Script 4: Driving Under the Influence

SFX:

Sounds of young boys talking and laughing, sound of a soccer ball being kicked round for fun (not a match), sound of cans of (cool drink/beer) being opened, sounds of drinking from a can, sounds of thirst being quenched

V/0:

Kagiso: Sho' that was fun, guys... hey but it's hot on the field, I really need this Coke to cool down...

Siswe: (Laughing) I feel sorry for you brother, wait until you finish school like me – then you'll discover beer tastes better than coke, anyday, trust me! D'you want one?

Kagiso: No thanks... I've got to get back and finish my homework...

Siswe: (Sounding like he's had a little too much to drink) No problem man, I'm nearly finished this one - if you wait I'll give you a lift home...

Kagiso: Are you crazy! You've had way too much to drink Siswe, and you haven't even played one game! You've just been drinking beer, and lots of it!

Siswe: Well you sweat it out then walking home!

Kagiso: I'll call my Dad, he's fetching my Mom from work now, he can pick me up...

Kagiso: Hey Dad, listen can you fetch me from the field? Siswe wanted to

Sound of Kagiso walking off, dialing on his cell phon

Sound of muffled talking back on the phone

Sound of Kagiso walking to the bus stop, sound of traffic around him, he whistles a tune to himself, you hear him sitting down at the bus stop, and fiddling with his phone... sound of car pulling up, Phuti calls out the window.. sound of Kagiso walking to the car and getting in...

give me a lift home, but he's been drinking too much and I don't want to get in a car with him.... OK...Thanks Dad... I'll wait by the bus stop for you...

Phuti: Hi Kagiso!

Kagiso: Thanks Dad for fetching me

Molefi: We're very proud of you Kagiso, that was the right thing to do, we are so pleased that you called us...

Phuti: It's very very dangerous to get into a car with someone who's been drinking...

Kagiso: Yeah, and he was drinking **a lot**!

Molefi: It's against the law to drive when you've had too much to drink, and for a very good reason. Hundreds of fatal accidents are caused by people whose alcohol level is above the limit of 0.05 grams per 100 milliletres of blood. Even when someone's just had a small drink, and they're within the limit, their reaction time is already twice as slow as someone who hasn't had a drink. So you can imagine how slow the reaction time is with someone over the limit, and the more you've drunk the worse your ability to control the car.

Phuti: That's how serious accidents

happen. Even worse, is the number of innocent people who are also killed or injured because a drunk driver has hit a taxi or a bus. And if he's got passengers in the car, he's injured or killed them too!

Kagiso: If Siswe caused an accident when he's been drinking, would he go to jail?

Molefi: Most probably, the first offence is usually 6 months, and if he does it again and again, he could end up in jail for 10 years.

Kagiso: 10 years!

Molefi: Yes, it's a very serious offence, and if the drunken driver kills or injures other people, he could also be charged with culpable homicide. That's really messing up your life for nothing!

Kagiso: Perhaps I should talk to Siswe...

Molefi: I think that would be a good idea, perhaps he thinks it won't happen to him, or doesn't realize that he could cause a serious accident, which could ruin his life, or the lives of innocent people, forever.

Kagiso: I will talk to him Dad...

Molefi: I'm proud of you my son, even though you're still at school, you're a real man, because a real

man stands up for what he believes in.
MV/O: We choose not to drink and drive. Choose Life: Call the Road Safety Toll Number 00000 for more information.