

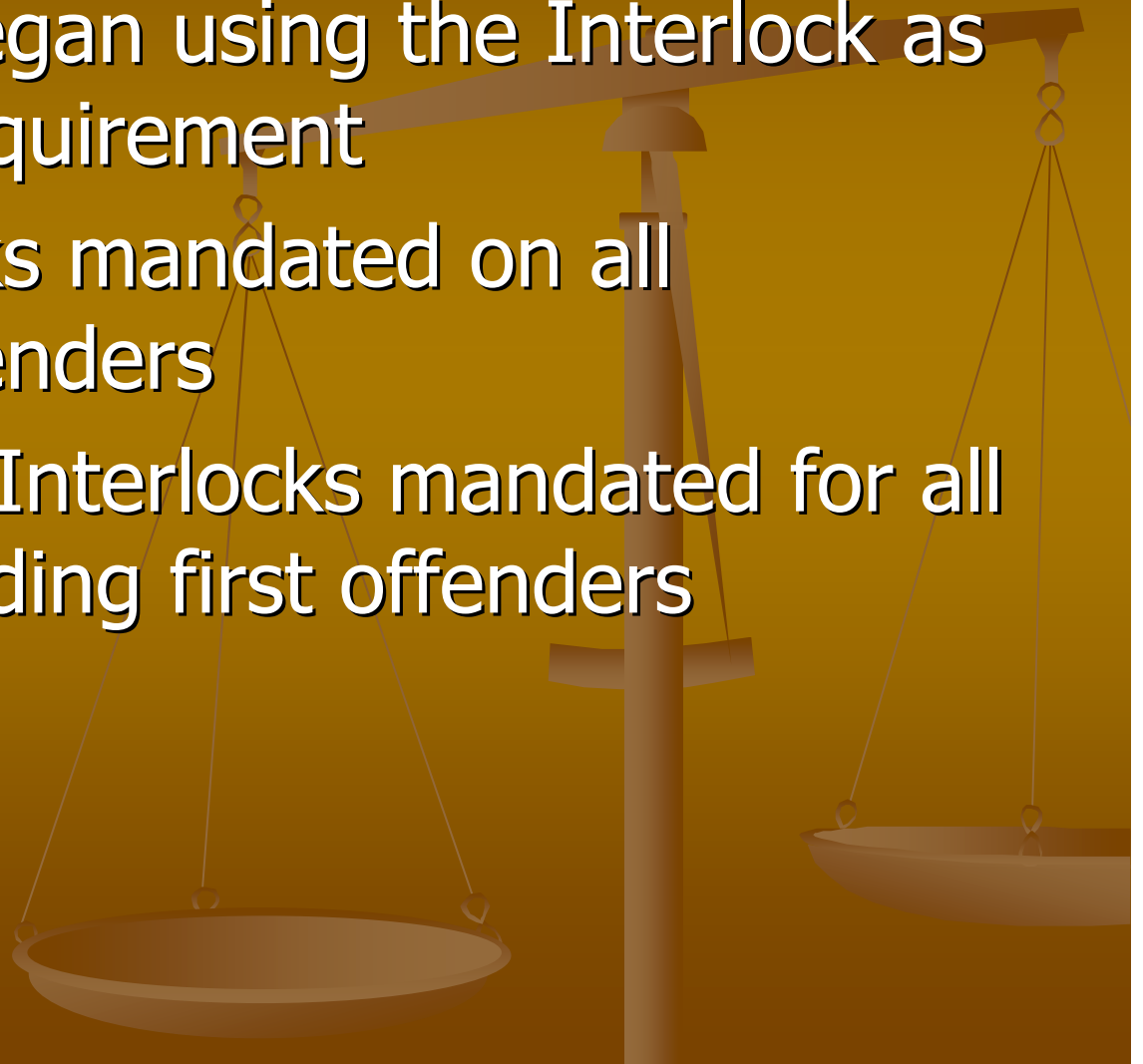
New Mexico & Ignition Interlock – The Perspective of a First Offender State



