DUIs: More Than a Ticket

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2022 DUI Arrests -Delaware

New Castle County:	1800
Kent County:	900
Sussex County:	1896

TOTAL: 4596



Under the Influence

Driving **Under the** Influence of **Drugs or** Alcohol 21 Del. C. § 4177

No person shall drive a vehicle:

- (1) When the person is under the influence of alcohol;
- (2) When the person is under the influence of any drug;
- (3) When the person is under the influence of a combination of alcohol or any drug;
- (4) When the person's alcohol concentration is .08 or more;
- (5) When the person's alcohol concentration is, within 4 hours after the time of driving .08 or more. [continues]
- (6) When the person's blood contains, within 4 hours of driving, any amount of an illicit or recreational drug that is the result of the unlawful use or consumption of such illicit or recreational drug or any amount of a substance or compound that is the result of the unlawful use or consumption of an illicit or recreational drug prior to or during driving.



Each DUI arrest is an opportunity -

To engage the public

To prevent death, injury, and property damage

To ultimately provide treatment and education to drivers

To implement license restrictions and/or monitoring through IIDs

To prevent this from happening again

What Makes a Great Case? **Detailed report**

Witnesses and contact information

SFSTs

Pictures and video

Statements and admissions

Physical evidence

Chemical analysis of blood/ breath/ urine

Taking your time



Steps of DUI Prosecution

Date of offense

- Basis for the stop
- Investigation & SFST
- Chemical test

Trial preparation

- Share evidence
- Case strength

Court process

Appropriate resolution



¹ A Westlaw search of "two beers" with the words "alcohol" and "driving" yields its mention in some 2,000 cases nationwide. If Budweiser is the king of beers, then surely "two beers" is the king of explanations.

Cedeno v. State, 2023 WL 6323598 (Del. Super. Sept. 27, 2023)

Bodyworn Camera in Impaired Driving Cases



Primary goal is evidence collection, not a Hollywood Production



Can't capture everything





Play by Play



Assist report writing



Other Drugs Besides Alcohol

Chemical Tests Old & New





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