



The financial impact of a DUI

By **Tim Heydinger**
Southern Ute Tribal Court

The holiday season is here.

At this time of year, there is a substantial increase in the number of people accused of driving while under the influence of alcohol. There are a myriad of reasons to not drink and drive. One of those reasons is the simple financial impact of a DUI arrest and conviction.

People frequently ask, "What's this going to cost me?"

If a police officer suspects the a person is DUI, the person will be arrested, taken to jail, and required to post some sort of bond before being released. For a first time DUI arrest, bond typically is \$1,500. If the person uses a bondsman to help get them out of jail, the bondsman typically will charge a fee of \$225. That is the bondsman's fee, and the person will not get this money back.

If a person chooses, they may hire private counsel to represent them. The cost for hiring a lawyer is not cheap. Lawyers

typically require that an up-front retainer fee be paid. While the fee can vary substantially, it frequently is many hundreds of dollars (if not more).

If the person ultimately is convicted of the DUI charge (or even a lesser charge of driving while ability impaired), some form of probation usually is imposed. The conditions of probation include alcohol classes, attendance at a DUI victim impact panel, a fine, the payment of court costs, and probation supervision fees. Each one of these requirements has costs money.

The DUI victim impact panel is fairly inexpensive – in the neighborhood of \$25. The fine for a first-time DUI is between \$100 and \$150; if there are prior DUI convictions, the amount of the fine goes up. Probation supervision fees are \$240. Court costs are \$25. The cost of the alcohol classes varies, but frequently is in excess of \$1,000.

There also are potential costs related to one's driver license and driving privileges. It is not

uncommon for a person with a DUI case to lose their driver license for some period of time. Before the person can get their driver license back, they will have to pay a reinstatement fee of \$95.

They also will have to purchase a special type of insurance called SR22 insurance. SR22 insurance is very expensive. Many people also are required to have a vehicle interlock device installed. In addition to the initial installation fee, interlocks usually cost more than \$100 per month.

The financial impact of a DUI conviction, even a first time, non-aggravated, run-of-the-mill DUI without the assistance of a lawyer, is significant. When one factors in other considerations, such as the increased likelihood of being involved in an accident where someone may be seriously injured or worse, it becomes obvious that drinking and driving do not mix. It just is not worth it – financially or otherwise.

Make the right choice: Enjoy the holidays, but do not drink and drive.

How to safely clean up a broken fluorescent light bulb

By **Peter Diethrich**

Southern Ute Environmental Programs

Compact fluorescent lights (CFLs) and other fluorescent light bulbs contain a small amount of mercury vapor, which is sealed within the glass tubing.

Mercury is toxic and can affect the brain, kidneys, skin and lungs. To minimize your exposure to

mercury vapor, follow the steps below.

Before cleanup, have people and pets leave the room and air out the room for five to 10 minutes with outside air. You'll need stiff paper or cardboard, sticky tape, a damp paper towel or disposable wipe, and a glass jar with a lid or a sealable plastic bag.

During cleanup, do not vacuum! Vacuuming could spread mercury-containing powder. Instead, thoroughly but safely collect the broken glass and visible powder and place it in your sealable container.

After cleanup, place the sealed container in an outside trash can and continue to air out the room if practical.

Christmas Light Contest Winners!

Hosted by the Southern Ute Police Department
Donations by SunUte Community Center, Sky Ute Casino Resort and SUPD
Thank you to all, for participating in this years 2011 Christmas Light Contest.

The winners are:

1. Franklin Thompson; 2. Sandra Maez; 3. Patricia Jacket

The Southern Ute Police Department would like to thank all the participants in the 2011 Annual Christmas Light Contest: Franklin Thompson, Clara Lucero, SanJean Burch, Patricia Jacket, Amber Baker-Valdez, Brandon Johnson, Olin Goodtracks, Lanay Naranjo, Jeremiah Montoya, Sandra Maez, Luana Herrera, and Rochelle Taylor. This year's competition was tough to judge and we would like to say thank you for all the hard work you put into your decorations.

Next year we would like to invite these participants and any community member to join us in our Christmas Light Contest meetings. Each year we begin the first week in November. If you would like to be a part of this process please contact Crystal Thompson or Amanda Lucero at 970-563-0246 to sign up.

To serve and provide



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Southern Ute Police Department officers and staffers load the back of a police truck with presents for local families. Each year, the Southern Ute Department of Justice & Regulatory partners with Project Merry Christmas and Southern Ute Montessori Head Start to identify local families in need of a little holiday cheer. This year, the department provided presents to six families.

