

# Cop candidate fears past career

DEAR ABBY: I worked in an entertainment establishment for about 16 years. Finally I grew tired of it. I knew I was not getting anywhere in life, so I decided to go back to school and pursue a career in law enforcement.

I completed my courses recently, and would like to become a cop or a court officer.

My concern is, what if they find out about my career choice in the past? It could be personally embarrassing and might even cause me to lose my job. Should I come out and put on my resume what I did for 16 years of my life?

— LATE BLOOMER

**DEAR BLOOMER: You appear to be an intelligent and forward-thinking woman. Please do not attempt to lie about your past. I cannot imagine any law enforcement agency that would not do a background check before hiring an applicant — and the truth would come out anyway.**

To my way of thinking, because of your background, you could be a unique asset to a police department. Let's hope whoever's hiring sees it my way.

P.S. Clip this item and include it with your job application. I hope it helps.

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend, "Kenny," and I broke up six months ago. Nothing had happened; we were just at different points in our lives. I didn't hear from Kenny until a couple of weeks ago, when I found a message from him on my answering machine. He said he was sorry for not being the best boyfriend he could be.

By then, I was already in love with another man, "Scott." I agreed to meet Kenny for lunch to get closure, but the minute our eyes met, all the old feelings came rushing back. Now I don't know what to do.

Kenny and Scott are both perfect men. They treat me with respect. I'm supposed to move in with Scott next month, but I don't know if I want to be with him anymore. He is planning on moving three hours from home to attend a school that is closer to me. I tried to end the relationship with Scott, but he was devastated. What do I do? I think I may be in love with two men, and I don't want to hurt anybody.

— SINCERELY CONFUSED, SPENCER, IOWA

**DEAR SINCERELY CONFUSED: End the relationship with Scott NOW, before he moves closer and enrolls at the new school. Do not move in with him out of pity, feeling as you do about your old boyfriend. Right now, you need a cooling-off period, so don't jump back into the frying pan (or anywhere else) with Kenny either. From my perspective, although you think you're in love with both of these perfect men, you may only be in love with love.**

DEAR ABBY: I'm throwing a little birthday party for my 4-year-old son. I am trying very hard to keep the party small so that it does not become overwhelming.

My son chose four little preschool friends to come to his party, but two of the mothers have asked if they can also bring along 2-year-old siblings of the children who were invited.

Must I provide party favors for the 2-year-olds?

— NEEDS TO KNOW

**DEAR NEEDS TO KNOW: It appears that two of the mothers either couldn't find — or didn't want to spring for — baby sitters. If you agreed that the little ones could come to the party, it would be gracious to provide something for them, too, so they won't feel left out. Sorry, but when you're on the hook, you're on the hook — and the items needn't be expensive.**

DEAR ABBY: My father went to prison five years ago, and my mother has been taking care of my brother and sister. (I'm older and out of the house.)

I recently came across some shocking information. Mom has been going on dates with a clergy member who has been sending her text messages saying things like "I can't stop thinking about you," etc. I also found out she has a profile on a couple of Internet dating sites and has been coming home later than usual after going out "for drinks with friends" after work. When I confronted her, she first denied it, then got caught in a lie. She refuses to accept responsibility, insisting "it wasn't a date," although this man expressed romantic feelings for her.

My father knows nothing about this while he languishes in a cell for what could be another five or six years. Should I tell him? I also do not know if I should confront this



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clergyman because I find his actions despicable.

How can I explain to my mother that what she's doing is wrong? When I try to talk to her in a mature way, she says things like, "I can't hear you!" Any advice you can offer would be appreciated.

— DISILLUSIONED SON IN NEW JERSEY

**DEAR DISILLUSIONED: Please don't waste your breath trying to shame your mother into good behavior because it won't work. She knows what she's doing is wrong, and that's why she is practicing "selective deafness" when you try to reason with her.**

As tempting as it might be, I see absolutely nothing to be gained by telling your father. The news will only make him unhappier and more frustrated than he already is.

If you would like to say a few well-chosen words to the clergyman who is dallying with your mother, you're certainly within your rights to do so. While you're at it, let him know you have proof. That ought to dampen his ardor.

