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#### MANDATORY IGNITION INTERLOCK DEVICES AS OF AUGUST 15, 2010

**August 13, 2010**

**Plattsburgh, N.Y.** - Clinton County District Attorney Andrew J. Wylie announced today that the recent changes in Driving While Intoxicated Laws will take effect **August 15, 2010**. Any defendant sentenced upon a misdemeanor or felony conviction for Driving While Intoxicated in violation of Vehicle and Traffic Law section 1192, subdivisions 2 and/or 3 on or after August 15, 2010 will be mandated to have an ignition interlock device installed on any vehicle the defendant owns or operates for a minimum period of six (6) months. The offense date must have occurred on or after December 18, 2009.



The IID monitoring agency for all installed devices will be the Clinton County Probation Department. Presently there are four local service centers that have contracted to install and provide maintenance of the devices. Those local businesses are: Big Apple Audio, Yipes Auto Accessories, Plattsburgh Spring and Alpha Stereo.

The defendant will be required to pay for the installation, monthly interlock provider fee and removal fee.

The operator will be required to provide a breath sample prior to the motor being started. If the operator provides a sample that has an alcohol concentration of .025 percent or higher the engine will not start.

Thereafter, the device will require the operator to provide additional samples during the operation of the vehicle. If the operator provides a sample that has an alcohol concentration of .025 percent or higher the device will record the event, warn the driver and then start an alarm until either the ignition is turned off or a clean sample is provided.

Additional information is available at the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee website at [www.SafeNY.com/impaired](http://www.SafeNY.com/impaired)