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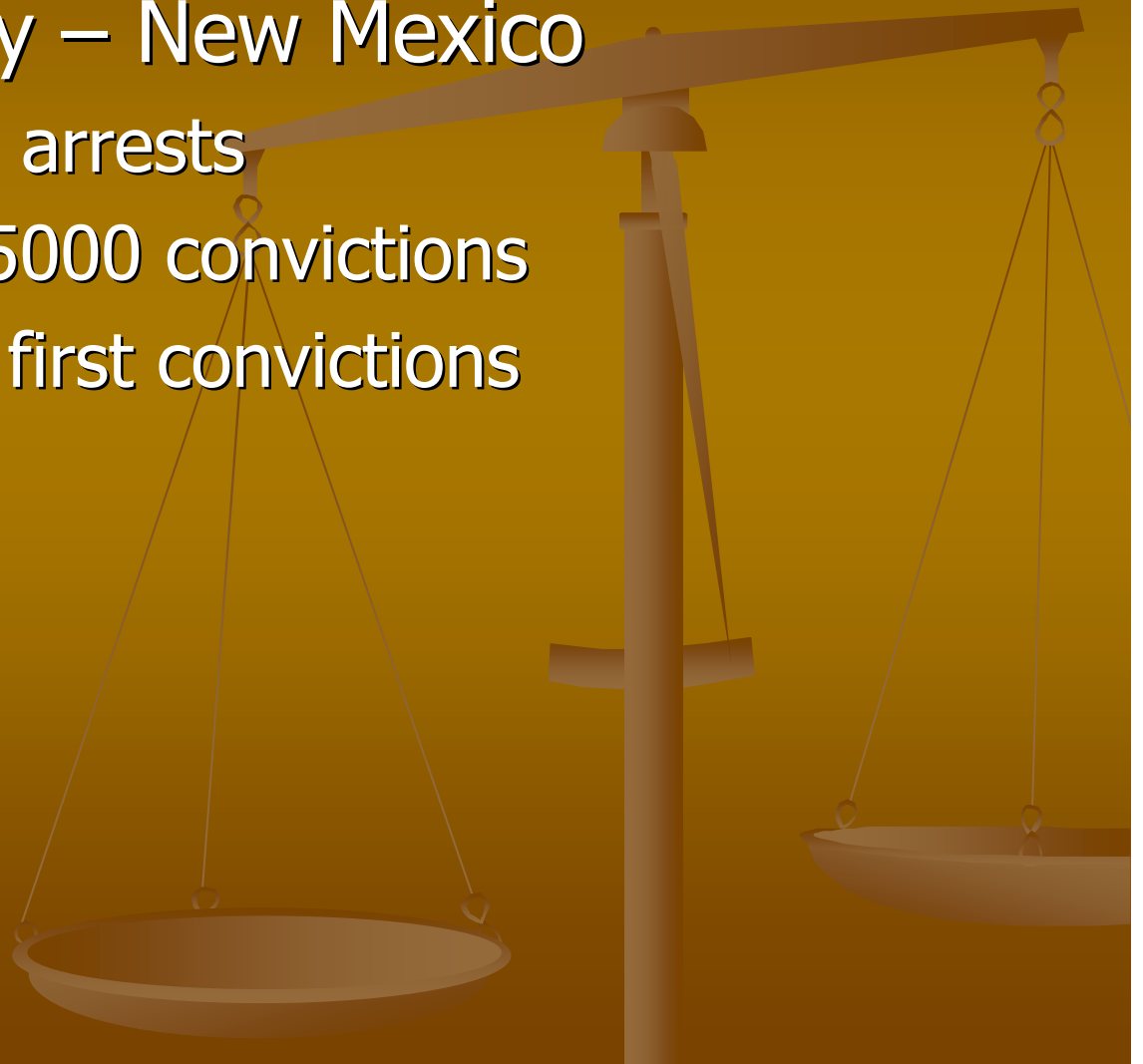
In the beginning.....

