

Short Feature Story

"The Wrong House: A Senior Prank Turned Felony Scare"

Reagan Pastor, a University of Georgia student from Canton, GA, opens up about a terrifying experience from her days as a senior in high school. “It was insane... we went from honors students with college commitments to possibly facing felony charges and multiple years in prison.” What was intended to be an innocent senior prank turned wrong in a matter of moments.

On the night of April 22, 2023, Reagan and eight of her friends from Creekview High School decided to prank her friends’ house. With that friend's permission, they traveled together that night and completed the prank, consisting of toilet papering the house with chalk and ketchup on the yard/driveway. Unfortunately, they got only one small detail wrong. The house they were supposed to prank was 225, not 255.

After communication with the friend whose house they were supposed to prank, the group of teenagers realized their tremendous mistake. Panic set in, and they immediately attempted to return to the scene of the crime to fix the damage. However, upon arriving back to the vandalized house, they found the homeowner outside with an AR-15.

Eventually, the police were called and the teens who were above the age of 17 were arrested and taken to the county jail under felony charges. After a long night behind bars, all teens were bailed out by their parents and returned home. Thankfully after a battle in court, Pastor was pardoned of the charges under an agreement to follow her minor probation requirements.

In retrospect, Reagan did learn something from this crazy experience. “The officers at the jail are actually really fun... They seemed to think we were hilarious and made the whole experience a little bit better.” After her terrifying time in jail, Pastor is able to look back and laugh with a sense of appreciation for the people who made some of the darkest moments slightly brighter.