IN THE SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL COURT
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In the Legal Name Change of, Case No.: 11-NC-0122
NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE
Dustin Bigleggins, Civil Subject

Notice is hereby given that The Division of Social Services on behalf of Dustin Bigleggins filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Dustin Ray Weaver. As of December 5, 2011 no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that Dustin Bigleggins name shall be and is hereby legally changed to Dustin Ray Weaver.

Dated this 16th day of December, 2011.
Scott Moore, Southern Ute Tribal Judge

In the Legal Name Change of, Case No.: 11-0180-CV-NC
NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE
Nathan Isaiah Atencio, Civil Subject

Notice is hereby given that Nathan Isaiah Atencio has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Nathan Isaiah Herrera. Any person desiring to object to the granting of the petition may do so by filing an objection in writing with the Clerk of the Court no later than January 23, 2012 by 5:00 PM. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.

Dated this 20th day of December, 2011.
Kelly Herrera, Court Clerk

In the Legal Name Change of, Case No.: 11-NC-175
NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE
Arecio Adarius Eagle Boy Baker-Hayes

Notice is hereby given that Arecio Adarius Eagle Boy Baker-Hayes has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Arecio Adarius Soaring Eagle Claw Baker. Any person desiring to object to the granting of the petition may do so by filing an objection in writing with the Clerk of the Court no later than February 3, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.

Dated this 21st day of December, 2011.
Janie Herrera, Court Clerk

In the Legal Name Change of, Case No.: 11-0181-CV-NC
NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE
Joseph Michael Atencio, Civil Subject

Notice is hereby given that Joseph Michael Atencio has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Joseph Michael Herrera. Any person desiring to object to the granting of the petition may do so by filing an objection in writing with the Clerk of the Court no later than January 23, 2012 by 5:00 PM. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.

Dated this 20th day of December, 2011.
Kelly Herrera, Court Clerk

Ignacio
Chamber of Commerce
Business Directory
One Cool Little Town

Restaurants

Julie's El Amigo

970-563-9998, 355 Goddard Ave., jquintana1952@yahoo.com, 11a-8p
"Mexican & American food"

Retail

Classy Seconds

970-563-1230
645 Goddard Ave.
classysecondsangela@gmail.com
M-F 9a-5p

Pine River Enterprises

970-563-9286
1817 Hwy. 151
M-F 7:30a-5p
"Selling tires and farm and ranch goods"

Marcella's Gifts

970-563-0266
355 Goddard Ave.
diamondlady@frontier.net
Tu-Sa 10a-5:30p; Su appt

Pinon Liquors

970-563-4083
125 Goddard Ave.
M-Th 10a-11p; F-Sa 10a-12a; Su 10a-10p
"Everyday low prices; drive-up window; good wine selection; coldest beer"

Services

Ignacio Community Library

970-563-9287
470 Goddard Ave.
www.ignaciolibrary.org
M-Th 9a-7p; F 9a-5p; Sa 9a-4p
"A cool place to check out"

Photocopier Service/Copy Shop

970-884-2311
1327 U.S. Hwy 160B Ste. F
M-F 9a-4p
"Copies, inks, toners, imaging supplies on all makes office equipment"

Paco Glass Inc.

970-563-4074
950 1/2 Goddard Ave.
"Summertime is coming; keep the bugs out and get your screens done early"

Pine River Times

970-884-2331
110 E. Mill St.
www.pinerivertimes.com
"The heart of the Pine River Valley"

To advertise in the Ignacio Business directory, contact Ignacio Floral & Gifts at 970-563-4070 or The Southern Ute Drum at 970-563-0118.

SKY UTE CASINO RESORT

New Year's Eve Dinner & Party

TO THE MUSIC OF RALPH DINOSAUR

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31

Be sure to join Sky Ute Casino and Ralph Dinosaur as we usher out 2011 and ring in 2012 at our New Year's Eve Dinner & Dance Party in the Event's Center. Tickets for dinner and the dance are \$30 for singles and \$50 for couples. Hors d'Oeuvres will be served from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. and dinner will be served from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. Jonas Grushkin will provide entertainment from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. The party gets started at 9 p.m. when Ralph Dinosaur takes the stage! Anyone wishing to purchase tickets to just the dance may do so for \$15 per person. Party favors and a champagne toast at Midnight are included in the price of all tickets! A cash bar will also be available. Tickets can be purchased online at www.skyutecasino.com or by visiting the Sky Ute Casino Gift Shop.

Must be 21 or older or be accompanied by an adult to enter. Management reserves the right to change or cancel this event at anytime without prior notice.

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