
APPENDIX A

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CFNY-FM re the *Dean Blundell Show* (“Wha’ Happened?” – Vehicle Accident)

The *Dean Blundell Show* is CFNY-FM’s (102.1 The Edge, Toronto) morning show, which airs weekdays from 5:30 to 10:00 am. It contains the usual songs, news, traffic and weather updates, and banter between the hosts, Dean Blundell, Todd Shapiro and Derek Welsman. A recurring contest on the program is called “Wha’ Happened?” Listeners call in with outrageous stories of things that have happened to them and Blundell and his crew award a prize to the one they deem the “best”.

The following “Wha’ Happened?” call was broadcast on December 5, 2011 between 7:00 and 8:00 am:

Blundell: Hi, The Edge.

caller Al: Hey, I got a good “What Happened”.

Blundell: Yeah? All right, what’s your name?

caller Al: Uh, Al.

Shapiro: Hey! Wha’ happened? Hey! Wha’ happened?

old lady’s voice: What happened?

caller Al: Ha, ha, ha, good one. Ha, ha. Right on. [laughter in background] Okay, guys, ready for this?

Blundell: Yeah!

Welsman: Oh yeah! Do it!

Blundell: Can’t wait.

caller Al: All right. Last night, it was totally trippy, man. I run over [*sic*] somebody. It was freaky. Cops were there, everything. I was so, like, tripped out and everything. And I got off lucky. I was so lucky, man.

Blundell: You ran someone over with your car?!

caller Al: Yes.

Blundell: Where?

caller Al: In Brampton.

Blundell: What happened?

caller Al: Yeah, that's it. Wha' happened?! I was at this intersection out there, way out in Sandalwood and Van Kirk up in the northwest end.

Blundell: Yeah?

caller Al: Horrible little spot. And this girl, this Newfie lady, and I think she had a little bit of the Screech into her too. That's why I got off. But she comes bookin' across this intersection, ran right across and I had no time to stop. I ploughed her with, and I drive a big monster truck too, right? And, uh, yeah, I ploughed right into her, knocked her completely, the only reason I saw her is 'cause she's wearin' all black. She had these two little puppy dogs on these, little French poodles. And I smoked this girl. And I couldn't believe it. And I thought "oh my god, I'm done! I'm done. I'm done. I'm locked up. My little insurance, everything's gonna go crazy. I'm going to be charged." The cops let me go.

Blundell: Why?

caller Al: I never got charged. I could not believe it, man.

Blundell: Why? Why didn't you get charged?

caller Al: Why didn't I get charged? I don't know. The cops said, like, how, like, "what can I charge you with?". And I'm thinkin', oh, he's going to charge me with carelessness. There was witnesses [*sic*] nearby. I wasn't goin' fast. I was only doing, like, 10 kilometres an hour.

Blundell: Did she get hurt, though? Like, can we, is, is she injured?

caller Al: Oh yeah! They took her away in an ambulance! [all laugh] Yeah!

Blundell: Five minutes into the story we find out that she's critically injured. [chuckles] Is she going to live?

caller Al: Oh yeah! I mean, like, the whole thing. Like, people are stoppin' by, like, people who have nothin' to do with the whole accident or nothin' are, like, stoppin' and comin' and callin' 911 and –

Blundell: Yeah.

Shapiro: Well, they're helpin' out, that's what they're doin'.

Blundell: They're called, they're called "good samaritans".

caller Al: She didn't even want –

Blundell: They have what's called a "conscience".

caller Al: She didn't even want to go to the hospital. She's, like, "Oh, I got some stuff back at home and [?] and the Newfie Screech is on the stove and everythin'." [Blundell chuckles] It's, like, "Oh, my goodness. Like, ma'am, can I just take you to the hospital?"

Blundell: Was she bleeding or –

caller Al: Yeah!

Blundell: – did she have any visible broken bones?

caller Al: Yeah! [hosts chuckle] Blood was coming out of the back of her head and stuff, right? [hosts laugh]

Welsman: And this happened yesterday?!

caller Al: Last night, buddy! Like, seven o'clock! [hosts laugh] Oh my god, it was crazy.

Shapiro: How were the dogs?

caller Al: Oh yeah! That was the other thing too! [???] the dogs [?]. I jump right out, I check her, she's, like, "Oh my dogs, my dogs!" And then other people are comin'. And then there's like three, four of us chasing these puppy dogs down the street, tryin' to round up her dogs like a comedy act. And then finally we get her dogs cornered, come back and she's all upset and they're distraught and people are tryin' to get her in an ambulance and everything. Oh, it was crazy. And I thought for sure I was, like, "Oh, I'm done. My life is over and everything."

Shapiro: You told us.

caller Al: Oh, dude, it was horrible. And then the cops, the cop was totally cool. He was like "This your truck?" He's like "Well, how fast were you goin'?" I was like, "Well, I was just doin' maybe, like, less than 10." He goes, "If you would've hit her hard, you would've drove right over her." I got this big ol' monster truck, right? [hosts laugh] And, uh, yeah, –

Shapiro: Oh right, I forgot about that part!

caller Al: I would've squished her like a frog!

Blundell: Hey, listen to this. I got an e-mail from J. C. He says "It's true. That intersection was closed yesterday for hours. Ambulance, police, fire, etc."

caller Al: I know! Yeah! [hosts laugh] And the cop let me go! Totally didn't even charge me!

Blundell: Yeah, you win. Congratulations. That's, uh, [celebratory music].

caller Al: I'm buyin' a lottery ticket today, buddy!

Blundell: Atta boy.

Shapiro: What, do you feel like you did something wrong, so you want to confess?!

caller Al: Ugh, no, I'm buyin' a lottery ticket. [hosts laugh] And if I win –

Blundell: If you win, you're going to have to give some of it to some lady.

Shapiro: Some Newfie.

caller Al: [laughs] Oh my god. [hosts laugh]

Blundell: [laughs] Congratulations. Todd'll tell you what you've won.

Shapiro: Yeah, man, for puttin' a lady in the hospital, we're gonna give you a, uh, [Blundell laughs] a hundred dollar McDonald's gift card. We're also going to give you Tokyo Police Club tickets and a couple different Edge Jingle Bell rock shows, one of them being Bedouin Soundcla-, S-, Soundclash and K-OS. Also Awolnation and USS.

Blundell: There you go.

caller Al: Right on. Thanks, guys. That's cool.

Blundell: All right, man. Hang in there. Congratulations. [Al giggles] Dude's laughing. [hosts laugh]