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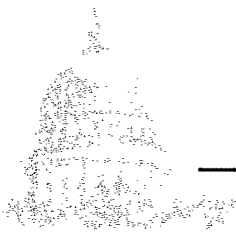
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Testimony in Favor of Assembly Bill 181

Chairman Robert Turner, and members of the Assembly Committee on Criminal Justice. I submit this testimony today in support of Assembly Bill 181, which will increase the penalties for operating a motor vehicle without a valid driver's license or after suspension or revocation of an operating privilege and providing penalties.

In 2005, my constituent, Greendale Police Chief Robert Dams suffered a great loss: his son Nick was killed in a driving accident. Like so many losses, the tragedy is compounded by the fact that the fatal accident should not have occurred. The driver who caused the accident which took Nick Dam's life was not legally licensed to drive; the driver's license had been suspended. As a consequence for the driver's actions, he was found guilty of operating while his license was suspended, and fined \$186. This was a trivial fine, and arguably no deterrent to stop the motorist from driving on a suspended license.

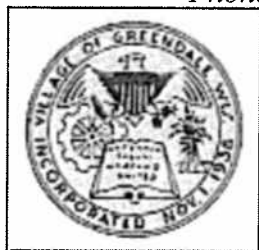
I note with admiration that Chief Robert Dam's response to this needless tragedy has been to tirelessly work over the years to make sure that such a loss would be less likely to happen to another family. Chief Dams has for years worked to increase the awareness of lawmakers and the public to the need to create a stronger deterrent -- to driving without a valid license -- by increasing the penalties as in this bill.

It is estimated that in 2008 alone, 100,000 people in Wisconsin were caught driving after revocation or suspension, or simply without ever having received a license. This is 100,000 people too many.

Thank you for your consideration, and support for AB 181.



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A SEVERE EPIDEMIC

In 2008, over 107,000 people in Wisconsin
Operating Without a License
Operating While Revoked
Operating While Suspended

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On September 20, 2005, my 20-year-old son Nicholas was on his way home from college. Nick was a brilliant, vibrant young man with set goals for doing what he liked best, helping people and making new friends. He had chosen the career of Law Enforcement, and was voted Vice President of the Student Criminal Justice Council. But on that horrific day, Nicholas was killed by a person operating a vehicle with driving privileges that were revoked.

In fact, that person never had a license. He never paid the fines for his 12 arrests nor appeared in court, and the judicial system's answer to that was to simply take away his right to ever get a license. That person, however, continued to drive a motor vehicle. In fact, on August 18, 2005, this same person had been issued a traffic citation for operating while suspended, which was a month and two days **before** he **again** chose to drive without a valid license and subsequently **killed** my son.

This person continues to drive a car. Fox 6 did an undercover operation and filmed the man getting into his car and driving daily. When they contacted the Milwaukee Police Department, the man was arrested on warrants for additional citations he had received for operating while revoked. He was also **again** found in possession of marijuana. When confronted by Fox 6 about his driving, this person denied it until shown the film. He then stated, "God killed Nicholas."

The man that killed Nick knowingly made a decision to break the law that day. My family and I have to live with that person's decision. Did we have a choice in his decision to drive and kill my son? No. I will forever live with the loss of my son, my best friend.

After Nick's senseless death, many people in the same position came to me and asked "what can we do?" They also had loved ones killed or seriously injured by people driving while suspended, revoked, or with no driver's license at all, and wondered what could be done to stop this from happening to others. **I realized then that the only way to stop this problem was to go straight to the law makers, and enlighten them as to this very serious problem, asking them to make changes that will hold people responsible for their actions in these cases.**

THIS EPIDEMIC CONTINUES EVERY YEAR –

Twenty-year-old Christopher Bruger, driving for 4 years, has 36 convictions of driving without a valid driver's license on his driving record, with **22 in 2007 alone!** Undoubtedly he drives every day, with additional convictions already in 2008.

Just last year, an immigrant was deported but illegally came back into the United States. Needless to say, he *never had a driver's license, but drove anyway*, killing 6-year-old girl Mackenzie Madison and seriously injuring her mother. From a legal standpoint, this immigrant only committed a minor crime. He was given the maximum penalty by the judge, a **mere 9 months in jail and a \$10,000 fine**, which all of us here know will never be paid. He will be deported again, and will continue to go on with his life. The mother filled out the victim impact statement:

- ✓ Coat \$25
- ✓ Shoes \$15
- ✓ Daughter's life – PRICELESS!

