

How a Bachelor Star was arrested for a DUI

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According to [WPTV News Channel 5](#), a former 'Bachelor' star was arrested in Tampa, FL, for driving under the influence. Maribel "Mary" Delgado, 42, had her claim to fame as a contestant on the ABC TV reality show 'The Bachelor.' She was pulled over around 12:45 a.m. Thursday and arrested for [driving under the influence](#).

She refused a blood alcohol test and was released on a \$500 bond.

Delgado was a contestant on 'The Bachelor' in 2003 and 2004. Byron Velvick, the bachelor of the show, proposed to her during the November finale, and she accepted.

This incident is Delgado's second arrest. She was [arrested](#) in 2007 in Seminole, and [charged with battery](#) for punching Velvick in the face. The couple never married and later separated, according to WPTV News Channel 5.

DUI in Florida

The most important thing in [DUI/DWI cases](#) is early intervention by your [criminal defense attorney](#). This proactive involvement will help you avoid the consequences of a conviction, which are very serious in Florida.

According to [The Florida Statutes regarding Driving Under the Influence](#):

A person is guilty of the offense of driving under the influence and will be punished if the person driving is in actual physical control of a vehicle under the influence of alcoholic beverages or any chemical substance that impairs a person's normal functions.

Any person who is convicted of a violation of operating a vehicle while under the influence of any substance will be punished by:

- A fine of \$500 to \$1,000 for a first conviction
- A fine of \$1,000 to \$2,000 or more for a second conviction
- Imprisonment for 6 months or less for a first conviction

- Imprisonment for 9 months or less for a second conviction

DUI Defense

If you have submitted to a breathalyzer test and failed, that is not the end of your case. The Intoxilizer 5000 and Intoxilizer 8000 breathalyzer machines used to measure BAC in Florida have significant problems. If you have an expert witness and an experienced [criminal defense attorney](#) who can challenge the accuracy of the machine in court, the BAC evidence may be thrown out. [Criminal defense lawyers](#) have obtained not-guilty verdicts due to machine failure for clients who have had blood alcohol levels of .229 and .227.

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