



HOT SHEET NEWS

A Monthly Newsletter

Reporting Ohio's Habitual DUI Offenders

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The information contained in the *Hot Sheet* comes from law enforcement agencies. The Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) does not submit information, due to the Driver Privacy Protection Act. The information contained in the *Hot Sheet* is also based on arrests not convictions.



THE WORST



Goshen Twp. Police Dept. Officer Ron Robinson arrested Lee Elliott, 39, for his **FIFTEENTH DUI** offense on 12/29/03. He was stopped for going left-of-center. Also, Robinson arrested Gerald Adkins, 44, for his **FOURTEENTH DUI** offense on 12/23/03. This was his second within six years, making it a felony. He was stopped for speeding. He tested .089 BAC.

Ashland Post Tpr. John Martin arrested Timothy Draper, 39, for his **TENTH DUI** offense on 12/27/03.

Georgetown Post Tpr. Lia Heidel arrested Donald Andersen, 45, for his **ELEVENTH DUI** offense on 12/15/03.

Wooster Post Tpr. Dora Gonzalez arrested Albert Baker, 46, for his **ELEVENTH DUI** offense on 12/27/03. He tested .089 BAC.

Sandusky Post Tpr. Frank Day arrested Thomas Meagher, 39, for his **TENTH DUI** offense on 12/22/03.

LOCAL ARRESTS

Castalia Police Dept. Officer Adam Klepper arrested Thomas Hackathorn, 40, for his **SIXTH DUI** offense on 12/05/03. He was stopped for failure to signal a turn and for a faulty exhaust. He was also cited for driving under FRA suspension. He tested .089 BAC.



Program-to-Date Totals

August 1, 1991 to
January 31, 2003

- 14,660 arrests of habitual offenders (five or more convictions)
- 15,219 calls were placed to 1-800-Grab-DUI

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Local Arrests

OSHP ARRESTS



Ashland Post Tpr. John Maxey arrested Todd Wallen, 41, for his **SEVENTH DUI** offense on 12/25/03.

Athens Post Tpr. Glendon Ward arrested Paul Lowry, 32, for his **SIXTH DUI** offense on 12/24/03.

Cambridge Post Tpr. Anne Ralston arrested William Melton, 43, for his **FIFTH DUI** offense on 12/06/03. He tested .095 BAC.

Canton Post Tpr. Todd Bradic arrested Daniel McCallin, 49, for his **SEVENTH DUI** offense on 12/12/03.

Defiance Post Tpr. Raul Cuellar arrested Daniel Pate, 44, for his **SIXTH DUI** offense on 12/27/03.

Elyria Post Tpr. David Dylag arrested Paul Ensign, 44, for his **SEVENTH DUI** offense on 12/20/03.

Findlay Post Tpr. Jacob Fletcher arrested Mark Ametrano, 41, for his **EIGHTH DUI** offense on 12/07/03.

Gallipolis Post Tpr. Chadwick Clingenpeel arrested Melvin Stewart Jr., 31, for his **SIXTH DUI** offense on 12/06/03.

Gallipolis Post Tpr. Jeremy Schuldt arrested Timothy Smith, 36, for his **SIXTH DUI** offense on 12/04/03. Also, Schuldt arrested James Shaver, 54, for his **SEVENTH DUI** offense on 12/13/03.

Ironton Post Tpr. Justin Smith arrested Shawn Miller, 36, for his **NINTH DUI** offense on 12/08/03.

Ironton Post Sgt. Jacob Kisor arrested Charlene Jenkins, 36, for her **SEVENTH DUI** offense on 12/26/03.

Jackson Post Tpr. Heath Shaner arrested Greenville Thacker, 39, for his **SEVENTH DUI** offense on 12/24/03.

Jackson Post Tpr. Michael Roe arrested Christopher Zimmerman, 32, for his **EIGHTH DUI** offense on 12/05/03.

Lisbon Post Tpr. Kenneth Metz arrested Patrick Brennan, 51, for his **SIXTH DUI** offense on 12/14/03.

Marietta Post Tpr. Steven Wetz arrested Tommy Farley, 55, for his **EIGHTH DUI** offense on 12/27/03.

Marion Post Tpr. Timothy Errington arrested Omer Williams, 54, for his **SIXTH DUI** offense on 12/20/03.

Milan Post Tpr. John Williams arrested Brian Green, 36, for his **EIGHTH DUI** offense on 12/30/03. Also, Williams arrested Brian Green, 36, for his **SEVENTH DUI** offense on 12/30/03.

Mt. Gilead Post Tpr. Shad Bierdeman arrested Gregory Owens, 40, for his **SIXTH DUI** offense on 12/21/03.

Mt. Gilead Post Tpr. Elizabeth Petro arrested Ralph Merz Jr., 52, for his **FIFTH DUI** offense on 12/21/03.

New Philadelphia Post Tpr. Michael Claxton arrested George Bontea, 46, for his **SIXTH DUI** offense on 12/27/03.

Norwalk Post Tpr. Gary Griffeth arrested Chad French, 28, for his **FIFTH DUI** offense on 12/19/03. Also, Griffeth arrested Julie Becker, 37, for her **EIGHTH DUI** offense on 12/20/03.

