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Illinois' **BIGGEST** Offenders

*A Quarterly Newsletter Reporting Illinois' Habitual DUI Offenders
Brought to you by the Illinois Department of Transportation's Division of Traffic Safety*

Most Wanted

GRUNDY COUNTY



Edward W. Dubovik

Wanted for failure to appear for DUI

Arrested: December 16, 2008

White Male

DOB: 06/12/1954

Hair: Brown

Eyes: Hazel

Height: 5'11

Weight: 145 LBS

Last known address:

1905 Tall Oaks Drive, Aurora, IL 60505

Bond: \$20,000



Jose O. Escribano

Wanted for failure to appear for DUI

Arrested: December 16, 2008

White Male

DOB: 08/25/1977

Hair: Black

Eyes: Brown

Height: 5'04

Weight: 130 LBS

Last known address:

General Delivery, Morris, IL 60450

Bond: \$20,000



Juan C. Herrera-Garcia

Wanted for fatal aggravated for DUI

Arrested: December 16, 2008

White Male

DOB: 08/16/1982

Hair: Black

Eyes: Brown eyes

Height: 5'04

Weight: 125 LBS

Last known address:

355 W. New York, Aurora IL, 60506

Bond: \$100,000



James T. Holcombe

Wanted for failure to appear for DUI

Arrested: December 16, 2008

White Male

DOB: 07/30/1940

Hair: Brown

Eyes: Blue eyes

Height: 5'11

Weight: 188 LBS

Tattoos: Tattoos on the left and right arms

Last known address:

17 Alder Street, Minooka, IL 60447

Bond: \$7,500



Jozef Pawlak

Wanted for failure to appear for DUI

Arrested: December 16, 2008

White Male

DOB: 01/11/1961

Hair: Brown

Eyes: Blue eyes

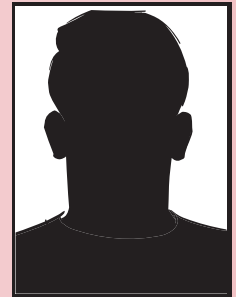
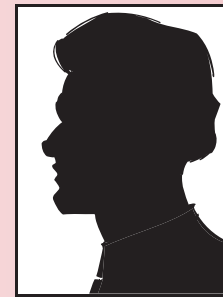
Height: 5'07

Weight: 160 LBS

Last known address:

1805 N Ashley Road, Morris, IL 60450

Bond: \$10,000



Robert J. Stoltz

Wanted for failure to appear for DUI

Arrested: December 16, 2008

White Male

DOB: 04/24/1948

Hair: Brown

Eyes: Green

Height: 5'04

Weight: 130 LBS

Last known address:

916 Cottage, Shorewood, IL 60431

Bond: \$5,000

**NEVER ATTEMPT TO APPREHEND A FUGITIVE YOURSELF.
IF YOU HAVE INFORMATION ON THE LOCATION OF ANY OF
THESE FUGITIVES, PLEASE CALL THE NUMBER BELOW,
24 HOURS A DAY.**



IF LOCATED, CONTACT:

Grundy County Sheriff's Office:

111 E Illinois Ave., Morris, IL 60450

(815)942-0336

OFFENDERS

SOBERING SENTENCES



Mateo Ortiz

Mateo Ortiz, Chicago, was sentenced to five years in the Illinois Department of Corrections for Aggravated Driving Under the Influence (DUI) and Aggravated Driving While License Revoked (DWLR). Officer Vasilakopoulos and Detectives Portorello and Auriemma were the investigating officers.

Ortiz was convicted of these charges arising from an August 4, 2008 incident where he hit a 63 year-old man who was walking in the 7200 block of Forest Preserve Boulevard. The victim suffered a broken leg. According to Deputy Chief Jim Jobe of the Norridge Police Department, the defendant attempted to leave the scene of the crash but was stopped by another motorist who blocked Ortiz's vehicle and took the keys from the ignition. The defendant had a BAC of 0.18, four outstanding warrants for DUI and was an undocumented immigrant. Judge Thomas Fecarotta Jr., of the Rolling Meadows branch court, called the defendant "a menace to society" when imposing the five year sentence.



