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Man Sentenced to 25 Years for Fifth DWI

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Bryan, TX – Charlie Guerra, 43, of Bryan, was sentenced to 25 years in prison today after pleading guilty to his fifth Driving While Intoxicated case. At approximately 4:00 a.m. on November 27, 2015, Guerra was driving on the service road of Highway 6 near Harvey Road in College Station. A College Station Police Officer stopped Guerra's vehicle after observing Guerra run a red light and swerving on the highway.

After the traffic stop, Guerra immediately handed the officer a baggie of marijuana. The officer also smelled alcohol. Guerra admitted that he had been drinking earlier in the night. Police conducted a DWI investigation and found Guerra to be intoxicated. Guerra was arrested for DWI and Possession of Marijuana. Police then obtained a search warrant for a sample of Guerra's blood, which ultimately showed his alcohol concentration to be .136, more than 50% above the legal limit.

Guerra's first DWI conviction occurred in 1995, and he was placed on probation. While on probation, Guerra committed his second DWI in 1996 and was sentenced to 150 days in the Brazos County Jail.

In 1999, Guerra committed his third DWI, this one a felony. He was again placed on probation, this time for eight years. As a condition of probation, Guerra was ordered to complete an intensive in-patient rehabilitation program. After completing that program, Guerra continued to drink, in violation of his probation conditions. Guerra was then ordered into an in-patient relapse program, in addition to other substance-abuse related counseling, and his probation was extended. Upon his release from treatment, Guerra again violated his probation conditions and was sentenced to three years in prison in 2007.





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In September of 2013, Guerra was convicted of his fourth DWI, and he was sentenced to four years in prison.

Guerra also has prior convictions for Theft and Possession of a Controlled Substance.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Ryan Calvert.

“Every resource available was used to try to rehabilitate Mr. Guerra. Because he continued choosing to endanger lives, the only responsible option left was a long prison sentence.”
- Ryan Calvert, Assistant District Attorney

