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Monk turns. He surveys the BUSY STREET. There's a ROAD SIGN: ~~TUNNEL - CLEARANCE 15 FEET.~~

~~MONK (CONT'D)
 He drove west. He was getting away.
 He turned around. Why would he turn
 around?~~

~~NATALIE
 Remorse? Guilt?~~

~~SAMUEL
 No. He never came back to help my
 wife. Or call for a doctor. There
 was no remorse.~~

~~Nearby: TWO TEENAGE SLACKERS are sitting on a curb. Drinking
 beers. Smoking. They're a little wasted.~~

~~Monk steps up. Natalie and Samuel follow.~~

~~MONK
 Excuse me. How are you guys doing?~~

~~FIRST SLACKER~~

~~We're living the dream.~~

stay →

MONK
Are you guys here a lot? Drinking
beers? Hangin' out? Slackin' off?

SECOND SLACKER
Slackin' off? Are you a cop?

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CUT TO:

~~MONK
 Not technically. It's a long story.~~

~~FIRST SLACKER
 We got time.~~

~~MONK
 (sighs)
 All right. I suffered what the
 doctors call a "psychotic break"...~~

~~NATALIE
 (interrupting)
 Mr. Monk. They don't care.
 (to the kids)
 There was a hit and run on James
 Street two weeks ago. Did you hear
 about it?~~

"MONK" - SECOND SLACKER

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2nd Slacker

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The Kids shake their heads. Samuel steps forward.

SAMUEL
(pleading)
It was the 17th. It was a Tuesday
night. Please. Try to remember.

pick up →

MONK
Were you guys here that night? About
8:15?

SECOND SLACKER
Probably.

MONK
Do you remember seeing a van with a
broken headlight? He was going that
way. He was doing about 85.

FIRST SLACKER
(remembering)
Wait. Yeah. Yeah! There's no
bathroom here. I was crossing the
street to use the one in that diner.
The jerk almost ran me over.
(to Second Slacker)
Remember?

SECOND SLACKER
They got a bathroom in the diner?

FIRST SLACKER
I'll never forget it, if I live to
be, like, your age. Thirty seconds
later, the same guy, the same van,
makes a U-ey and almost runs me down
again! I had to dive into some
bushes.
(to Second Slacker)
How can you not remember this?

SECOND SLACKER
(shrugging)
I got a life.

END

SAMUEL
Did you see the driver? Did you see
his face?

FIRST SLACKER
No. He was hunched over. I think
he was on a cell phone.

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