John Ambrose

John Ambrose, Batavia, was sentenced to eight years in the Illinois Department of Corrections for Aggravated DUI and Aggravated DWLR. The defendant was arrested on September 14, 2008 for speeding 65 MPH in a construction zone on I-88 near Orchard Road. The speed limit in a construction zone is 45

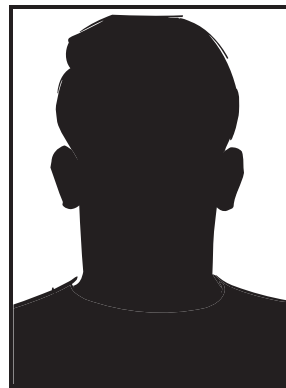
MPH. Mr. Ambrose's license was revoked because of four prior DUI's and his BAC was 0.282.



John Slattery

John Slattery, Aurora, was sentenced to eight years in the Illinois Department of Corrections for his seventh DUI. Slattery was arrested on June 19, 2008 after failing field sobriety tests. His BAC was 0.15. This is the defendant's seventh DUI. In 2006, he was sentenced to 38 months in the Illinois Department of Corrections for DWLR and was on Mandatory Supervised Release at the time of this arrest.

CONVICTED



John Donnelly

It took a LaSalle County jury less than 45 minutes to convict John Donnelly of DUI. The charge arose from a September 14, 2008 incident, in which the defendant lost control of his vehicle, skidded and overturned. The defendant claimed that he lost control because of a deer and when the car turned over, a

bottle of liquor fell out of the glove box and he drank it, thinking he was going to die. His BAC was 0.214. This is Donnelly's third DUI arrest and first conviction.



Eulalio Haro

A McHenry County jury convicted Eulalio Haro of Reckless Homicide, Aggravated DUI, and Leaving the Scene of an Accident. The charge arose from a June 24, 2006 crash that took the life of 71-year old Dean Knospe. Witnesses observed erratic driving by the defendant before he swerved into oncoming

traffic, striking the victim. The evidence at trial was that the defendant had a BAC near 0.35 at the time of the crash. In 1993, Haro was convicted of Reckless Homicide in the DUI-related crash that killed his brother. He served 4 years for that offense. He was deported after serving the sentence and deported once again in 2005. Sentencing is scheduled for March 18, 2009.

CHARGED

**Individuals charged with criminal offenses are presumed innocent of the charges against them until proven guilty in a court of law. These are allegations only and should not be considered as proof against the defendant.*



Newton Keene

Newton Keene, St. Louis, has been charged with 14 counts, including multiple counts of aggravated DUI (causing death and great bodily harm) and reckless homicide stemming from a February 5, 2009 crash where it is alleged that the defendant was traveling the wrong way on I-255 in Madison

County when he struck another car, killing two adults and one child and seriously injuring another child. The defendant is being held on a one million dollar bond.



Kevin Schuh

Kevin Schuh, Mt. Prospect, has been charged with Aggravated DUI (causing death), Reckless Homicide, and Leaving the Scene of an Accident arising from the December 6, 2008 crash where it is alleged that Schuh hit Monika Skrzyzkowski, 15, as she was crossing the street at the 200 block of North

Elmhurst. Schuh was 17 on the day of the crash and is alleged to have been under the influence of alcohol. Bond was set at \$500,000.

OUTSTANDING LAW ENFORCEMENT ST. CLAIR COUNTY

St. Clair County deputies netted five felony DUI arrests over two nights while working an IDOT highway safety grant targeting alcohol-related offenses.

Those arrested were:



Rodney D. Monroe

On February 14, 2009, at 12:30 AM, Investigator Scott Toth stopped Monroe because he pulled out in front of him. He was arrested for DUI and DWLR. His license was revoked for a previous DUI. He was charged with felony DUI and felony DWLR. A judge issued a \$25,000 bond.



