

ADDENDUM ESSAY SAMPLE

In or about July 2016, I carelessly threw a small plastic cup of iced coffee out of the window of a moving vehicle into a group of teenagers. The plastic container struck one of the teens in the head, causing minor injuries. The teen had a small circular mark around his eyes from his glasses, hitting his face because of the cup that I threw. In August 2016, in an effort to take responsibility for my actions, I gave the utmost honest statement based on my recollection of the events to local police. On that same day, I was issued a summons to appear in court for charges under Penal Law 120.00 02 Third Degree Assault for recklessly causing physical injury to another person. After speaking to Judge with my lawyer on multiple occasions and providing him with all the information requested, I was offered an Adjournment Contemplation of Dismissal under Civil Practice Law (CPL) Section 170.55. The court agreed that if I completed seventy hours of community service and was not arrested or issued a summons within the next six months, my case would be dismissed. I humbly obliged this offer and immediately fulfilled my court-ordered restitution. The case pending against me was subsequently dismissed six months later.

My actions were inexcusable. I made a decision without taking the time to think about how my actions could negatively affect others. I never meant to hurt anyone when I threw the cup of iced coffee out the window. I had no malicious intent. I was not aiming for anyone or attempting to strike anyone. I just threw an object out the window into a group of teenagers without even thinking about what might happen. It was an awful mistake that resulted in the minor injury of someone I had never met before. I would never intentionally harm anyone. I regret my decision wholeheartedly and I am certain that this mistake or any mistake that harms someone in any way will never be repeated. I have learned from this mistake that my actions, even if I believe them to be benign at the time, have ramifications beyond what I may perceive. Rest assured that this issue is the only issue that will ever cast any doubt on my character and fitness for as long as I shall live.

That experience has taught me that it is very important to obey the law, focus on school, and improve my decision making as it would prove valuable to my future career. I honestly believe that the person who made this mistake four years ago has grown into a more mature, honest, and understanding person because of this unique perspective. I am very thankful for the lessons I have learned.