As for the pain you are feeling, it's natural that you would ache inside. So please consider having some sessions with a licensed psychotherapist who can listen, guide you and help you make sure that this doesn't have an impact on your future relationships with women. Trust me, it will help.

DEAR ABBY: I recently learned that my neighbor's son offered my 14-year-old marijuana, and my son refused. (The two boys are close in age.) I heard all about it from my 12-year-old daughter. When I asked my son about it, he admitted it happened. I have no reason to doubt his story, and I hope he maintains his strength and resolve during the years to come. I am extremely proud of him.

My question is, should I confront the neighbor boy about it, or should I let his parents know what I learned? Of course, the third option is to mind my own business. Eventually, they'll discover what's going on and deal with it on their own — and no friction will be created be-

tween two otherwise great neighbors.

— PROUD PAPA

**DEAR PROUD PAPA: You are in a position to do your "great neighbors" a favor. If the shoe were on the other foot, wouldn't you want to know your son was headed for trouble? If the answer is yes, apply the Golden Rule. However, when you tell these parents what they need to know, I strongly recommend that you not brag about how "proud" you are that your son refused the offer. Pride goeth before a fall.**

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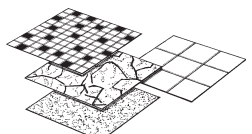
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## SUNDAY

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KLBY/ABC (6)	In Touch (CC)	Holy Spirit.	Good Morning America (CC)		This Week-George Stephanopoulos (CC)		Hour of Power (CC)		The Coral Ridge Hour (CC)		First United Methodist Church	
KSNK/NBC (8)	Rebecca Gdn	Paid Program	Today (CC)		Meet the Press (CC)		Paid Program	Paid Program	Your Bible	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
KBSL/CBS (12)	Paid Program	Messiah Baptist	Johnston	Believer Voice	CBS News Sunday (CC)		Morning	Face the Nation	Paid Program	Paid Program	NFL Today Host Greg Gumbel. (Live)	
K15CG (2)	Euro. Journal	On the Money	Sesame Street	Gina's Vet Assistant	Eyes of Nye	Maya & Miguel	Arthur (EI)	Post-cards	Cyber-chase	Busi-ness	Health Sense	To the Contrary
ESPN (28)	Sports-Center	Heisman Trophy	NFL Matchup		Sports-Center	Outside Lines	Sports-Reports	Sports-Center	Sunday NFL Countdown (Live) (CC)			
USA (37)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Movie: The First Wives Club *** (1996, Comedy) Goldie Hawn, Bette Midler. (CC)				PGA Tour Sunday (Live) (CC)		Monk Mr. Monk and the Secret Santa	
TBS (38)	(5:00) Movie: Honey, Shrink		Movie: The Goonies (1985) Young misfits find a 17th-century pirate's treasure map.		(1985) Young misfits find a 17th-century pirate's treasure map.		Movie: Man of the House ** (1995, Comedy) (PA) Chevy Chase. (CC)				Movie: Simply Irresistible (1999)	
WGN (39)	Chang-ing	Bill Winston	Key of David	Ronnie Floyd	Hillbil-lies	Hillbil-lies	Happy Days	Cosby Show	Moesha Niece	Home Improve.	America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)	
TNT (40)	(5:15) Movie: Red Water **½ (2003)		Movie: Jaws **** (1975, Horror) A man-eating shark terrorizes a New England resort town. Roy Scheider, Robert Shaw. (CC)						Movie: Starship Troopers *** (1997, Science Fiction) Casper Van Dien. (CC)			
DSC (42)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	7 Wonders of the Wild West		Mountain Lion: An American Hunter		Natural Wonders: Southern Rockies		Rio Bravo: Wild West	
A&E (47)	Murder, She Wrote Lines of Excellence		Breakfast With the Arts		Movie: Agatha Christie's Poirot: The Mystery of the Blue Train (2005, Mystery)				Movie: Agatha Christie's Poirot: After the Funeral (2005, Mystery) David Suchet.			
HIST (48)	The Adventure of English (CC)		History's Bus	Histo-ryCTR	Save Our History (CC)			Movie: Platoon (1986) A soldier embarks on a yearlong tour of duty in Vietnam. (CC)			Modern Marvels Tunnels of Vietnam	
NICK (55)	Rugrats (CC)	Grown Up	Jimmy Neutron	Jimmy Neutron	Spon-geBob	Spon-geBob	Oddpar-ents	Cats-cratch	Danny Phantom	Avatar-Lost Air	Teenage Robot	Chalk-Zone
DISN (56)	Koala Brothers	Higgly-town	Ein-steins	JoJo's Circus	Doodle-bops	Charlie & Lola	The Wiggles	Lilo & Stitch	Lilo & Stitch	Whis-kers	Ameri-can Drgn	Buzz-Maggie
FAM (58)	Digimon-Digital	X-Men (CC)	Spider-Man	Dragon Booster	Get Ed (CC)	Kong-Series	Power Rangers	Super Robot	Spider-Man	W.I.T.C.-H. (CC)	Full House	Full House
HALL (60)	The World of Faith and Values		Movie: Esther (1999, Drama) A humble Jewish woman becomes the ruler of Persia.				Naomi's New Morning Faith.		Mass From Notre Dame		Touchy by an Angel (CC)	

