


Drive Fast, Better Think Fast

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Law enforcement officers, do not liked to be lied to, so tell the truth, apologize and ask for forgiveness (a warning or a lessened violation) right then and there. What's the worse that could happen, you could get a ticket... after all you are stopped for speeding. Try not to speed on a holiday weekend.

Driving my gold 2002 [Acura](#) MDX in [Virginia](#), I was speeding on a little country road. I got pulled over on my way back home from vacation and we stopped to visit my grandmother's grave. I asked the officer to please let me go because my children were tired, hungry and complaining (my son is a [Diabetic](#)) and we had come from the back road where the cemetery was, we got turned around and were going in the wrong direction. Because of all of this, I was upset and was speeding to get the children some food and check my son's sugar. The officer asked my son if it was true, he said yes, and I was given a verbal warning.

Driving my black 2006 Acura MDX in western [North Carolina](#) to [Georgia](#) on [Memorial Day](#) weekend, I was stopped doing 79 in a 55 and got a ticket with mandatory court appearance (24 miles over). In court, I explained that I thought the speed limit was 65 which was only 14 over. I asked the court to reduce it to 9 miles over since the speed limit does change on that highway. My request was granted. However, during that same trip coming back through that area I was stopped again because of speeding at 69. When I opened the glove box to get out my registration, my earlier ticket fell out. The officer asked to see it, and he saw that I had indeed slowed it down some. I asked since I had slowed it down some, could I just get a warning (with tears in my eyes). I truly think that he felt sorry for me so he gave me a written warning.

Since then, I have slowed it down more for the [safety](#) of my children and myself.

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