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Lindsay Lohan Sentenced to Jail for DUI Probation Violation

Actress Lindsay Lohan is once again making headlines related to her 2007 DUI conviction. When we originally brought you Lohan's story on our DC Criminal Defense Attorney blog, the actress had just been sentenced to wearing an alcohol monitoring device on her ankle after missing a mandatory hearing. The judge had sentenced Lohan to wearing the SCRAMx device after Lohan repeatedly neglected her obligations regarding her DUI conviction. Now, Lohan has been sentenced to jail time after continuing to violate the terms of her probation.

Under her probation conditions, Lohan was required to attend weekly alcohol education classes. After missing seven classes since December, Lohan was forced to appear before a judge, who was unmoved by Lohan's apology. The judge sentenced the "Mean Girls" actress to 90 days in jail and 90 days of inpatient alcohol treatment, a much stiffer penalty than prosecutors requested. The judge listed a number of ways in which Lohan continually defied the rulings of the court and stated, "There were a number of instances of [Lohan] not taking things seriously. It's like someone who cheats but doesn't think it's cheating if they don't get caught." She said that Lohan repeatedly lied to the court and continued to blame others for her own failure to comply with court decisions.

The latest in the Lindsay Lohan saga comes after her 2007 DUI conviction in which she pled guilty to being under the influence of cocaine and pleaded no contest to reckless driving and driving with a BAC over .08. She served 84 minutes of a four-day jail sentence in that case. Since then, she has been ordered to attend alcohol educations classes, which she repeatedly missed, and forced to wear an alcohol monitoring device, which was triggered by a BAC reading of .03 at after-parties following the MTV Movie Awards.

While the actress is sentenced to 90 days in jail, officials say that she will probably serve much less, reporting that non-violent female offenders

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generally serve only 25% of their sentence.

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