

## **Interview of Blake Anton**

One day, while Blake Anton was walking home he made eye contact with two boys on their bikes passing the opposite way he was traveling. They seemed to whisper something to each other as they passed him. Blake continued to keep walking, but when he heard noises behind him he turned to see what was going on. The boys had turned around and were now right behind him. All of a sudden Blake was on the ground and the tires of the bike drove across his stomach and chest. One boy sat and watched as the other screamed and punched Blake in the face. As both boys got up and left Blake bleeding on the ground they yelled back to stay away from their friend.

Drowsy and bloody, he tried his best to walk to the nearest house to ask for help. From what he could remember at least five people witnessed the attack, yet no one tried to help. When he finally found someone, the people quickly got into their car and sped off. Blake realized the best thing to do was just to try and get home as quickly as possible. As he continue his walk home a dog started to bark and the owner of the dog came out of the house. When he noticed Blake painted in blood he immediately went to assist him. Blake's father came to pick him up and the police interviewed him. They told Blake that his attack would be counted as Assault 4 and if they ever found the two boys they would call him. Blake never got a call.

Completely entranced in his story he continued to speak about how this experience affects him. He explained that he believes that violence begins with one person's anger and when their friends get involved it turns into group anger, unnecessary anger, and hatred. He thinks that the world has become more accustomed to hatred over the years and this is a problem. He spoke of things such as not feeling threatened by people who are different and that all people should be given a chance. The attack has really affected Blake's life; every time he walks outside he feels

unsafe. I asked Blake if he had one sentence to finish of his interview, and he replied, merely  
“treat others as you’d like to be treated.”