Drunk Driving: Driving Under The Influence (DUI) Crime

What is DUI?

? Driving Under the Influence (DUI) is considered the act of driving a motor vehicle when under the heavy influence of alcohol or drugs

? A person is liable to DUI if he or she drives a motor vehicle and is under the influence of alcoholic beverages or any chemical or controlled substance to the extent that his or her mental abilities are impaired

? In most cases, DUI is considered a criminal offense and will show up as a misdemeanor or felony on a criminal record

Blood Alcohol Content

? Blood Alcohol Content or BAC refers to the percent of alcohol in a person's bloodstream

? The legal limit of BAC for an individual of age 21 and over is 0.08 percent; for an individual younger than age 21 it is less than 0.01 percent

Blood Alcohol Content Level Risk of an accident

- 0.05% 2 times risker
- 0.10% 6 times risker
- 0.15% 25 times risker

Implied Consent

- Implied Consent when driving refers to the following law in New Jersey:
    - Simply by having a driver license in NJ, you have consented to take a breathalyzer test when instructed to do so by a police office
    - A breathalyzer test analyzes an individual’s BAC (Blood Alcohol Content) value to see if they are drunk

DUI Consequences

- DUI Consequences (First Offense):
    - A drivers license suspension of 3 to 12 months
    - Fines and fees of approximately $750 to $1,000
    - Up to 30 days in jail
    - Up to 48 hours of driver instruction at the IDRC
    - $1,000 per year surcharge for three years
- DUI Consequences (Second Offense):
    - A two year loss of license

    - 30 days of community service + up to 90 days in jail
    - 48 hours at the IDRC
    - Up to $1,500 in fines/fees + mandatory $3,000 surcharge

DUI Consequences (Continued)

- DUI Consequences (Third Offense):
    - Mandatory jail time of 180 days
    - a 10 year loss of license
    - Fines, fees and surcharges of over $5,000
- A DUI conviction will also result in a heavy increase of your insurance premium

DUI Facts

- Traffic accidents are the leading cause of death for teens, and about 33 percent of these accidents involve alcohol or another controlling substance
- Every 51 minutes in America, someone is killed in a drunk driving crash and every 120 seconds, someone is injured in a drunk driving incident
- A drunk driver will drive, on average, 80 times under the influence before their first arrest
- In 2011 alone, 9,878 people were victims of drunk driving accidents
- Only time will sober a drunk individual

DUI Facts (Continued)

- 28 percent of all traffic-related deaths in 2016 in the United States were people that died in alcohol related driving crashes
- 17 percent of all traffic deaths in 2016 among children ages 0 to 14 involved an alcohol-impaired driver
- In 2016, more than 1 million drivers were arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol or narcotics
- Drugs other than alcohol are involved in about 16 percent of driving crashes

How to avoid DUI

- Do NOT consume any controlling substance and start to drive afterwards - the risk is simply far too great
    - Ways to not DUI:
- Call a taxi, Uber, or Lyft to take you to your destination
- Stay where you are until you are completely sober (ex: sleep over at a party)
- Get a ride to your destination from someone who is completely sober

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