- 1999: Courts began using the Interlock as a sentencing requirement
- 2002: Interlocks mandated on all subsequent offenders
- June 17, 2005: Interlocks mandated for all offenders, including first offenders



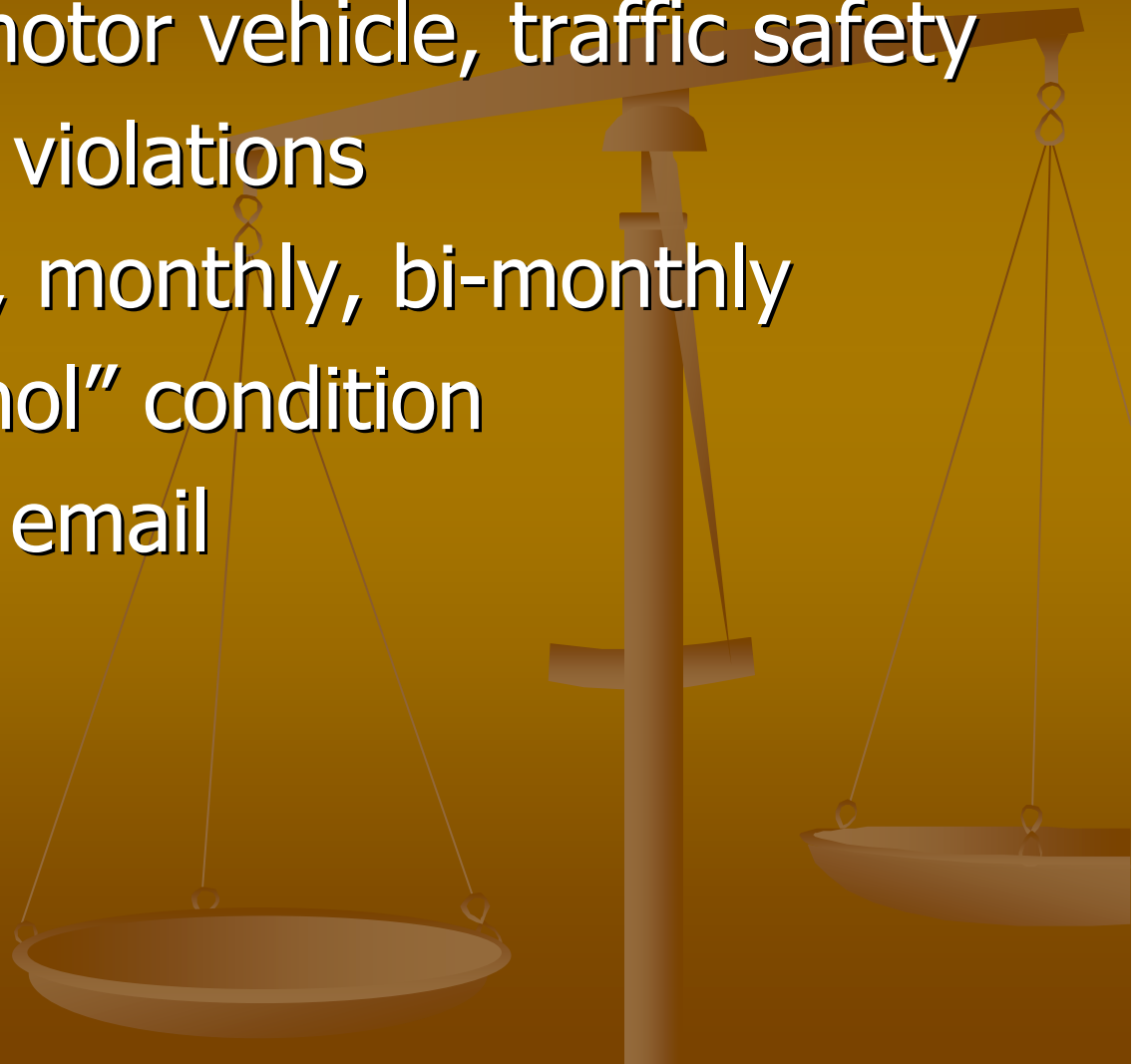
Numbers

- Bernalillo County – New Mexico
 - Over 7000 DWI arrests
 - Approximately 5000 convictions
 - Near 3000 true first convictions



