

## Informational checklist for the "Midnight Call"

Except when absolutely necessary (i.e., to announce their name) you must instruct the caller only to respond with "Yes" or "No" answers. The officers will be listening and any statements made will be noted for the police report.

- Name
- Citizen? Yes  No
- Police department
- Booking Officer's name
- Was there an Accident? Yes  No
- Single Car or Multiple car?
- Any person injured in any way from accident?
- Prior Arrest
- For DUI?
- Prior Use of Alcohol program?
- When?
- Was Client Drinking tonight?
- More than 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 + drinks
- Any drugs used
- Hospital treatment?
- Time Started consuming
- Time stopped consuming
- Any alcohol in the car?
- Contents of Stomach:  
Empty  Light Meal  Moderate Meal   
Heavy Meal
- Bond Set
- Contact for Bond name
- Phone
- City
- Date for Court appearance
- Which Court GA

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**How do  
you respond  
to the  
"Midnight Call?"**

**It's 3:17 a.m. and you are on the phone with your most important client. His son has been arrested and he needs advice . . . quickly.**

At **Ruane Attorneys at Law**, we have been answering the "Midnight Call" for over 20 years. Our firm is dedicated to aggressive DUI/DWI defense and is uniquely positioned to help you serve your most important client.

Not so long ago, DUI was considered a minor offense with virtually no punishment. Now, the evidentiary issues are a legal minefield. The simplest advice, even if given with the best intentions can quickly spiral downward if the proper issues are not acknowledged and evaluated. With impending license suspensions, job security and corporate responsibility issues, persons accused of DUI need an experienced DUI lawyer to defend them.

Our firm has evolved into a DUI defense firm over time. We deal regularly with the sensitive issues such a charge brings. Attorneys Ruane have become well known throughout the Criminal Defense bar for their expertise. No other firm in the local area can boast having both a Certified Criminal Trial Specialist and an attorney Certified in the NHTSA approved Standardized Field Sobriety Tests.



## DWI Stats & Facts

Each year, over 10,000 Connecticut Citizens are arrested for drunk driving (CT DMV 2002)

Arrests and Convictions Arrests for DUI/DWI accounted for one of the highest (1.4 million) arrest counts among the specific categories in 1994. Larceny-theft (1.5 million) and drug abuse violations (1.4 million) were also high.

Of the 14.6 million arrests for criminal infractions in 1994, driving under the influence was the offense most often cited among adults. (FBI,1995)

Despite a two percent decline in the national crime rate, the number of arrests for driving under the influence increased from 1.2 million in 1993 to 1.4 million in 1994. This is an arrest rate of one for every 127 licensed drivers in the U.S. (NHTSA, 1996)

### A Single Drunk Driving Conviction Can Cost:

- Cost to Tow your Car.....\$115
- Alcohol Evaluation Fee.....\$100
- Bail Fee.....\$100
- Minimum Fine .....\$500
- Court Costs ..... \$15
- Court Fees ..... \$63
- Probation Fee .....\$200
- License Reinstatement Fee .....\$100
- SR-22 (Supplemental Insurance) .....\$2500-\$5000
- Alcohol Education Application Fee .....\$50
- Alcohol Education Class Fee.....\$425-\$575
- Driver Retraining Program.....\$900
- Auto Insurance Increase (average \$1600 increase per year for 5 years, minimum).....\$8000
- Loss time from work for court and probation appointments ..... ?
- Impact of not being able to drive for at least one year.....?

**+ Incalculable**

We have compiled this information for counsel in your office in case they are confronted with your clients needs by answering the "midnight call" We can be reached 24 hours a day at 203-382-0394. Our operator can dispatch us a message within 30 seconds, and we usually respond within 5 minutes.

Did you know that there are over 30 distinct challenges to the breath test's accuracy which can be raised with the proper foundation?

Some of the Successful Defenses Raised for our Clients in Chemical test cases include:

Acid Reflux, Timing Issues, Observation Issues, Diabetes, Atkins Diet, Cosmetic Dentistry, The "Tyndall" Effect, Radio Frequency Interference, A.D.D./A.D.H.D.

### Important Information for Clients

The DMV will issue a suspension notice for refusing or failing a chemical alcohol test. The client, or attorney, must contact the DMV within 7 days to request a hearing to contest the suspension. The DMV Administrative Per Se office's Direct Phone Number is 860-263-5204

**For more information - visit:**