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KLBY/ABC (6)	Figure Skating: USFS Winter Open. (Live)				PGA Golf: Target World Challenge -- Final Round. From Thousand Oaks, Calif. (Live) (CC)						ABC Wid News	News (CC)
KSNK/NBC (8)	Paid Program	Paid Program	USGA Year in Review (N) (CC)		NASCAR Year in Review (N) (CC)						News	NBC News
KBSL/CBS (12)	NFL Football: Indianapolis Colts at Jacksonville Jaguars. ALLTEL Stadium. (Live) (CC)								NFL Football: Kansas City Chiefs at Dallas Cowboys. Texas Stadium. (Live) (CC)			
K15CG (2)	Wash. Week	McLaugh-lin	McLaugh-lin	Dr. Wayne Dyer: The Power of Intention (CC)								Rick Steves
ESPN (28)	PBA Bowling: Keystone State Championship. (Live) (CC)			Movie: CodeBreakers (2005) U.S. Military Academy cadets are expelled for cheating.					Rodeo: PRCA Wrangler National Finals -- Championship Round. Las Vegas. (Live) (CC)			
USA (37)	Movie: Friday After Next **½ (2002, Comedy) Ice Cube, Mike Epps. (CC)			Movie: Bruce Almighty **½ (2003, Comedy) Jim Carrey. (CC)					Movie: Three Wise Guys (2005, Comedy) Tom Arnold, Judd Nelson. (CC)			
TBS (38)	(11:00) Movie: Simply Irresistible		Movie: Save the Last Dance *** (2001, Drama) Julia Stiles. (CC)					Movie: Legally Blonde (2001) A fashion major follows her ex-boyfriend to Harvard.			Movie: Mr. Deeds * (2002) (CC)	
WGN (39)	Movie: Moonstruck (1987) A Brooklyn bookkeeper falls for her fiancé's brother.				Movie: Dirty Dancing (1987) A sheltered teen falls for a street-wise dance instructor.				HomeTeam San Diego (CC)		America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)	
TNT (40)	(10:00) Movie: The Matrix *** (1999) A computer hacker learns his world is a computer simulation. (CC)								Movie: The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring ***½ (2001, Fantasy) Elijah Wood, Ian McKellen. (CC)			
DSC (42)	MythBusters Killer Tissue Box (CC)		MythBusters Curing seasickness. (CC)		MythBusters Steel toe boots. (CC)				Amazon Abyss A voyage up the Amazon River reveals new species. (CC)			Last Mysteries of the Titanic (CC)
A&E (47)	Movie: Agatha Christie's Poirot: Cards on the Table (2005) David Suchet. (CC)				Sell This House!	Sell This House!	Move House	Find & Design	Buy a House	Sell This House!	Flip This House (CC)	
HIST (48)	Decoding the Past Mysteries of the Bermuda Triangle The Bermuda Triangle.				Da Vinci and the Code He Lived By The artist's life. (CC)				Modern Marvels Da Vinci inventions.			Ancient Disc.
NICK (55)	Rock Star	Cats-cratch	Nick-toons TV	Nick-toons TV	Nick-toons TV	Nick-toons TV	Nick-toons TV	Nick-toons TV	Nick-toons TV	Nick-toons TV	Amanda	Drake & Josh
DISN (56)	Movie: Life Is Ruff (2005) A teenage slacker adopts a stray dog. Kyle Massey.				Zack & Cody	That's-Raven	Lizzie McGuire	Even Stevens	Phil of Future	That's-Raven	Naturally Sadie	Life With Derek
FAM (58)	Movie: Richie Rich's Christmas Wish ** (1998, Comedy) David Gallagher. (CC)				Movie: Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets *** (2002, Fantasy) A malevolent force threatens the students at Hogwarts. Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint. (CC)							
HALL (60)	Movie: The Christmas Box ** (1995, Drama) Maureen O'Hara, Richard Thomas.				Movie: Timepiece (1996, Drama) Richard Thomas, James Earl Jones.				Movie: Anne Tyler's Saint Maybe (1998) A young man meddles in his brother's life.			