Ravenna Post Tpr. Gary Whitacre arrested Mitchell Bailey, 33, for his **SEVENTH DUI** offense on 12/31/03.

Ravenna Post Tpr. Robert Hermann arrested Jeffrey Hutzell, 35, for his **SIXTH DUI** offense on 12/27/03.

Ravenna Post Tpr. Seth Howard arrested Marc Beland, 41, for his **FIFTH DUI** offense on 12/23/03.

Ravenna Post Tpr. Charles Mendenhall arrested Timothy Mullins, 31, for his **SIXTH DUI** offense on 12/05/03.

Sandusky Post Tpr. Frank Day arrested Thomas Meagher, 39, for his **TENTH DUI** offense on 12/22/03. Also, Day arrested Gary Bender, 43, for his **EIGHTH DUI** offense on 12/24/03.

Sandusky Post Tpr. Eric Wlodarsky arrested William Williams, 40, for his **FIFTH DUI** offense on 12/28/03.

Sandusky Post Tpr. Jason Demuth arrested Russel Bollinger, 26, for his **SIXTH DUI** offense on 12/03/03.

Walbridge Post Tpr. Christopher Fitzgerald arrested Daniel Combs, 41, for his **EIGHTH DUI** offense on 12/17/03.

Wilmington Post Tpr. James Williams arrested Ronald Hollingsworth, 43, for his **SEVENTH DUI** offense on 12/23/03.

Wilmington Post Tpr. Jeremy Grillot arrested Stephen Souther, 42, for his **FIFTH DUI** offense on 12/12/03.

Wilmington Post Tpr. Roger Pohlman arrested Chet Lung, 41, for his **SIXTH DUI** offense on 12/21/03.

Wilmington Post Tpr. Jeffrey Coomer arrested Michael Bonfield, 49, for his **SIXTH DUI** offense on 12/29/03.

Wilmington Post Tpr. Rodney Murphy Jr. arrested Scott Gregory, 39, for his **SEVENTH DUI** offense on 12/12/03.

Zanesville Post Tpr. Jeffrey Jirles arrested Ricky Smith, 41, for his **FIFTH DUI** offense on 12/10/03. Also, Jirles arrested Roy Mitchell, 70, for his **SIXTH DUI** offense on 12/04/03.

CONSEQUENCES OF DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE

Some of you do speaking engagements at schools and organizations.
You might want to mention some of these myths:



Source: Mothers Against Drunk Driving (M.A.D.D.)

- **MYTH: As long as you've gotten a few hours of sleep, you'll be OK to drive the morning after you've been drinking.**

Powernaps, even in the middle of the night, are not sufficient. Alcohol is processed out of the body at your body's own fixed rate. Your reflexes and other physical abilities can be affected for as many as 10 hours after you've finished your last drink (and this could be longer if you had a tremendous amount to drink).

- **MYTH: It's easy to know your own limit and to keep from driving after having consumed alcohol.**

It's actually not easy, because with each drink, you're getting more and more impaired (and that includes your judgment which is making decisions about your ability to drive safely). Even a little alcohol can affect your driving and your ability to be as safe as possible on the roadways.

- **MYTH: The signs are obvious for a driver who has had too much to drink.**

While some of the signs are obvious (weaving, crossing lanes, ignoring a stop light or a stop sign, driving very slowly, or having headlights off at night), some are not so obvious (like stopping at a green light, braking erratically, or driving with the dome light on during the night).

- **MYTH: Getting arrested for an OVI is no big deal.**

It affects your driving record, it can cost a lot of money, including increased insurance costs, and it can be a large inconvenience if you lose your driving privileges.



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CONSEQUENCES CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3

- MYTH: Alcohol is a stimulant.**
In fact, alcohol depresses the body in multiple ways, including loss of judgment, coordination, difficulty with handling multiple tasks simultaneously, and decreased response time. This is not surprising since alcohol and ether (used for surgery) have similar chemical compositions.
- MYTH: Mixing drugs and alcohol is not harmful.**
Not only does mixing drugs and alcohol cause major concerns with health, but it also affects a person's ability to drive safely. While drugs mixed with alcohol may not increase the BAC, they can dramatically affect the ability to drive safely. Mixing some drugs with alcohol can intensify the effect, creating even greater impairment.
- MYTH: The effect of alcohol on vision is limited to the ability to focus.**
Good vision is essential for good driving, since our eyes are responsible for sending signals to our brain to create certain responses, such as pushing on the brakes. Alcohol affects the reaction time of the pupil, blinds the pupil at night, reduces peripheral vision (causing a narrowed range of sight), reduces visual sharpness, and decreases the ability to focus (to keep the image clear).
- MYTH: Alcohol mainly affects a person's vision.**
Alcohol impairs judgment, memory, walking, talking, hand movements, speech, balance, reaction time, self-control, and coordination. Note that virtually all of these functions are directly related to driving ability.
- MYTH: By consuming mixed drinks, you can actually drink less alcohol.**
It may be true that you can consume less alcohol but it depends on how many drinks you actually have. Carbonation in a drink makes the drink affect you quicker.

*Source: M.A.D.D. and
Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles*

NOTES

- ◆ In order to process your HOT SHEET Report Form, please either print legibly or type. It is difficult to process some reports because they smear in the faxing process.
Thank you!
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