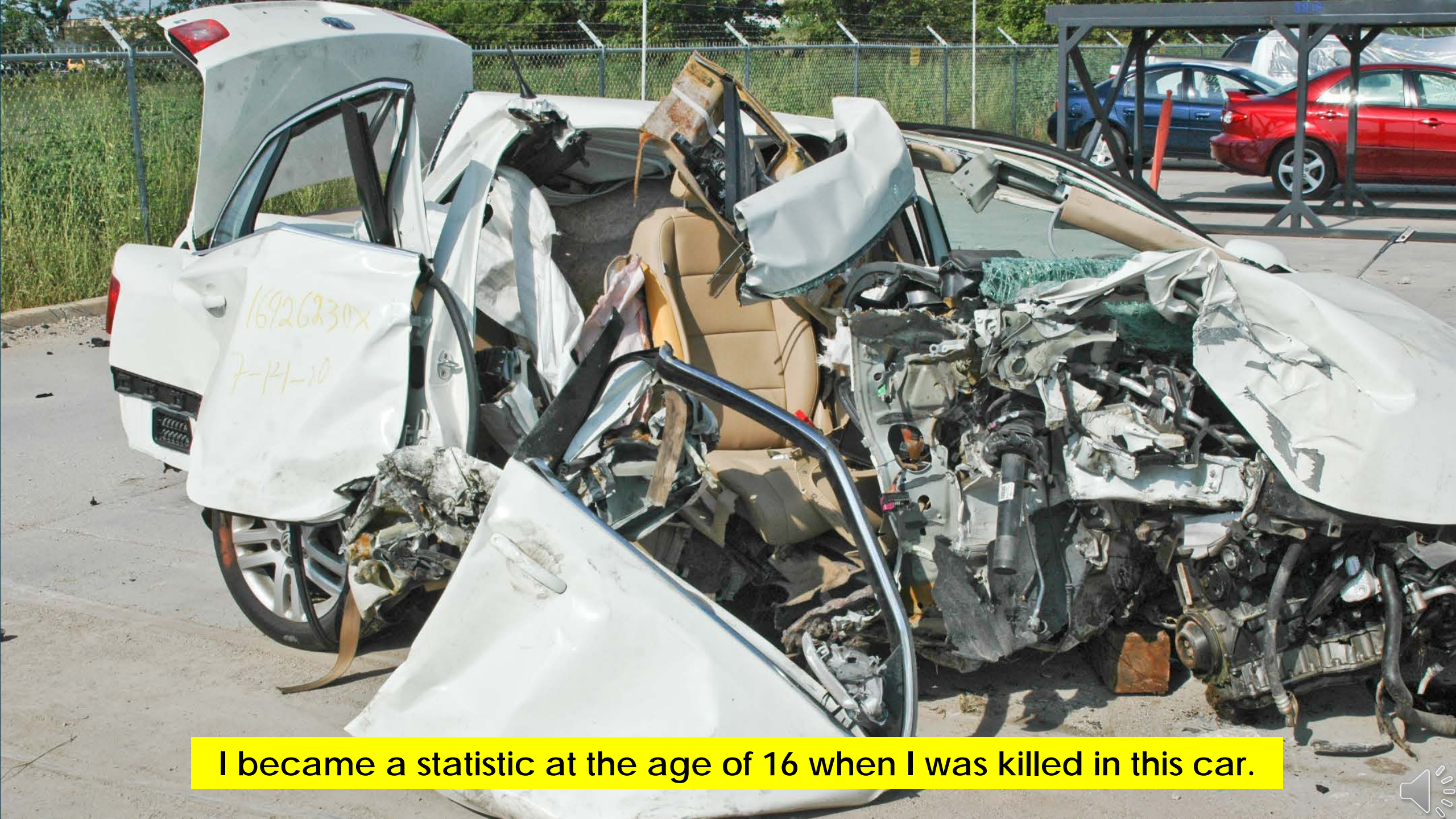




55% of the teenagers were not wearing a seatbelt at the time of death

Sadly, most of these deaths are preventable





I became a statistic at the age of 16 when I was killed in this car.



Not the actual photo



I was a passenger in a car being driven by my girlfriend, also 16. Four other cars, with 2 classmates each, were driving to our friend's 16th birthday celebration hosted by his parents.

For what ever reason, along the way my girlfriend decided she wanted to be the lead car, so she started to drive very fast trying to pass the other cars.





She lost control of the car and slammed head on into this pole at a speed of 101mph! My girlfriend survived with minor injury. I was killed instantly. I know what you're thinking, they were drinking or texting... No, we weren't. Reckless behavior and inexperienced driving skills of the driver, my girlfriend, resulted in my loss of life.



One of the other drivers that day was my friend and classmate, Lance.

Lance witnessed the horrific car crash happen.

He wrote this letter to my family telling them how we became friends and how we would hang out etc.

He wrote how cute he thought it was that I used to nickname some of my friends with a "y" at the end of their name. I called him "Lancey" (hehe).

Lance wrote that he thought he should give "me" a nickname, so he said he's going to start calling me "Nickel" since my initials were NKL (haha!!!)

He pencil shaded a Nickel on the top of the letter...