In December 2008, a snowplow driver working for a private company struck a pedestrian, killing him. The driver *never had a driver's license*.

Within the past year, a man driving the wrong way on a divided highway caused great bodily harm to the person he struck. This driver was **revoked with 20 previous citations for OAR**. Unacceptable!

- AGAIN THE UNLICENSED DRIVER MADE THE CHOICE TO BREAK THE LAW.
- WHAT CHOICE DID THE VICTIM HAVE? NONE.
- WHAT CHOICE DID THE SURVIVING FAMILIES HAVE? NONE.

"UNLICENSED TO KILL" - This Federal Study reported that a person operating a motor vehicle while revoked, suspended, or without a license is **4 times** more likely to be involved in a fatal accident than a licensed driver. In this study, Wisconsin ranked **14th** in the United States where unlicensed drivers are involved in fatal crashes.

In the cases where a death has resulted, this is *by definition a homicide*. The vehicle IS the weapon, like it or not. People who are breaking these laws need to understand that there is great value to the life of a human being. Two thousand pounds of metal is much more lethal than a one-eighth ounce piece of lead from a gun and certainly more likely to kill!

When I first became a law enforcement officer thirty-six years ago, operating after revocation and operating after suspension were defined and treated as **crimes** by statute, resulting in people being held responsible for their actions. Unfortunately, some felt that this resulted in a burden on the courts and these offenses were “decriminalized”.

It thus became a “cash register” justice system for these offenses. Unfortunately, even that no longer works, as people now don’t pay those fines and continue driving knowing that, if caught, the only consequence they will face is another traffic citation that will **also** go unpaid.

As long as I have been in law enforcement it has been a privilege to operate a motor vehicle in this State, not a right or something owed to an individual.

When a person cannot get a license, are revoked or suspended, it’s for a reason. These people, if they were held responsible, would learn from their mistakes and work at getting their license back. Why even have the laws if people are not going to be held responsible for their actions.

Many people today would rather spend their \$500 on a new stereo, cell phone, or something else, rather than do what is not only right, but also the law in this State; work at getting their licenses back, and taking responsibility for their actions. I have taken extensive classes on our changing generations, in which it is often presented as a proven fact that today’s “X-generation” cares only about themselves. It’s all about “what I want, what I need” and defy anyone who tries to say differently. Some of this may have to do with parental lack of responsibility in the upbringing of these 20-30 year olds today. This way of life will only get worse with generations to follow the same way they were brought up.

Concerns have been raised about licenses being taken for minor offenses. Our society and Criminal Justice system has done so much in trying to help people keep their licenses by:

- “Booze it or Lose it” classes
- Point reduction classes
- Drug classes
- Retail Theft classes
- Underage Tobacco classes
- Truancy classes
- Plea bargaining cases
- Minimal payment programs
- Tax intercept (for those who work)
- Occupational Licenses
- Justice 2000
- Just recently Senator Lena Taylor sponsored a law where a payment plan must be instituted before a suspension or revocation can take place. This will only work if the person is responsible and keeps the conditions of the payment plan.

In the recently passed State budget, all OAR and OAS charges will now be a municipal violation unless OWI related. I expect the number of people operating while revoked or suspended will increase even more. For some unknown reason, OWL was not included and can still be a criminal violation. This is all the more reason to at least hold people responsible criminally if they cause great bodily harm or death while operating a vehicle while revoked, suspended or without a license.

Some lawmakers feel that charging someone with a Felony will hurt them for the rest of their lives. Because, as convicted felons, they cannot hunt, vote, or hold public office. **BUT WHAT DO SO MANY OTHER PEOPLE AND MY FAMILY AND I LIVE WITH and WITHOUT?** We get to go to the grave site to talk to our children and loved ones. I do this every Saturday and will for the rest of my life. My family and I will never know what Nick would be like today, tomorrow or forever, and we will never have the chance to love his children. The pain is unbearable, and it will never bring him back. Think of it - "FOREVER" - the longest time we know of as human beings. **CHOICE** - The deceased person had no choice and the family had no choice **but they must live forever with another person's decision.** No intent but certainly a choice to break the law resulting in the death of a loved one, a loss that is forever to an innocent person, a son, daughter, husband, wife, grandparent, niece, nephew.