Jeffrey W. Meyer

On February 13, 2009 at 7:30 PM, Captain Steve Johnson pulled Meyer over for following too closely behind another vehicle on Rt. 15 near Rt. 13 in Freeburg. He was arrested for DUI and DWLR. His license was revoked for a previous DUI. He was charged with felony DUI and DWLR. The judge issued a \$25,000 bond.



Giles Blackmon

On February 13, 2009 at 1:00 AM, Investigator Pat Walters and Belleville Police Officer Steve Britt witnessed a vehicle driven by Giles Blackmon approaching "A" Street near Jackson Street in Belleville. Blackmon ran a stop sign, hit three parked cars, attempted to leave the scene and resisted

arrest. He was charged with Aggravated DUI, driving with a suspended license (DWLS) and resisting arrest. He registered a BAC of almost 3 times the legal limit. His bond is \$20,000.



Morris E. Macke

On February 11, 2009, Deputy Kiwon Guyton responded to a one vehicle crash on Stolle Road at Triple Lakes Road near unincorporated Cahokia. The driver of the vehicle was Morris Macke. The St. Clair County State's Attorney's Office charged him with Aggravated DUI and DWLR. A judge issued a \$10,000 bond.



John A. Earnest

On February 13, 2009, at 1:00 AM, Investigator Desmond Williams responded to a one vehicle crash on Baldwin Road near Randolph County Line Road in unincorporated New Athens. John Earnest was charged with Aggravated DUI and misdemeanor DWLS. A judge issued a \$10,000 bond.

BARTLETT POLICE DEPARTMENT (PD)

Bartlett PD netted the following seven DUI arrests on Super Bowl Sunday while working under an IDOT highway safety grant targeting alcohol-related offenses.

Patrick L. Scales

Bartlett: Charged with DUI, improper stopping on the roadway and failure to signal.

Jeanette M. Wieszchowski

Elgin: Charged with DUI, driving with a BAC over 0.08, following too closely and improper lane usage.

Craig F. Martin

Bartlett: Charged with DUI, failure to signal and operating an uninsured vehicle.

Celia C. Hick

Aurora: Charged with DUI, driving with a BAC over 0.08, driving with an expired driver's license, improper lane usage and operating an uninsured motor vehicle.

Thomas A. Cota

Elgin: Charged with DUI and improper lane usage.

Amanda J. Manual

South Elgin: Charged with DUI, improper lane usage, failure to signal, illegal transportation of alcohol, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of cannabis.

Antonio Munoz

Elgin: Charged with aggravated DUI and no valid driver's license.



**"OFFICER, I HAD A FEW TOO MANY DRINKS.
WOULD YOU ARREST ME?"**

If you drive drunk, you're just asking to be arrested. Cops all across the country are cracking down on drunk driving like never before. So, if you have more than a few drinks and get behind the wheel, you will be arrested.

**You Drink & Drive.
YOU LOSE**

Designate a Sober Driver.



drinking & driving don't mix.

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AWARDS PROGRAM

The Illinois Department of Transportation's Division of Traffic Safety (IDOT/DTS) "DUI Enforcement Award" program provides a continuing recognition system for officers who excel in arresting impaired drivers. Awards are presented to any police officer who has made at least 25 DUI arrests since the beginning of 2001. As an officer's DUI arrests accumulate, he or she will be rewarded with new awards that indicate the different levels the officer has achieved. IDOT/DTS is proud to recognize the officers who make our roads safer by aggressively enforcing DUI laws.

For information on how to nominate yourself or someone else, please contact:

Richard Allan

SILEC

Illinois Department of Transportation/Division of Traffic Safety

Local Law Enforcement DUI Liaison

Fax: (618) 277-1553

700 North 5th Street 2nd Floor

Belleville, IL 62221

Visit www.silec.org/duiaward.asp to view the top DUI cops in Illinois.



