

Sentencing for Impaired Driving: G.S. 20-179

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Level	Factors	Minimum Sentence	Maximum Sentence	If Suspended, ¹ Special Probation Requiring:	Maximum Fine
1	2+ GA Factors	30 days	24 months	Active term of at least 30 days	\$4,000
2	1 GA Factor	7 days	12 months	Active term of at least 7 days	\$2,000
3	Agg. > Mitigating	72 hours	6 months	Active term of at least 72 hours -- And/or at least 72 hours community service within 90 days	\$1,000
4	Agg. = Mitigating	48 hours	120 days	48 hours active -- And/or 48 hours community service within 60 days	\$500
5	Mitig. > Agg.	24 hours	60 days	24 hours active -- And/or 24 hours community service within 30 days	\$200

¹ For any suspended sentence, defendant must obtain a substance abuse assessment and the education or treatment required by G.S. 20-17.6 for the restoration of a driver's license and as a condition of probation.