I have a question for all of us to ponder. Does a driver who has had too much to drink get into his car with the intention of killing someone? No. But they do get into that car knowing they should not be driving. The unthinkable then happens - an accident occurs and someone is dead. **This is a felony.** Now, a person makes a decision to drive when revoked, suspended, or without a license. Again, the intent is not to kill, but they made a choice to break the law. Again, the unthinkable happens, an accident occurs and someone is dead. **This is NOT a felony** although they broke the law the same way the drunk driver did.

I am joined by State Representatives, Senators, leaders of the Wisconsin Judge Association, Wisconsin District Attorney's Association, Wisconsin Public Defenders Association, DMV legal advisors, as well as other groups in pondering what can be done. We eliminated the Causing Damage and Minor Injury sections of the relevant statute to get to the ROOT of the problem: "Causing Great Bodily Harm" and "Causing Death." This is why we are here today: to finally create a law to hold people responsible. We can only do that with your help.

I know State Representatives and State Senators are working hard to change the drunken driving law. In most OWI arrests of 2nd offense or more, that person is also driving revoked. Passing this law could also be a first step in changing the prosecution of OWI offenses. Please take this first step and protect innocent people and families.

This legislation won't bring back Nicholas or the others that have been killed, but I truly feel that attempting to accomplish this is Nick's last chance through me and my family, as well as you, to help people, as Nick had always enjoyed doing when he was alive.

I truly believe that something must be done! We, as lawmakers, law enforcement, prosecutors, and judges need to be responsible to the citizens we serve and protect in this State. We need to take responsibility for allowing this to take place, and change it. The only way this can be done is by passing this legislation.

From the desk of Robert J. Dams, Chief of Police

Just think - over 107,000 (and those are only the ones we know of) dangerous illegal drivers are sharing our Wisconsin roads with you, your families and loved ones. This law is to protect all of our families.

Let's have Wisconsin be a leader for change.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Dams, a father and Greendale Police Chief

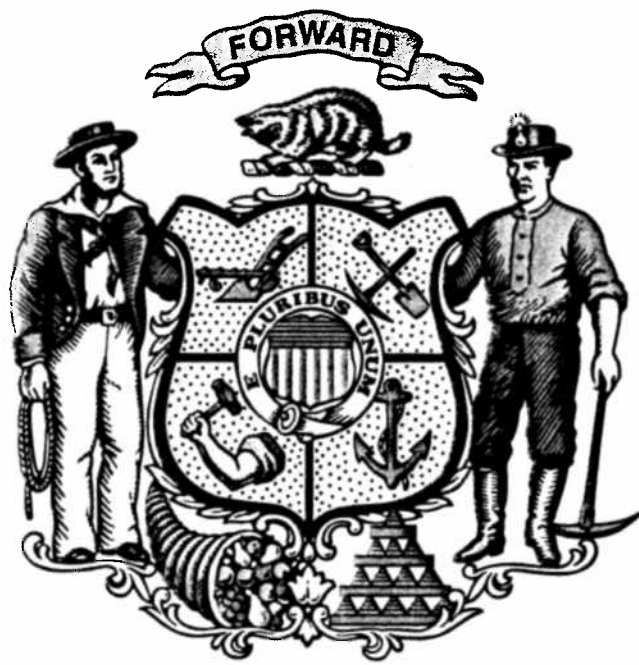
**From the DMV
web site**
<http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/drivers/general.htm>

LICENSES REVOKED OR SUSPENDED BY WISCONSIN COURTS:

2008
726,562

CONVICTIONS BY WISCONSIN COURTS:

2008
OAR 25,277
OAS 56,143
OWL 26,050
TOTAL **107,470**



SUPPORT NICK'S LAW AB181

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Hello Mr. Turner,

My name is Terry Dams, Cousin of Nicholas Dams and Nephew/God-son of Robert Dams Jr. (Greendale Chief of Police). I first of all want to thank you for being a man of your word. Next, I would like to thank you for all of your hard work on Nick's Law; I know that these things don't happen overnight and I am sure that you have pressure from many different parties and sides. I appreciate what you are doing and going through.

I know how much Nick's Law means to my uncle and how much it means to me, however, after going over it for the last several years, I believe that Nick's Law really means the most TO THE PEOPLE. Government was made BY the people, FOR the people....I think that I've read that somewhere before.