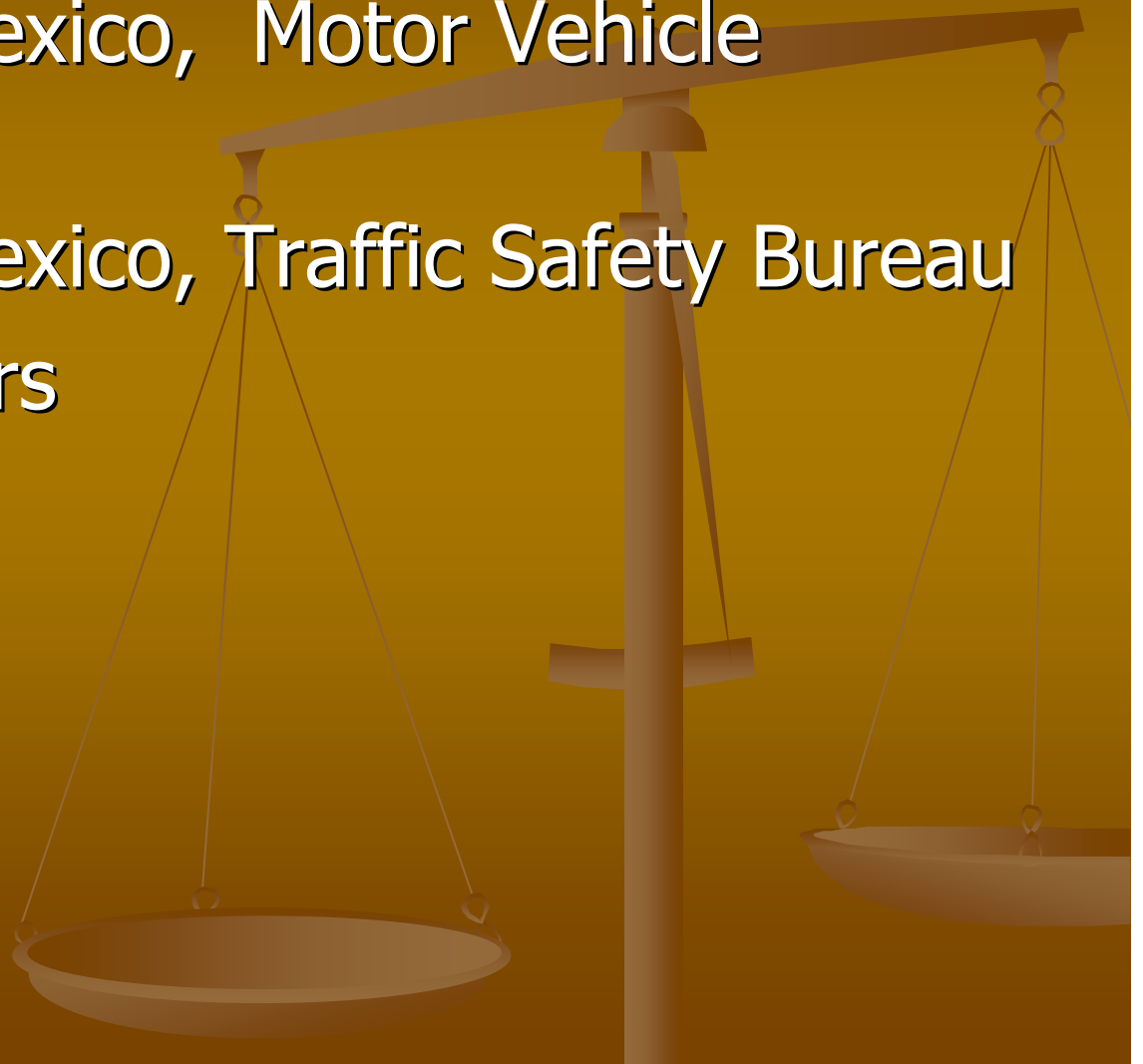
Monitoring

- Who? courts, motor vehicle, traffic safety
- What? Installs, violations
- When? Weekly, monthly, bi-monthly
- Why? “no alcohol” condition
- How? mail, fax, email



