

Drivers Licenses' Returned to DUI Suspects

Due to Improper Equipment

The Oklahoma Department of Public Safety must return drivers licenses to hundreds of individuals due to its use of improper breath testing equipment.

A simulator device, labeled GUTH 2100, attached to most breath testing machines in Oklahoma has not been listed as approved equipment for many months by The Board of Tests for Alcohol and Drug Influence. Oklahoma Department of Public Safety officials admitted the error.

The error casts doubt on the reliability of the results and therefore they should not be used to suspend a person's privilege to drive, or affect the person's driving record, said Charles Sifers, a DUI Defense specialist in Oklahoma City.

Much of the unapproved equipment remains in place effecting results of testing, he said.

Oklahomans suspected of driving under the influence since July 11, 2004, will receive their driver's licenses back within the next few months, Sifers said.