All that being said, I would like to share a story with you. I'm sure that you know that my cousin's life was ended very early (20 years old) by a person who was not supposed to be driving. Perhaps, if the illegal driver wasn't on the road, my cousin's funeral could have been avoided and we could have had many more family celebrations in the years to come....but that was cut short by an illegal driver.

Just as my uncle is, and my cousin Nick was going to school to become....I too am a police officer. Unfortunately, almost on a WEEKLY basis, my municipality alone arrests nearly 20+ people who are either: SUSPENDED, REVOKED, EXPIRED or OPERATING WITHOUT A LICENSE. Those are only the ones that we catch. As you can see, this is a serious problem. These people need to know that there is a responsibility to driving. The ones who will suffer are the families and friends of the people that they hurt or kill because they are not to be driving. They do not have a license FOR A REASON. They are not to be on the roadways for the PROTECTION of others and themselves.

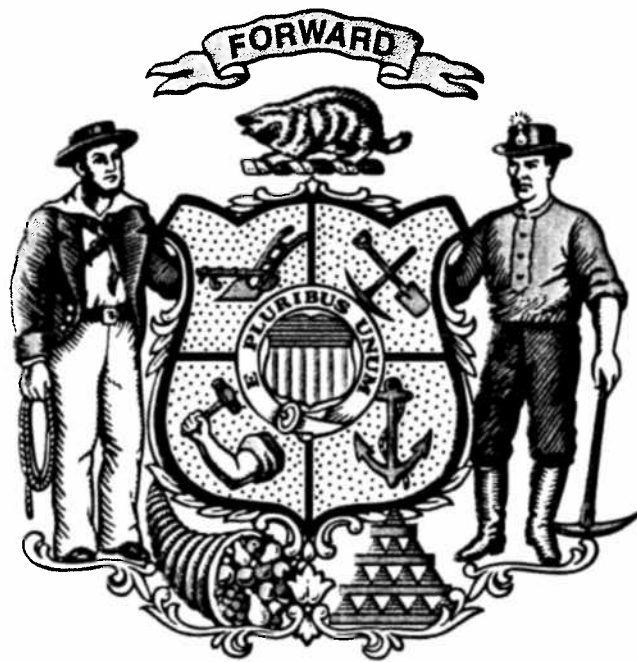
When this goes before committee, I pray and hope that they would each put themselves in many family's shoes and walk a mile trying to understand what it is like to lose your cousin, son, daughter, father, mother, friend; all because someone decided to take it upon themselves to defy the law and disregard the safety of others because they felt that they should drive ILLEGALLY.

There are rewards and consequences to our actions....we need to be held responsible for them.

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,

Officer Terry Dams #54
Franklin Police Department



State Representative Gary Hebl
Room 120 North
State Capitol
P.O. Box 8952
Madison, WI 53708

Date ?

Dear Sir:

I would like to encourage you to bring Bill AB 181 to the floor for a vote. I believe that this bill will bring an important tool for law enforcement and judges to use in dealing with people who continue to have a total disregard for the laws that go with the privilege of driving a motor vehicle. I believe that the state has to enhance OWI laws and penalties for doing so. But some of these drivers are operating with valid licenses whereas; those driving with revoked or suspended licenses are not supposed to be on the road in the first place. In both instances new laws are needed to help protect those that are driving and living within the laws. Please give consideration for families that are impacted by those who drive intoxicated and also to those that drive with utter disregard to the validity of the driver licenses. With updated penalty enhancers facing these types of drivers they might think twice before getting behind the wheel of a car, and in some cases, unintentionally killing someone. The end results, for those left behind, are the same in both cases.

Thank you for your consideration in this very important matter.

Roger and Joan Anderson

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The Honorable Gary Hebl
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Dear Representative Hebl:

Although you are not the Representative of our home district, you are in a leadership position regarding action on proposed legislation we believe is critical to the safety of all State residents as they drive our streets and highways.

Assembly Bill 181 (known as Nick's Law)

Being involved and employed in local law enforcement, we were always aware of the devastating impact these law breakers were having on people across the nation, and particularly in the State of Wisconsin, even as the penalties for this violation were reduced for fiscal and political reasons. But inadequate deterrents and punishment for those who **operate after revocation** of their driver's license has led to unacceptable numbers of these violators remaining on our roads.