Nickel



When I saw your daughter for the first time I was scared to atleast even say hi! Her beauty was only one of her many fabulous qualities. She was a great friend. I never got to hang out with her alone to get to know eachother better. However we would hang with the group and with Hunter all the time. I always felt guilty for being the third wheel while I hung out with the two of them. But Nicole always made sure I knew she wanted me to be there with them. Nicole was a social butterfly! Everytime we saw eachother in the hall she would light up. Even if it was just a polite hello, it made my day everytime. She always seemed to put a "y" on the end of everyone's name, Like maxy or Lancey. It was a special thing to have friendship with Nicole. Oh and if you're wondering why I shaded a nickel at the top, it's because I felt I should give her a funny nickname since she called me Lancey all the time. I taped a nickel on my car radio to always ^{remember} to drive safely. Her death will save many others. Even though I don't know you guys too well, I LOVE YOU LEGROW FAMILY!!
Love,
Lance

Lance

I will keep
Hunter strong!



Lance also taped a "Nickel" to the dashboard of his car to always remember me, and to remind himself to drive safely. After seeing me die, he thought my story could save other lives.





My family started a non-profit in my memory called "Nickel from Nicole"

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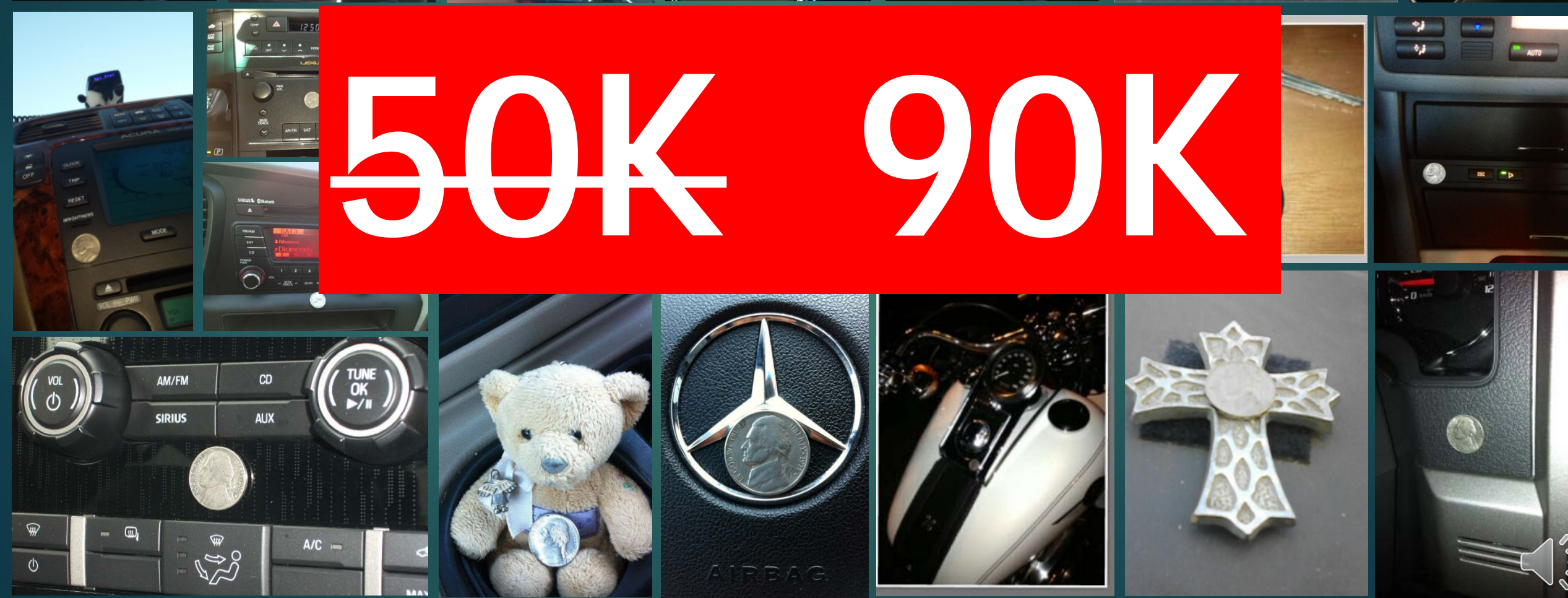
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Their hope is to make you aware of the dangers that face new teenage drivers, and the potential consequences of driving unsafe. Their wish is that you will follow Lance's lead, and place a Nickel on "your" dashboard as a constant reminder to drive safe every time you get behind the wheel of a car.





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A Nickel Card has been assembled for you, and is available for you to pick up this week. Won't you please participate and help me spread safe driving awareness?



Teen Killed in Car Crash

A 16-year-old passenger was killed and driver transported to an area hospital following a single car crash on HWY 121 Thursday. The car was traveling at an unsafe speed when the driver lost control of the vehicle and collided with a guide sign in the center median...

Nicole, "Nickel" to some of her friends, was a passenger in this car and she died July 8th. She was a responsible 16 year old who played soccer, volleyball, volunteered, worked, had a boyfriend, went to homecoming and chilled with her family and friends. She was just like you. She accepted a ride from a friend one day and now many lives are changed forever.

"Always In Our Hearts"

Attached to this card is a "Nickel" that you can stick to the dashboard of your car. Please let "Nickel" remind you to drive safely "every" time you get behind the wheel of a vehicle.

Inspired by the "Letter from Lance" (over)

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The #1 Cause of Teenage Fatalities is Vehicular Accidents

Together we can save lives one "Nickel" at a time.





Thank You



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