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## DUI Busts are On The Rise In Lake County

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People who drink and drive would perhaps already know that holiday weekends, such as the recent Labor Day weekend, is not the time to get behind the wheel while intoxicated. Cities, towns, and states all spend our tax money on advertisements telling people they will be caught if they imbibe during these festive times of the year. Either way, dozens were caught and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol over the Labor Day weekend.

Most of these drivers were not caught at the highly advertised [DUI checkpoints](#) at Minneola and Fruitland Park, but were rather spotted by officers out on roaming patrols around the area. In addition to the over 24 arrests made for driving under the influence, four people were arrested for operating a boat while intoxicated.

The penalties for DUI are quite severe, ranging from arrest with a \$500 bail for first time offenders to as much as \$5,000 – \$10,000 bail for offenders who have a more “colorful” arrest record. All offenders can expect to have their licenses revoked for a period of time as well as having to take DUI classes as a condition of reinstatement of driving privileges. Many drivers do not know just how much drinking and driving will cost them in terms of insurance rate increases for at least three years after the offense as well.

Offenders who were unlucky enough to be caught over the holiday weekend should not try to resolve their legal problems alone. A good attorney will go a very long way with handling a DUI conviction.

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