The personal irresponsibility they demonstrate by getting behind the wheel illegally too often extends to their view towards safe operation of vehicles, accident responsibility, and even impaired driving. This is the impact of reduced consequences, allowing violators to make the choice to drive illegally more easily, putting them on the road when they should not be. To reverse this horrible trend, the penalties for operating after revocation simply need to be increased, as in the proposed bill.

Please support this legislation.



Sincerely,
Michael and Susan Zuber
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Greendale, WI 53129



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From the Office of the Sheriff:

Last week we arrested Christopher Brugger, a 20-year old Madison man for operating his motor vehicle after revocation. Simply stated, he chose to drive after his driving privileges were revoked. Many of you were amazed that this was his 14th offense of driving after revocation. He was also in violations of bond conditions from previous offenses that required he never drive a motor vehicle w/o a valid license again. He subsequently was cuffed, and taken to the Dodge County Detention Facility and booked for OAR -14th, and misdemeanor Bail Jumping. Of course, on the way to jail he boasted how he will get out of the bail jumping charges as they are seldom pursued by the prosecutors.

My curiosity caught the best of me and I did a little research. Not only was this his 14th time operating after revocation, he had also had 7-convictions for operating after suspension, and one for operation without a valid driver's license. Do the math! Christopher has been caught driving 22 times w/o a valid driver's license. He has 36 convictions on his driving record, with 22 in 2007 alone. No doubt he drives every day. With just two convictions in 2008 I thought maybe he learned his lesson and there was hope. A quick check showed he was in jail, so he couldn't drive.

I chose to call the owner of the pick up he was driving. My intent was to ask if the owner knew Christopher was revoked and allowed him to drive the vehicle anyway. I made contact with the registered owner, a sweet woman who stated Christopher was her grandson and that he has lived with her for five year's and cares for her as she is disabled. She acknowledged she knew he has not had a valid driver's license since 2006, has spent plenty of time on jail, recently shot his sister with a BB gun, has a marijuana history, and recently brought two pit bulls home for a friend that was going to jail. Grandma stated he was doing a favor driving him to work in Juneau when he was caught. That guy didn't have a driver's license either!

I enjoyed my chat with grandma; she thinks the world of him. She promised she would sell the truck and take the lure of driving away from Christopher and prevent him from getting his 15th OAR. The truck is registered to her but there is no insurance on the truck. That got me thinking about legislation being proposed in Madison with the 2010 budget. I believe it calls for us law abiding insured drivers to drastically increase our minimum coverage, increasing our premiums, yet includes no provision for everyone to have insurance. Wisconsin is one of just a few states that do not require insurance; some fools think it is unconstitutional to mandate it.

I share this story with you for a few reasons. First, do not underestimate the number of motorist that share the roadway with you that do not have a valid driver's license. Secondly, this is a clear case to support mandatory insurance of everyone. Lastly, we need to change our laws so we can impound the vehicle of those who allow others to drive. Currently it must be the offender's vehicle for us to take them away.

You may be wondering where Christopher is now. Well, grandma bailed him out with \$1,000.00 cash and his first appearance in court is not until April 27, 2009. We will be awaiting his arrival, and making sure he does not drive himself to court. He doesn't pay his fines, the state suspends him instead. That's working! Oh, even with all his convictions, he is eligible for reinstatement on February 21, 2010. Thanks for listening, tnehls@co.dodge.wi.us





PEGGY KRUSICK
STATE REPRESENTATIVE

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**Holding Unlicensed Drivers who Cause Great Bodily Harm or
Death Accountable for their Actions (AB 181)**

1. For suspended, revoked or unlicensed drivers:
 - Increases the maximum imprisonment from 9 months to 3 ½ years for causing great bodily harm and to 6 years for causing death. (Someone must “knowingly” be driving without a valid license for these penalties to apply).
 - Repeals enhanced mandatory civil penalties of \$1,000 for causing damage and \$5,000 for causing injury. (Judicial sentencing guidelines already provide stiffer criminal penalties in many cases, with fines and up to 1 year in jail for repeat offenders who cause injury or damage).

