





# What Is a CVR?

- License revocation that is entered by the magistrate at the person's initial appearance for an implied consent offense
- Lasts for at least 30 days
- Process begins with an affidavit and revocation report filed by the officer and chemical analyst

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# Why impose a CVR?

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# **CVRs in Implied Consent Cases**

• CVRs "provide for swift and certain penalties for DWI, rather than the lengthy and uncertain outcomes of criminal courts"

• (NHTSA 2020 Highway Safety Countermeasure Guide at 1-16)



# Why is it a *civil* license revocation?

# Henry v. Edminston, 315 NC 474 (1986)

 Remedial highway safety measure – not punishment

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# State v. Oliver, 343 NC 202 (1996)

• "Any deterrent effect" "merely incidental to overriding purpose of protecting the public's safety"



# State v. Evans, 145 NC App 324 (2001)

•Purpose still is "remov[ing] from our highways drivers who either cannot or will not operate a motor vehicle safely and soberly"



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A CVR issued against the holder of a CDL disqualifies that person from driving a commercial motor vehicle for one year.

G.S. 20-17.4(a)(7)

# State v. McKenzie, 367 NC 112 (2013)

- 1-year commercial driver's license disqualification based on CVR for DWI in noncommercial vehicle car is civil sanction rather than criminal punishment
- CDL disqualification does not bar subsequent criminal prosecution

# **Four Conditions**

- LEO had reasonable grounds to believe person committed implied consent offense.
- Person was charged with offense.
- Statutory procedures for chemical analysis were followed.
- Person
  - Willfully refused;
- b. Had AC of 0.08 or more;
- Had AC of 0.04 or more if commercial motor vehicle; or
- Had any AC if under 21.

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# **1. Probable Cause?**

#### Evidence of drinking

Indicators of impairment from field sobriety tests

Unexplained faulty driving consistent with impairment

Probable cause

# 2. Charged?

A person is charged with an offense if the person has been arrested for it or if criminal process has been issued. G.S. 20-16.2(a1)

# 3. Statutory procedures followed

- Taken before chemical analyst who designates type of test
- Advised of rights orally and in writing
- If breath test, observed for 15 minutes
- Request to submit to testing
- If breath test, test results from two consecutively collected samples that do not differ by more than 0.02
- Lower of two results is the alcohol concentration

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# **Chemical Analysis of Blood or Urine**

If the defendant is asked to consent to the withdrawal of blood after being asked to provide breath sample, the defendant must first be readvised of his/her implied consent rights. G.S. 20-139.1(b5).

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# 4. Willfully refused or BAC

#### Person

- a. Willfully refused;
- b. Had AC of 0.08 or more;
- c. Had AC of 0.04 or more if commercial motor vehicle; or
- d. Had any AC if under 21.

# **Keep in Mind**

- When you issue a CVR, it is effective immediately
- CVR will last for at least 30 days and does not end until person pays \$100 fee to clerk.
- Countdown of days begins upon license surrender
- If the person has a pending offense for which the person's license is or was revoked under G.S. 20-16.5, then the revocation lasts for at least 30 days and until final judgment in both cases

# **Revocation period if pending offense**





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# License Surrender

- One of the following will happen:
- 1. Person may turn over license and accomplish surrender
- 2. Person may demonstrate that he or she has no license (because it is revoked or because the person lost it) and accomplish surrender
  - 1. If license is lost, person must file affidavit
- 3. Person may not be able to surrender because person does not have the license on hand
  - Such a person must surrender the license later to the clerk
- Magistrate must note on AOC-CVR-2 which of the above occurred

# Let's Practice

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- A/C: 0.12; 0.11
- Has license on person
- 2. Diane
  - A/C: 0.14; 0.15
  - Does not have a license (revoked)
- 3. Dan
  - A/C: 0.06; 0.07
  - Has license on person

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Alcohol Concentration Restrictions

#### 19 = AC of 0.04

20 = AC of 0.04 + ignition interlock

### 21 = AC of 0.00

22 = AC of 0.00 + ignition interlock

23 = ignition interlock only

# Violation of A/C restriction on license NOT implied consent offense



# What about violation of an ignition interlock restriction?

- DWLR for impaired driving (G.S. 20-17.8(f))
- Revocation under G.S. 20-17.8(f)
  - Lasts until case is resolved
  - AOC-CR-341
- If alcohol consumed, then DWLR for ignition interlock violation *is* implied consent offense
- So CVR also may issue



# Ignition Interlock & LDP Violations

If holder of LDP is charged with DWLR for violating a restriction contained in privilege, LDP is suspended pending resolution of case and judicial official must require holder to surrender LDP.

