

Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Some things never go away... 5 years ago today on Monday, February 13, 2012 my life began to change. Tom Lynch passed away 5 years ago today and it forever left a depressing void in my heart. I barely spoke to the kid but I knew him; everyone knew him. I'll never forget it was around 2pm when I got out of my college algebra class when I saw the text from my mom that Tom had been killed in a car crash on his way to school that morning.

Within a few minutes I was just numb. I sat there in the parking lot in my green Nissan Altima and just was in complete shock. Not "freaking out", just pale, numb, miles away. I hardly knew the kid but being only a grade ahead of him it really hit me hard. My brother was a wreck since he was in the same grade as him, knowing him his whole life.

I would've worked with him at McDonald's had I not quit after only a day. I remember Tom ~~saw~~ saw me in Flex (end of the day activity period) and said "Why'd you quit?" It was my first job and obviously McDonald's isn't a great start.