2. Provides judges discretion in determining whether to revoke someone’s driving privileges after a 4th violation within 5 years of driving with a revoked, suspended or invalid license. Currently, judges must revoke someone’s license in such cases, regardless of the underlying reason for the driver’s license sanctions. There are times when it may be more effective to relicense the driver than to impose another suspension or revocation upon him or her. For example, if a driver has been suspended for a non-driving offense like unpaid forfeitures, the courts would prefer not to be compelled to re-revoke the driver’s operating privilege.

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Milwaukee Deputy Sheriffs Association
Milwaukee County District Attorney John Chisholm



Driver faces fatal crash charges

He admits drinking before accident while fleeing police

BY JESSICA STEPHEN

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The day after authorities took off his electronic monitoring bracelet, a Racine man allegedly got drunk, ran from police and crashed into a car, killing a Pleasant Prairie man.

Jerry G. Holliman, 21, was charged Wednesday for the April 25 crash, which killed Anibal Tellez. Holliman was reportedly fleeing police when the accident occurred.

Holliman sat quietly and looked straight ahead Wednesday as a commissioner ordered a \$100,000 cash bond on four criminal charges. If convicted, Holliman faces 60 years in prison.

After the bond hearing, Jerry G. Holliman Sr. said he hoped his son uses the tragedy to educate people.

“He owes the family that much,” Holliman Sr. said.

Holliman was charged with homicide by intoxicated use of a vehicle, hit-and-run resulting in death, and fleeing and **driving without a license, both leading to death.**

All the charges were filed with a repeat offender enhancer, since Holliman had convictions dating back to 2005 and a pending misdemeanor case. His driver’s license also was suspended.

The day before the crash, Holliman had been on an electronic monitor, which had kept him out of prison for a probation revocation in another case, prosecutor Robert Zapf said.

A criminal complaint says Holliman admitted drinking eight beers and two shots before he drove from his aunt’s home in Racine to his girlfriend’s house in Kenosha.

He reached his girlfriend’s block, but not before running from police and crashing into two cars.

The incident began after driver John Baumeister saw a maroon SUV “swerving like a snake” about 3:30 a.m. on 22nd Avenue, near the Kenosha Country Club.

Baumeister slowed to avoid a head-on crash when the SUV crossed the center line. He then turned toward 22nd Avenue and Highway E, where he had seen a Kenosha County Sheriff’s car.

Deputy Doris Carroll spotted a maroon Dodge Durango shortly after Baumeister told her about the reckless driver.

That driver, later identified as Holliman, swerved out of the right lane, then cross the center line in the 2700 block of 22nd Avenue, Carroll said. She put on emergency lights and tried to stop him, but Holliman kept driving.

Carroll then put on her siren. Holliman slowed down, as if to pull over, in the 3100 block of 22nd Avenue, but raced off.

Carroll drove 70 mph to catch Holliman, but he continued to pull away. She was starting to lose sight of him when she saw a cloud of smoke ahead.

When she reached the 4800 block of 22nd Avenue, Carroll saw the Durango had crashed into a 1995 Chevrolet Beretta and a parked car.

Tellez was in the Beretta. He died at the scene.

Holliman was gone.

Lola Dunlap approached authorities at the scene to mention that the Durango looked like her sister's boyfriend's car.

Police later found Holliman in Ariel Dunlap's nearby home, hiding under a sheet with Ariel.

Holliman has since told police and his father that he is sorry for what happened. He said he ran from police because he was on probation, had been drinking, **had no valid driver's license and didn't want to go to jail.**

His father said his "heart just dropped" when he learned about the accident and Tellez's death.

"Both sides are hurting," he said.

The criminal complaint says Holliman had "road rash." But his father said Holliman had a tube in his chest and needed a bone removed from his hip to repair damage around his heart. He was released from the hospital Tuesday.