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KLBY/ABC (6)	America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)		Extreme Makeover: Home Edition Holiday Wishes (N) (CC)				Grey's Anatomy (N) (CC)		News (CC)	Seinfeld The Doll	Lawyer on Line	Diamond Adv.
KSNK/NBC (8)	Dateline NBC (CC)		The West Wing The Wedding (N) (CC)		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Crossing Jordan Death Goes On (CC)		News	24 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CC)	Inside Edition	
KBSL/CBS (12)	60 Minutes (CC)		Survivor: Guatemala -- The Maya Empire (Season Finale) (N) (CC)				Survivor: Guatemala -- Maya		News (CC)	News	Alias The Box (Part 2 of 2) (CC)	
K15CG (2)	Rick Steves' European		Kansas' Biggest Rodeo Competitors.				Stories From the Dustbowl Drought of the 1930's		Globe Trekker South Africa II (CC)		Mystery: Hetty Wainthropp	
ESPN (28)	Sports-Center	NFL Primetime (Live) (CC)		NFL Football: Detroit Lions at Green Bay Packers. Lambeau Field. (Live) (CC)					SportsCenter (Live) (CC)			
USA (37)	Movie: Coyote Ugly * (2000, Drama) Piper Perabo, Adam Garcia. (CC)				Movie: Meet the Parents *** (2000, Comedy) Robert De Niro, Ben Stiller. (CC)				Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU	
TBS (38)	(5:00) Movie: Mr. Deeds * (2002)		Movie: Snow Day (2000) Children rejoice when an unexpected storm cancels school.				Movie: Snow Day (2000) Children rejoice when an unexpected storm cancels school.				Movie: Man of the House ** (1995)	
WGN (39)	Maximum Exposure		24 8:00PM - 9:00PM		24 9:00PM - 10:00PM (CC)		WGN News	Instant Replay	Sex and the City	Becker (CC)	Maximum Exposure	
TNT (40)	(3:15) Movie: Lord of the Rings		Movie: The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers ***½ (2002, Fantasy) Members of a fellowship battle evil Sauron and his pawns. Elijah Wood. (CC)							Movie: Jaws **** (1975, Horror) Roy Scheider. (CC)		
DSC (42)	Last Mysteries of the Titanic (CC)		Dirty Jobs Sewer Inspector (CC)		Dirty Jobs Chick Sexer (CC)		Dirty Jobs Iowa pig farmer. (CC)		Convict Art (CC)		Dirty Jobs Sewer Inspector (CC)	
A&E (47)	Flip This House (CC)		The First 48 (CC)		Family Plots	Family Plots	Intervention (N) (CC)		CSI: Miami Speed Kills (CC)		The First 48 (CC)	
HIST (48)	Ancient Discoveries		Discoveries		Ancient Discoveries		Ancient Discoveries		Battlefield Detectives (CC)		Discoveries	
NICK (55)	Ned's School	Unfabu-lous	Zoey 101 (CC)	Romeo! (CC)	Rose-anne	Rose-anne	Cosby Show	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Rose-anne	Rose-anne	Rose-anne
DISN (56)	Zack & Cody	That's-Raven	Movie: Life Is Ruff (2005) A teenage slacker adopts a stray dog. Kyle Massey.				Zack & Cody	Naturally Sadie	Phil of Future	That's-Raven	Life With Derek	Buzz-Maggie
FAM (58)	Movie: Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets *** (2002, Fantasy) A malevolent force threatens the students at Hogwarts. Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint. (CC)								Home Videos	Home Videos	Joel Osteen	Feed the Children
HALL (60)	Movie: A Carol Christmas (2003, Comedy-Drama) Tori Spelling. (CC)				Movie: Santa Jr. (2002) Santa's fun-loving son learns the true meaning of Christmas.				Movie: The Christmas Box ** (1995, Drama) Maureen O'Hara, Richard Thomas.			