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# Driving While License Civilly Revoked

DWLR 20-28(a2)

If minimum revocation period has expired, then **punished** as if convicted of NOL, but offense is still DWLR

# **Right to Review**

- The magistrate must tell person that they have the right to ask for a hearing to review the revocation.
- Person may make request at initial appearance or within 10 days using AOC-CVR-5.
- Hearing must be held
  - in 3 working days if before magistrate
  - in 5 working days if before district court judge

# **Review Hearing**

- Witness may submit evidence via affidavit unless subpoenaed
- Judicial official may question witnesses
- Unless contested, statements in revocation report may be accepted as true
- Judicial official may adjourn to seek additional evidence
- But hearing still must be completed in 3 or 5 days
- Unless person contesting revocation contributed to delay



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# **Five Step Protocol**

- 1. Determine probable cause.
- 2. Set conditions of release.
- 3. Does person's impairment pose a danger?
- 4. Is the motor vehicle subject to seizure?
- 5. Must person's license be revoked?

## **Motor Vehicle Seizure & Impoundment**

- A motor vehicle driven by a person charged with **an offense involving impaired driving** is subject to seizure if, at the time of the violation.
  - The person's license was revoked as a result of a prior impaired driving license revocation or
- The person was driving without a valid driver's license and was not covered by an automobile insurance policy



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# Exceptions

- A motor vehicle may not be seized if:
- 1. It has been reported stolen; or
- 2. It is a rental vehicle and the driver is not listed as an authorized driver on the rental contract



# **Innocent Owners**

# Who is an innocent owner?

- 1. Did not know/no reason to know
  - Defendant's DL was revoked or
  - Defendant did not have DL and Insurance
- 2. Defendant drove without permission
  - Owner filed police report for unauthorized use and agrees to prosecute
- 3. Vehicle reported stolen
- 4. Rents vehicles
  - Defendant not authorized driver or company had no knowledge of revocation
- 5. Leases vehicles, no knowledge of defendant's revocation

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## **Release to Lienholder**

- Default
- Lienholder entitled to possession
- Agrees to sell, pay net proceeds to clerk
- Agree not to sell to defendant or owner
- No previous release of this MV to this lienholder if seizure involved same defendant or owner







# **Purpose of vehicle seizure?**

"[K]eeping impaired drivers and their cars off the roads" State v. Chisholm, 135 N.C. App. 578, 584 (1999)

Vehicle impoundment for DWI offenders "reduces recidivism while the vehicle is in custody and to a lesser extent after the vehicle has been released."

NHTSA, 2020 Highway Safety Countermeasure Guide at 1-51.

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No waiver of towing and storage fees!

DWI Seizure & Impoundment

G.S. 20-28.3(c): if requirements for seizure not met, the magistrate must order motor vehicle released to owner "upon payment of towing and storage fees"



"I'm setting a \$1,000 bond, and I am ordering you held. Anyone who drives while impaired is dangerous. You'll need to call a parent to pick you up. I'm not letting you leave with anyone else."

# MAGISTRATE

When May a Magistrate Impose a Hold? G.S. 15A-534.2 At an initial appearance for an offense involving impaired driving

Where the magistrate finds by clear and convincing evidence that the person's impairment would make the person a danger if the person were released

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# What's the big deal?

# State v. Knoll, 322 N.C. 535 (1988)

- If the State violates a defendant's statutory right to pretrial release by impermissibly holding the defendant; **and**
- The defendant is—during the crucial time period following his or her arrest—denied access to witnesses;
- The defendant may be entitled to *dismissal* of the charges.

# G.S. 20-38.4

#### AOC-CR-271

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**Procedures for Access** 

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