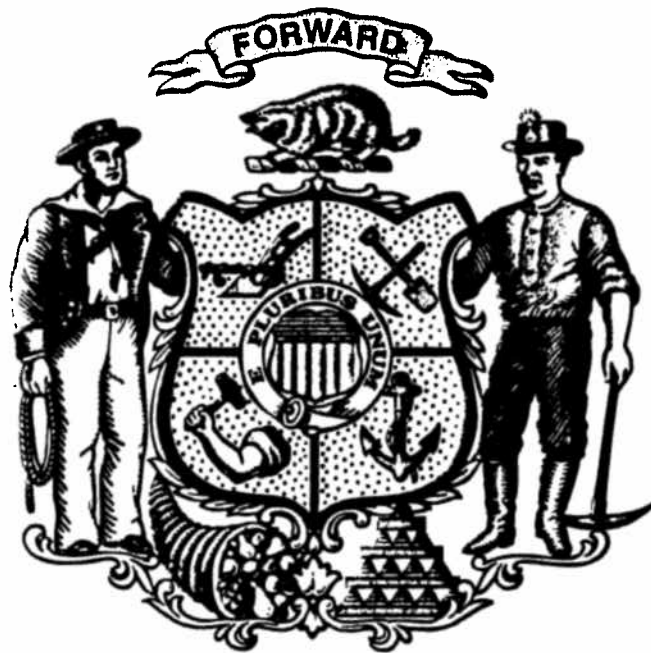
Holliman is being held at the Kenosha County Jail.

His next hearing is set for May 13.

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This young man caused the death of an innocent person because he didn't want to go to jail for minor offenses. At the most he probably could have been locked up for a couple of years. **Now he has to live with the fact that a husband and father will never get to hold his wife and children again. The Tellez family lost a husband and father.** The Sheriff's deputy will have to live with the scene she came across. She did her job but the outcome was unforeseeable. **There can be no what if's.**



Driver, 2 brothers face deportation hearings after fatal crash

By Linda Spice of the Journal Sentinel

Posted: Mar. 30, 2009

Three male occupants of a flatbed truck that struck an SUV Sunday morning on an icy Washington County highway - killing three people and injuring four others in the SUV - will face federal deportation hearings, an immigration official said Monday.

Ricardo Guerrero, 38, the driver of the flatbed, and his two brothers, Armando, 31, and Javier, 30, will be transferred from the Washington County Jail to federal custody while they await deportation hearings, said Gail Montenegro, a spokeswoman for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement in Chicago. The Guerrero brothers are residents of Milwaukee, and they remained in the jail Monday evening.

A federal judge will conduct the hearings to determine their immigration status and whether they are in this country illegally. In the interim, they could be transferred to the Dodge County Jail, or a jail in another county under federal contract to provide space for immigration detainees, Montenegro said.

On Monday, the Washington County Sheriff's Department released the names of each of the individuals involved in the two-vehicle crash on state Highway 164, north of Monches Road in Richfield.

Those killed in the crash, which occurred around 8:54 a.m. Sunday, are: Karl D. Ziebart, 42, of Richfield; his son Luke D. Ziebart, 9; and Cara A. Peters, a family friend, 12, of Richfield.

Karl Ziebart was driving the sports utility vehicle southbound on Highway 164. The 1-ton flatbed truck was northbound when Ricardo Guerrero, the driver, lost control on the slippery road, and the truck crossed the southbound lane and struck the SUV.

Injured in the crash were: Denise Ziebart, Karl Ziebart's wife, 40; Zachariah Ziebart, a son, 11; Amber Ziebart, a daughter, 14; and Devon D. Peters, 11, brother of Cara Peters.

Denise Ziebart was in satisfactory condition Monday evening at Froedtert Hospital in Wauwatosa.

Amber and Zachariah Ziebart are at Children's Hospital of Wisconsin in Wauwatosa, but their mother has requested that information on their condition not be released at this time.

Devon Peters was in critical condition Monday evening at Children's Hospital.

Ricardo Guerrero, the truck's driver, does hold a valid Wisconsin driver's license and has been in the country since about 1996. **HOW COULD HE HAVE OBTAINED ONE? It had to be illegally**

The three men were in a truck owned by Terra Tec Landscapes of Richfield.

The Washington County Sheriff's Department has not completed its accident reconstruction report, sheriff's Capt. Steve Gonwa said Monday. No decisions will be made on traffic citations or criminal charges related to the fatal crash until investigators complete work on the report, Gonwa said.

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Father of Former NBA Player Latrell Sprewell Dies in Motorcycle Accident

62-year-old Latoska Fields was killed when his motorcycle collided with an SUV

Staff Writer

May 20, 2009

WITI-TV

The father of former NBA player Latrell Sprewell died in Milwaukee Tuesday night. 62-year-old Latoska Fields was killed when his motorcycle collided with an SUV.


It happened at 9:30 p.m. on Granville Road, just north of Bradley.

Police say the truck driver made a left turn in front of the motorcycle and could be cited with failure to yield and operating after suspension.

Fields was not wearing a helmet.

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