## MONDAY

## DECEMBER 12

	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KLBY/ABC (4)	News (CC)	Ent. Tonight	Wife Swap Fuentes/ Lawson (N) (CC)		NFL Football: New Orleans Saints at Atlanta Falcons. Georgia Dome. (Live) (CC)				News		Nightline (CC)	
KSNK/NBC (8)	News	Wheel of Fortune	Elton John: Red Piano (N) (CC)		Las Vegas The Real McCoy (CC)		Medium I Married a Mind Reader (CC)	News	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (CC)		Late Night	
KBSL/CBS (12) (1)	News (CC)	Friends (CC)	King of Queens	How I Met	Two/Half Men	Out of Practice	CSI: Miami Blood in the Water (TV) (CC)	News (CC)	Late Show with David Letterman		Late Late	
K15CG (2)	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Antiques Roadshow (CC)		American Experience The Fight (CC) (DVS)		Sci. Frontiers	BBC World	My Family		Charlie Rose (N) (CC)	
ESPN (28)	Sports- Center	Monday Night Countdown (Live) (CC)			Figure Skating: NHK Trophy. Osaka, Japan. (CC)						SportsCenter (Live) (CC)	
USA (37)	Movie: Meet the Parents *** (2000, Comedy) Robert De Niro, Ben Stiller. (CC)				WWE Monday Night Raw (Live) (CC)				Movie: Friday After Next **½ (2002, Comedy) Ice Cube, Mike Epps. (CC)			
TBS (38)	Ray- mond	Ray- mond	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Family Guy (CC)	Family Guy (CC)	Movie: The Waterboy **½ (1998, Comedy) Adam Sandler, Kathy Bates. (CC)			
WGN (39)	America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)		America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)		America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)		WGN News at Nine (CC)		Sex and the City	Becker (CC)	Da Vinci's Inquest Little Sister (CC)	
TNT (40)	Law & Order Endurance		Law & Order Gaijin (CC) (DVS)		Law & Order Prejudice		Wanted La Pistola Y El Corazon (N) (CC)		Without a Trace Exposure (CC)		Wanted La Pistola Y El Corazon (CC)	
DSC (42)	Monster House Tinsel Town (CC)		Biker Build-Off (CC)		Monster Garage Anglia Nitro Gasser		American Chopper N.Y. Yankees Bike 2		Monster House Tinsel Town (CC)		Biker Build-Off (CC)	
A&E (47)	Cold Case Files (CC)		Flip This House It's a Rat Race (CC)		The Trial of Scott Peterson (CC)		Airline (N) (CC)	Airline (N) (CC)	Crossing Jordan Don't Look Back		Flip This House (CC)	
HIST (48)	America's Castles (CC)		UFO Files UFO sightings in Mexico.		Decoding the Past Prophecies of Israel		Battlefield Detectives (N) (CC)		Digging for the Truth (CC)		UFO Files UFO sightings in Mexico.	
NICK (55)	Oddpar- ents	Jimmy Neutron	Spon- geBob	Grown Up	Full House	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince
DISN (56)	That's- Raven		That's- Raven		Movie: Toy Story **** (1995) Voices of Tom Hanks.		Even Stevens	Naturally Sadie	Sister, Sister	That's- Raven	That's- Raven	Phil of Future
FAM (58)	Pinocchio's Christmas		Movie: Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory *** (1971) Gene Wilder.				Whose Line?	Whose Line?	The 700 Club (CC)		Home Videos	Home Videos
HALL (60)	Walker, Texas Ranger (CC)		Walker, Texas Ranger Crusader		Movie: Off Season *** (2001) A boy believes a vacationer is really Santa Claus.				M*A*S*H (CC)	M*A*S*H (CC)	M*A*S*H Crisis	M*A*S*H George