

# SIRENS

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Your Worst Nightmare May Come True

It was happening again. Another night where Ambulance and Police cars with sirens on would pass his house to either save someone who is in trouble or stop someone from committing a crime. He didn't care about the Ambulance, but he did care about the Police. Every night when he heard the sirens outside getting closer to his house, he would assume the Police would come and take him away.

He has had some trouble with the Police in the past. He has a criminal record. He has been arrested for domestic assault when his girlfriend was living with him at the time and the cops took him away. He was eventually convicted of his crime and sentenced to a year in prison without parole. His time in prison changed his life forever. From now on he would always be cautious whenever he saw a policeman or hear police sirens in the distance getting closer and closer to him. When he was released from prison, he went back home. Nobody else lived there.

He managed to get a job working in a factory that would be enough to pay the rent, but he didn't have much of a life except for going to work and come home and watch the evening news. There were news reports about criminals getting arrested and charged with crimes and it made him feel uncomfortable watching this kind of thing on tv. But there wasn't really anything else to watch beside sport, but he didn't care for that.

His reputation never fully recovered after he was convicted of a crime and after he was released from prison, he believed that he couldn't get away with anything without facing the consequences.

When he was tired, he would go to bed. There was creepy silence just before police sirens could be heard from a distance and that's what worried him. He knew innocent people go to jail. Sometimes the police have the wrong man, and he was hoping every time he heard the sirens that he wouldn't be in that situation. Dozens of times, the cops drove past his place with the sirens on and for a while he was starting to believe that they would never come for him ever again.

But tonight, was going to be different. He heard the police sirens, and they were getting louder as they came nearer to his house and then, suddenly, there was silence, the police sirens were turned off as a cop car pulled up outside his house. He could hear car doors opening and shutting plus someone talking on

the radio and then minutes later, there was a knock on his door. He was too scared to answer the door. But he knew it was the cops and they wanted to see him about something. This horrified him. He thought this is it. The cops were going to arrest him and take him away again. He was helpless. It was all over for him.