***Proposal: Angela’s Alcohol and Food Delivery App***

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When someone is out at a bar, and someone is harassing them, depending on their level of comfort, they can go to a bartender and order a special kind of shot. However, this shot is not really a shot at all. It is a code asking for help from the bartender. Depending on the way it is ordered, it helps the bartender figure out how to help the harassed person. The Angel Shot Neat/Straight tells the bartender that they need an escort to their car. If they ask for an Angel Shot on Ice, it lets the bartender know that they need to order a taxi or Uber for the patron. Lastly, if they ask for an Angel shot with lime/a twist, it lets the bartender know that the police need to be called. Bars may have different variations, but mostly, the three I talked about are the ones that are most seen. According to RAINN (Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network), every 68 seconds, an American is sexually assaulted. As we know, not all sexual assaults happen in a bar, but what if there was an app where we could put the Angel Shot system into the hands of those who are in need? What if at the same time, we could also get help to those who may be in a tough relationship at home like that of domestic violence? Angela’s Alcohol and Food Delivery Service App would do all of this while also allowing for the user to use the app secretively. It is named after the United Kingdom’s, “Ask for Angela” system, a likeness to the Angel Shot.

An important feature of this app is secrecy. Further down the line in this project, our group will focus on and investigate how to make this app safe and remain hidden from those who would intend to use it for nefarious purposes. The physical features of the app will include an alcohol ordering system. Like the angel shot, what a person orders determines the help they will get. The three levels of “alcohol” someone can order are, mixer, beer, and liquor. Ordering mixers signifies you need location services and an escort to your car. Ordering beer Signifies that you need an Uber or a taxi. Lastly, ordering liquor means that you need police to come to you. Under these categories, there will be distinct types of each that will allow for a scale of urgency. For example, if you are ordering a mixer, you could choose between club soda, sprite, and Red Bull. Ordering the club soda means that the location services will turn on your phone which will allow for police to be called to your location should you indicate you needing that to happen. Ordering Sprite says that you need location services and a fake phone call. Finally, ordering the Red Bull means that you need police and location services.

In our world, people can never be too safe. This app would be a step in the right direction as to making sure that people can remain safe at any time, not only while in a bar. The goal of this app would be to reduce the statistics mentioned in the first paragraph and make the world we live in a bit safer.