



Governor Bill Richardson Applauds Supreme Court Decision Modifying "Six-Month Rule" in DWI Cases

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SANTA FE- Governor Bill Richardson today issued the following statement applauding the decision by the New Mexico Supreme Court that modifies the so-called "six month rule" for certain DWI cases:

"We must be clear that if you drink and drive in New Mexico, you will be prosecuted. The Supreme Court action will greatly help our efforts to hold drunk drivers accountable. I found it appalling that many DWI cases were dismissed in Metro, Magistrate and Municipal courts - where the vast majority of DWI cases are heard - simply because of crowded court dockets. The courts need the flexibility to hear these cases, and ensure drunk drivers and batterers are not let out of jail on a technicality. This new effort, along with tough new DWI laws we passed this year, will go a long way toward making our state safer for all New Mexicans."

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