

then that when a youngster, and if you are going to say a youngster and adult also, is themselves speeding through a neighborhood and endangering lives, are you saying then that the police should look the other way and say, "Well, let them go and we will try to just catch the ones that are stealing cars but the ones that are really speeding just let them go."

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Higgins, it is difficult to answer a question like that but let me put it this way. Let's say that a car with a young person in it is speeding through a neighborhood endangering people. That is one fool doing ninety miles an hour. So then here comes another fool accompanied by three other cars doing a hundred miles an hour after him. So they aggravate the problem. We have to not aggravate a problem that already exists and make it worse than what it is. We have to try to keep it from escalating, and if we can at least do that, we have accomplished something. Then there are ways to apprehend a car like that without running through the neighborhood. They can notify other officers in the area description of the vehicle and what has happened and to try to get into a position to observe him when he leaves that area. And they have found, this Association of Chiefs of Police that have developed this information, they have talked to doctors and psychologists. There are a lot of people who will stop running if they perceive that they are no longer being chased, and contrary to what some people think, there are people who run when they haven't done anything. There is an example in there that I gave you in the handout where a kid saw a cruiser and thought it was going to chase him and so he ran and ran up into a yard and damaged some property and the cruiser never chased him, did not even see him. But the children see the police as enemies and they will run. Not all of them, but some will run for that purpose. If they think that the cops are not going to chase them for trivial things, a lot of them are not going to run in the first place.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Did you see the article in the World Herald several weeks ago about the fellow that chased a woman on the street with his car till she ran into a house for protection and then the idiot started ramming the house with his truck, and then when the police came, he rammed one of the police cars with the truck and he took off. Now, you know, what I am saying is, how do you tell the police when somebody is speeding or using an automobile in a dangerous manner, don't do anything. Let them go and pray to God that they don't kill anybody and they can go all night long on a tank of gas from one neighborhood to the other. I perceive the problem as you do and I don't think there is anyone in the Legislature...