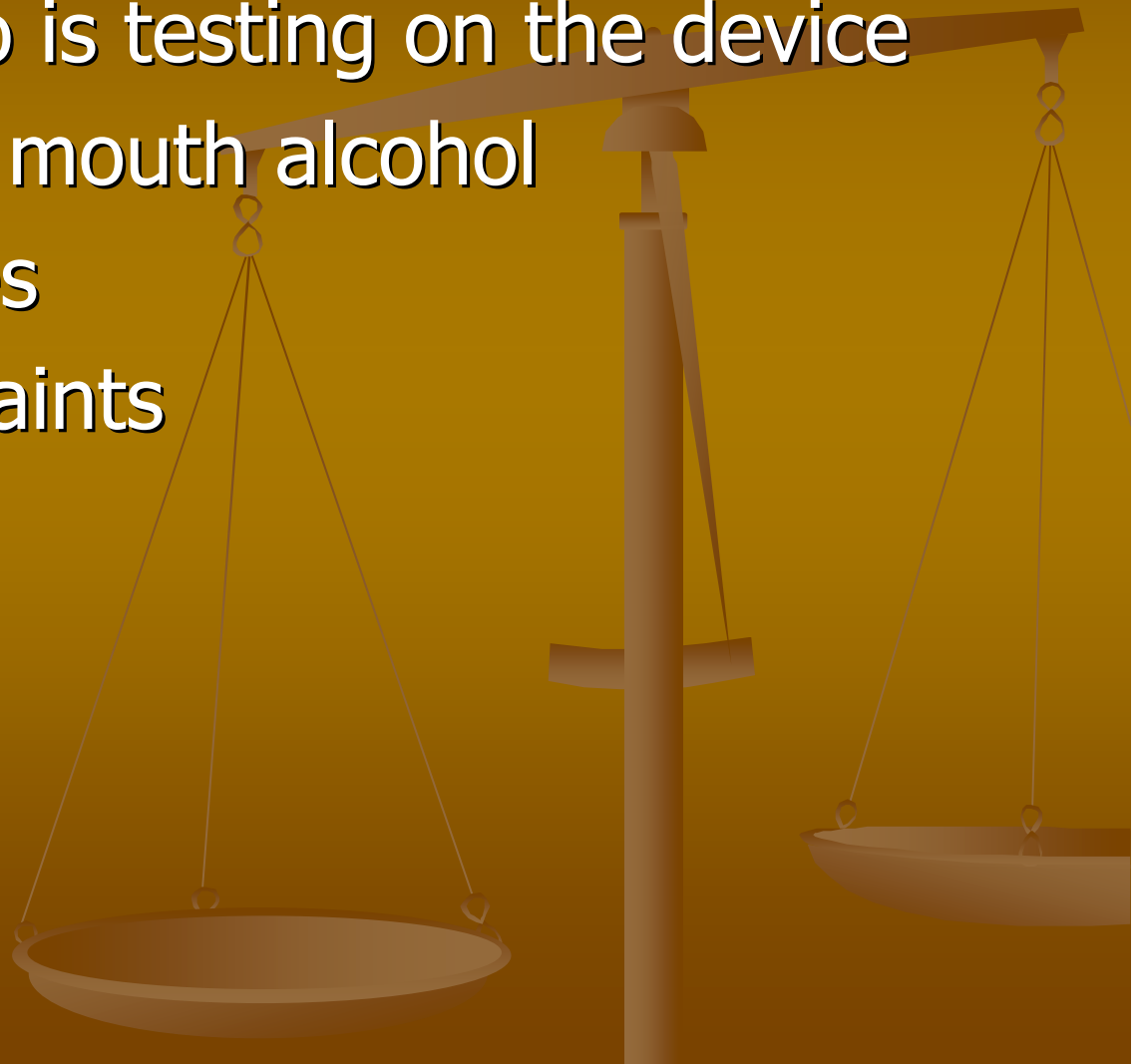
Collaborations

- State of New Mexico, Motor Vehicle Division
- State of New Mexico, Traffic Safety Bureau
- Interlock vendors



Challenges

- No proof of who is testing on the device
- Metabolized vs. mouth alcohol
- “No car” excuses
- Financial constraints



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