



Wilmington Man Sentenced to Prison for 20th OVI Conviction

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A Wilmington man was sentenced to prison today for his 20th OVI conviction.

George Tribune, 56, was sentenced to the maximum of eight years in prison and was given a lifetime driver's license suspension as part of his sentence in front of Judge Peeler in Warren County Common Pleas Court.

On July 21, 2015 at approximately 3:00 p.m., Tribune's vehicle was stopped on Interstate 71 North in Washington Township, Warren County, Ohio after another driver reported Tribune as a possible impaired driver. The trooper detected a strong odor of alcohol from Tribune and observed an open alcoholic beverage can at his feet.

Tribune failed field sobriety tests at the scene and was placed under arrest for OVI. At the Lebanon patrol post, Tribune provided a breath sample that tested .222 BAC. The legal limit in the State of Ohio is .08 BAC.

In addition to imposing eight years in prison and a lifetime driver's license suspension, the Court ordered Tribune to pay a fine of \$1,350. After serving eight years in prison, Tribune may be monitored on post release control for a period up to three years.

"I'm not sure how you still are a validly licensed driver after 19 OVI convictions, but I'm grateful that we were able to obtain a lifetime driver's license suspension and get Tribune locked up and off the streets before he killed someone," said Warren County Prosecutor David P. Fornshell.

Fornshell also praised Trooper Donald Rack of the Ohio State Highway Patrol, for his handling of the traffic stop, and Assistant Prosecutor Steve Knippen, who prosecuted the case.



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