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Trained Police Officers Will Soon Be Able to Draw Blood from DUI Suspects

Georgia will soon have trained officers that can draw blood from drunk drivers, impaired drivers, or DUI suspects. It can happen on the spot of the actual DUI arrests. Over a dozen states have already enacted very similar laws, and by the end of 2021, the Governor's Office of Highway Safety expects to have close to 100 trained officers certified in phlebotomy.



The Georgia law enforcement community believes that this new program will provide evidence critical for prosecuting DUI cases. In addition to alcohol, the test can also check for illegal and prescription drugs.

officers feel that this new tool may be a deterrent to driving drunk if the person thinks the officers might be able to draw their blood at the arrest site.

For the officer to draw blood from the suspect, a judge must sign a warrant, or the DUI suspect must consent for the blood draw to occur. However, once a search warrant has been issued for a suspect's blood, the driver must give the sample. The officers are able to draw the blood from the suspects in a sanitary environment as chosen by the officers.

Starting on October 4, 2021, the first group of officers will begin training to become certified. State troopers, HEAT officials, and Georgia State Patrol Nighthawk officers will be among the first to receive training.

Law enforcement officials believe that all this new evidence will help prosecute cases even faster and more thoroughly. Additionally, many

Over the years, my law firm has handled a number of serious injury cases that were caused by drunk drivers, and I hope this new program truly does help reduce the number of DUI accidents and the lives they ruin.

Thank You to Our Clients for the Great Reviews!

We've received so much positive feedback this year from happy clients.
Here is what Samantha had to say about our law firm after her car accident:



Testimonial

★★★★★ Samantha

"This was my very first accident, so I was not aware of certain things. But Lonati Law Firm did a great job of keeping me in the loop and keeping me informed with everything that happened in my case. I would 100% recommend them to anyone in need of a lawyer. They treated me with respect and I appreciate everything that they did for me."



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Halloween Party in Dallas, GA

Join Us in Downtown Dallas for a Halloween Block Party!

Halloween is almost here, and the city of Dallas wants to celebrate with you! On October 31, 2021, Downtown Dallas will be hosting their Halloween Block Party. There will be fun fall festivities and lots of candy from local supporters!

Kids of all ages are encouraged to participate in the Trick or Treat activities, scheduled from 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM on Sunday, October 31, 2021. Our law firm hopes to see you there!

Keeping Students Safe & Hydrated at School

Lonati Law Firm Donates 800 Reusable Water Bottles to Students and Staff at P.B. Ritch Middle School in Dallas, GA



The Lonatis with Dr. Christine Carson, principal of P.B. Ritch Middle School.

When it comes to our kids, their health and safety is number one. Since school has started back, the risk of exposure to COVID-19 has undoubtedly increased. Paulding County schools have been looking for ways to reduce the risk by taking reasonable precautions, such as limiting the usage of the public water fountains at schools. The staff at P.B. Ritch Middle School asked local businesses to help provide schools with a solution.

Lonati Law Firm was happy to donate 800 durable water bottles this month to each of the middle school students and staff at P.B. Ritch Middle School. This allows the students and staff to carry their water with them while at the campus at all times.

If you or your place of employment would like to help support a local school, we encourage you to contact your child's teacher or counselor to see what volunteer programs are in place and how you can contribute.

ABSURD Lawsuits You Won't Believe

Michael Jordan Sued in Strange Lookalike Lawsuit



Most people would be excited to be confused as a celebrity. However, as far as Allen Heckard of Oregon was concerned, it was nothing but trouble. In fact, Mr. Heckard was said to have been mistaken as basketball legend Michael Jordan for over 15 years - and he decided to take action!

He sued both Michael Jordan and Phil Knight (the Nike co-founder who promoted Jordan for many years) for \$832 million in 2006. In the lawsuit, Mr. Heckard claimed both personal injuries and emotional pain from all the mistaken identity case encounters he had experienced over the years. In his defense, Mr. Heckard did have a slight resemblance to Michael Jordan.

Mr. Heckard did eventually drop the lawsuit. When reporters asked why he sued Mr. Jordan and Mr. Knight for \$416 million each, he answered, "Well, you figure with my age, and you multiply that times seven and, ah, then I turn around and, ah, I figure that's what it all boils down to." Seems reasonable.

Recipe Cards from Readers

Debbie's Super Easy Pumpkin Fudge



Ingredients

- 2 cups white sugar
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 2/3 cup evaporated milk
- 1/2 cup pumpkin puree
- 1 1/2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 3/4 cup (1 1/2 sticks) butter
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves
- 3/4 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1 jar (7 oz.) Kraft marshmallow crème
- 2 cups white chocolate chips, chopped

Directions

1. Start with a 9x9-inch baking pan (for thinner fudge, use 9x13 instead). Line pan with non-stick foil to make it easier to lift the fudge out of the pan.
2. In a medium saucepan, mix white sugar, brown sugar, pumpkin, butter, evaporated milk. Bring mixture to a full boil over medium heat, and stir constantly. Boil the mixture and continue to stir for about 5 minutes.
3. Take the saucepan off the heat and immediately stir in the marshmallow creme, white chocolate chips, and vanilla extract. Continue stirring the mixture until all the chocolate chips have melted. Pour into the baking pan and allow to cool for around 2 hours. Once cooled, cut fudge into 1-inch pieces to serve — store pumpkin fudge in the refrigerator.