

My name is Esther Martin - My <sup>adopted</sup> son Travis who turned 19 just yesterday has Tourettes Syn. Klinefelters Syn. ADD + mild MR Impulsive Disorder. He did not choose to be born with his disabilities - He has been in & out of hospitals since his 9<sup>th</sup> B-day - has finally made tremendous progress and has been living at home for the past two years now - Graduated this year from high school - has obtained his drivers license approx. 2 yrs ago; + is seeking employment.

Driving is one of the only "normal elements" of his otherwise frustrating, handicapped life -

Feb. of this yr. he was stopped by local police for running a yellow <sup>traffic</sup> light. Travis very submissively pulled over - the officer had his license, ins. card etc. - Travis panicked and pulled away from the scene and headed towards his only security (home to his parents)

What occurred next was a high-speed police chase, including state police - subsequently leading to his arrest and threats of locking him up - had the police understood

that Treois had multidisabilities and is ~~currently~~  
taking <sup>various</sup> ~~lots~~ of medications on a daily basis -  
perhaps the chase would not have occurred as it  
did -

Treois is an excellent, safe responsible  
driver and driving is so important to him  
as stated before - We are awaiting  
anxiously the outcome which is scheduled  
to go before the judge Aug. 24 -

Please help us as parents and advocates  
to provide protection from the police & those in  
authority <sup>by</sup> lack of understanding of persons with  
disabilities threatens their entire future.

We as a family have struggled so hard to  
help our son live as normal of a life as is possible.  
He has worked extremely  
hard to make the progress  
that he has made!

We pray the authorities will make  
reasonable accommodations for my son!

Thank you

Provide  
basic info on drivers  
license which would  
Alert police immed.