

# **Attorney David Guy Stevens Discusses DUI Prevention and Penalties**

David Guy Stevens, of the <u>Law Offices of David Guy Stevens</u>, gives speech on how to prevent getting a DUI and the subsequent consequences if convicted of DUI.

Aurora, IL (PRWEB) July 25, 2016 -- Attorney David Guy Stevens, founder of the Law Offices of David Guy Stevens, LLC, recently spoke at Christ Community Church in Wheaton, IL, to a predominantly Asian audience about DUI law. "My speech focused on how people get a DUI and, more importantly, how not to get a DUI," said Stevens. "I also discussed the penalties and consequences of a DUI, your rights as a motorist, and what to do or not do if you are pulled over."

Furthermore, Stevens examined the genetic intolerance to alcohol found in 50% of Asian men and women due to the lack of an enzyme normally found in the liver called <u>ALDH</u>. "Its specific purpose is to break down, or metabolize, alcohol in the blood stream," said Stevens. "When the body doesn't properly break down alcohol, the blood alcohol levels can be abnormally high in proportion to the amount of alcohol consumed. For 50% of Asian men and women who lack the ALDH enzyme, after only one or two drinks they may not only look drunk, due to the reddening or flushing this condition tends to cause, but may very well be drunk."

Stevens further stated that being impaired by alcohol by definition could mean "any amount of alcohol (even one beer) that by itself or in combination of other factors may affect your ability to drive safely." He also related what to do if stopped on suspicion of DUI. "Always be polite, and remember that you will never talk your way out of an arrest so don't try; it will only be used against you," said Stevens. "And keep in mind that just because you get arrested doesn't mean that you will be found guilty of DUI."

If found guilty of DUI, however, the consequences are myriad. If one's blood alcohol level was over 0.16, they will need to complete 100 hours of public service work. If there was a child in the car, there is a mandatory conviction, revocation of one's license, two days in jail and/or it could be a felony.

"A second DUI is a conviction and revocation of your license and a minimum of five days in jail or 240 hours of public service work," said Stevens. "A third DUI is a Class 2 felony and it could be punishable by probation and a minimum of 10 days in jail or 480 hours of public service work, or three to seven years in prison. A fourth DUI is a Class 2 felony non-probationable, and means a minimum of three to seven years in prison."

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