ARRESTED FOR DUI: WHAT HAPPENS NOW?

Plan for Today

Basic Definitions

Process/Procedure After a DUI Charge is Filed

Defining DUI In every Arizona DUI case, there must be proof of...

Defining DUI

"drive <u>or</u> be in actual physical control of a vehicle"

Defining DUI: Example Can you get a DUI while parked legally in a parking lot?

Defining DUI

So, what is "actual physical control" (APC) of a vehicle?

Defining DUI

The easiest answer... it's up to the jury (with legal guidance).

Defining DUI Beyond driving or APC...

1. "impaired to the slightest degree" by drugs, alcohol, vapor

"impaired to the slightest degree" Scientific evidence?

Types of DUI Offenses 2. "0.08 or more" within two (2) hours of driving or APC

Types of DUI Offenses 3. "0.15 or more" within two (2) hours of driving or APC

Types of DUI Offenses 4. "0.20 or more" within two (2) hours of driving or APC

5. "drug . . . or its metabolite" in the person's body

"drug ... or its metabolite"

Quantity does not legally matter!

"drug ... or its metabolite"

But it must be psychoactive (new).

Types of DUI Offenses Second offense DUI Within 84 months (dates of commission)

So far, these have all been misdemeanors.

Side Topic...

What is the difference between misdemeanor and felony?

Side Topic...

If they are all misdemeanors so far, why are they defined differently?

Types of DUI Offenses Felony DUI's are called "Aggravated DUI"

Aggravated DUI

License suspended, revoked, canceled, refused, or restricted **Aggravated DUI**

While you're supposed to have an Ignition Interlock Device

Aggravated DUI Passenger under 15 years of age

Aggravated DUI Third or subsequent DUI within 84 months

Back to the Plan

We have now generally defined all of the DUI's under Arizona law.

Taking a Step Back **Arrested for DUI: What** Happens Next?

The DUI Arrest

We are not covering SFST's or roadside investigation.

The DUI Arrest

Police must have probable cause to arrest.

After DUI Arrest Sample of your breath, blood, or urine? What if you refuse?

After DUI Arrest

Book into jail, or release?

Two Cases Filed:

Criminal Case MVD/ADOT Case

Two Cases Filed:

We already defined the different DUI charges under Arizona law.

Two Cases Filed:

So let's talk about MVD now.

The MVD Case

Document: Admin Per Se / Implied Consent Affidavit

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The MVD Case

Refusal case? 0.08 or drug case?

The Refusal Case

At risk:

12 month suspension (SIIRDL after 90 days)

The 0.08/Drug Case

At risk:

90 day suspension (restricted license after 30 days) The MVD Case

Separate from the criminal case.

Executive Hearing Office is in Phoenix.

15 Day Deadline Properly and timely file a request for hearing or summary review.

<u>15 Day Deadline</u>

Hard deadline.

No exceptions.

The MVD Case

Hearing? Summary review?

Meanwhile...

You can fight the MVD case, but the criminal case will not be delayed.

The DUI Case

Jurisdiction:

Misdemeanor or felony?

The DUI Case

Arizona Rules of Criminal Procedure

The DUI Case Do you have a right to have an attorney?

The DUI Case

Do you have a right to have a court appointed attorney?

Brief Detour...

Mandatory minimum sentencing: *Every DUI has jail!*

The DUI Case

Always consult with your attorney about the next steps.

The DUI Case

1. Initial Appearance (and Arraignment)

Initial Appearance Judge advises of the charges **Release conditions?**

Arraignment Enter a "Not Guilty" plea, almost always.

The DUI Case 2. Pre-Trial Conference (PTC) or Case Management **Conference (CMC)**

Viewing the Evidence

"Disclosure"

When can you have your disclosure?

The DUI Case 2. Pre-Trial Conference (PTC) or Case Management **Conference (CMC)**

What is a PTC?

Meeting between your attorney and the prosecutor.

PTC vs. CMC Each court is a bit different.

The Local Courts:

Coconino County Superior Court

The Local Courts: **Flagstaff Justice Court** Williams Justice Court **Page Justice Court**

The Local Courts:

Flagstaff Municipal Court

The Local Courts:

U.S. Magistrate Court for the District of Arizona

<u>Appear for Hearings?</u>

Ask your lawyer. Sometimes you must, sometimes you may not have to.

After the PTC/CMC

Will your case resolve with or without a trial?

Without a Trial

Dismissal or Change of Plea



The rare exception, not the rule. Why?



The State "shall not dismiss" a DUI charge...



... "unless there is an insufficient legal or factual basis" to prosecute

<u>A.R.S. § 28-1387(I)</u>

The legislature can force the prosecutor's hand?



Separation of powers violation?



Either way: it's the current law and it's bad news.

Change of Plea

For entering a negotiated resolution (plea agreement)



Bench trial? Jury trial?

Jury Trial

How many jurors? What evidence is permitted?

Jury Trial

Only two possible outcomes... Guilty or Not Guilty.

Not Guilty

The Court will dismiss the acquitted charges.



Now what? Sentencing

<u>Sentencing</u>

Misdemeanor or felony?

Mandatory minimums?

Jail:

Mandatory minimum? Maximum?

Monetary Fine: Mandatory minimum? Maximum?

Rehabilitation:

Substance abuse screening + counseling

Rehabilitation:

Hint – always use an MVD certified agency!

Mandatory Penalties Community Service: Sometimes required.

MVD:

Suspension? Ignition Interlock?

Other Penalties

Probation:

Discretionary

Post-Conviction

Definitely consider applying to set aside the conviction! Thank you.

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