

A YUPPIE IN GIULIANI'S NEW YORK (2)

THE PINK SLIP

I am what you might call a yuppie so I've never given much thought to what it felt _____ to be on the other side of the law. So when the police finally found me, I thought there must be some mistake. Imagine how _____ I felt when I discovered what my crime was. One Saturday night, back in March, I walked out of my apartment after a barbecue, a can of beer in hand.

A twenty-something police officer _____ up out of nowhere and wrote me a ticket. He told me I was violating New York City's laws banning the public consumption of alcoholic drinks. Yeah, I probably should _____ paid it on the spot. But _____ I stuck the pink slip in my back pocket —and forgot _____ it. Until a month or so ago, that is, when some computer at police HQ spat out a list of Wanted Criminals. My name was on it.

At _____ I had good company. Lots of my friends have had similar problems lately. One tried to fight a \$20 parking ticket. _____ the time she got to court, her car had been towed away. Now she owes \$400. Another friend was pulled over for running a red light on his bicycle. He was _____ a ticket for not having a horn or a bell.

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