BAIID LAW

The new Breath Alcohol Ignition Interlock Device (BAIID) law became effective January 1, 2009. The provisions of the new law allow a DUI offender to have a "Monitoring Device Driving Permit (MDDP)." An MDDP allows the offender to drive for any reason as long as (s)he is driving a vehicle equipped with a BAIID device. There are severe penalties for those who drive in violation of the new law. If an offender either chooses not to get an MDDP and is caught driving or has an MDDP but is caught driving a vehicle without an interlock, (s)he will be guilty of a Class 4 Felony. A Class 4 Felony is subject to a period of imprisonment of 1 – 3 years. Additionally, a person caught driving in violation of the law will have their suspension time increased by three months and will not be eligible to have full, unrestricted driving privileges restored at the end of the suspension period. The criminal violations will be dealt with in the criminal courtroom, but the Secretary of State can determine if a rule has been violated and the suspension extended.

Illinois New BAIID Law Quick Facts

- A person must provide a breath sample into the BAIID prior to starting the vehicle and at random intervals throughout the travel time. The BAIID uses advanced technology to read the person's Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) level.
- A BAIID is hooked to the ignition of the vehicle and prevents the person from starting the car if his/her breath sample registers a 0.05 or higher.
- If the breath sample is negative for alcohol, the person will be able to start his/her car without incident.

Recent studies show that recidivism is reduced between 45–90 percent while the interlock is in use. Nearly every state has some type of BAIID law with some states mandating use of the device and others leaving it to the discretion of a judge. Illinois becomes one of just six states mandating BAIID use by first-time offenders and is the largest state to do so.

Illinois sees an average of 50,000 DUI arrests each year and approximately 80 percent of them are first-time DUI offenders. That means a potential 40,000 drivers will be required to have BAIID devices installed in their vehicles this year.



AGENCY MOBILIZATION UPDATE

It sounds like a Visa commercial...

Cost of detail: *304 man hours.*

Number of agencies working together to address the serious problem of drunk driving: *Fourteen.*

Impact operations like this have on public safety: *Priceless!*

The 2008 edition of the "Provide a Safe Run on Route 21" mobilization was a great success. In spite of the bad weather, the mobilization was very successful.

Collectively, 80 officers from 14 law enforcement agencies provided 304 hours of special DUI saturation patrols and roadside safety checks along the entire 40 mile length of Illinois Route 21 (Milwaukee Avenue). Officers wrote 530 citations and made 52 arrests. A total of 20 impaired drivers were removed from the roadway. The average BAC for those arrested was a 0.149.

In addition to the DUI arrests, officers made an additional 32 traffic arrests including suspended/revoked drivers licenses, no valid driver's licenses and one warrant arrest.

Over the last five years, the combined efforts have resulted in 2,555 citations issued and 352 arrests. Since 2004, a total of 166 impaired drivers have been removed from the roadway.

Participating agencies include: Buffalo Grove, Chicago, Glenview, Gurnee, Illinois State Police, Libertyville, Lincolnshire, Niles, Prospect Heights, Riverwoods, Vernon Hills and Wheeling as well as the Cook and Lake County Sheriff's Departments.

Many lives were saved due to the collaborative efforts from dedicated agencies during the holiday season.

Thanks again for a job well done!

FEATURED POLICE OFFICER



Officer Adam Sherman

In 2007, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimated 507, or 41 percent, of the 1,248 deaths on Illinois roads involved alcohol. An estimated 434 (35 percent) of those deaths involved a legally-intoxicated driver with a BAC of 0.08 or above.

The Illinois Department of Transportation's Division of Traffic Safety is proud to recognize Officer Adam Sherman of the Wheeling Police Department for his dedication to lowering these statistics.

Officer Sherman has been with the Wheeling Police Department for three years.

Assigned to the patrol division, he vigilantly pursues impaired drivers working the midnight shift during which an overwhelming number of alcohol-involved crashes occur in Illinois.

In 2008, he was awarded the Traffic Officer of the Year when he made 91 DUI arrests, 242 total arrests and issued 1,310 total citations. In addition to his patrol duties, Officer Sherman also assists with several alcohol education/awareness classes each year in the Wheeling community.

He has been recognized by the Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists (AAIM) for his outstanding dedication to ridding streets of impaired drivers. In his three years with the Wheeling PD, Officer Sherman has made over 135 DUI Arrests, 400 total arrests and has issued nearly 3,000 citations.

Keep up the great work, Officer Sherman. Your strong commitment is saving lives!