

Is a DUI a Misdemeanor or a Felony?

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Being charged with a DUI will change your life. Whether it is a misdemeanor DUI or a felony DUI, the conviction will appear on your criminal record and will reflect badly on your character when you apply for a job, try to rent or buy a place to live, or in just about anything where a background check may be involved. If you speak with a [criminal defense lawyer](#), you may be able to work to get the conviction expunged from your criminal record.

Is a DUI a Felony or Misdemeanor?

A DUI misdemeanor conviction is when any person driving under the influence causes property damage or personal injury to another. It is then considered a first-degree misdemeanor punishable by up to 1 year in prison and a \$1000 fine.

A DUI Felony conviction usually refers to repeat offenders. A person is charged with a felony if he or she is convicted of a third DUI within 10 years or a fourth DUI, period. It is a third-degree felony punishable by up to 5 years in prison and a \$5,000 fine. It is also a third-degree felony if a person causes serious bodily injury while driving under the influence.

DUI Manslaughter

In West Palm Beach on Thursday, Mark William Bradly, 46, was charged with DUI manslaughter for driving under the influence during a fatal crash in October that killed a 10-year-old girl.

Khonii Louis died shortly after the crash at St. Mary's Medical Center in West Palm Beach, where she was being treated for severe neck injuries.

The accident occurred just before 2 a.m. Bradley had either stopped or parked his Ford F-250 truck in the westbound lane, according to a preliminary report. A 2004 Honda four-door vehicle driven by Khonii's mother, Shiin, 44, was headed westbound on Northlake and struck the back of Bradley's truck. Khonii was in the back seat at the time of the crash.

DUI Criminal Defense

If you have ever been [charged with a DUI](#), you are in for some serious stress. Dealing with a DUI conviction, whether it's a felony or a misdemeanor can be life altering. Not only do you have to deal with going to court, dealing with insurance companies, and suffering from pain and embarrassment, but you have the fear of a potential conviction hanging over your head. Talk to a [DUI criminal defense lawyer](#). Ask as many questions as you need to. A criminal defense lawyer is on your team and works to protect your rights.

Have you ever been charged with a DUI? Tell us your story.

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