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**NAMPA POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**PRESS RELEASE**



On 05-25-13 at 4:54 pm, Jeffrey L. Knutson, a 43 year old resident of Nampa, was arrested by the Nampa Police Department for aggravated driving under the influence of alcohol and open container. Knutson was involved in a vehicle crash in the area of Northside Blvd and 6<sup>th</sup> Street North where he turned directly into the path of a motorcyclist. The motorcyclist, a 38 year old female resident of Nampa, was transported to a local hospital with serious injuries. Knutson was driving a cab at the time of the crash for the company 2KrazyKabs LLC, and was on duty, but he did not have any passengers. Knutson's breath alcohol content was over the excessive limit for the State of Idaho.

Knutson has been booked into the Canyon County Jail for aggravated DUI and an open container charge and is being held without bond. Knutson will be arraigned on Tuesday morning.

If you have any further questions regarding this press release please contact:

Cpl Jamie Burns at 465-2257 or Sgt Tim Randall at 761-9184.

18-8006. Aggravated driving while under the influence of alcohol, drugs or any other intoxicating substances. (1) Any person causing great bodily harm, permanent disability or permanent disfigurement to any person other than himself in committing a violation of the provisions of section [18-8004](#)(1)(a) or (1)(c), Idaho Code, is guilty of a felony, and upon conviction:

(a) Shall be sentenced to the state board of correction for not to exceed fifteen (15) years, provided that notwithstanding the provisions of section [19-2601](#), Idaho Code, should the court impose any sentence other than incarceration in the state penitentiary, the defendant shall be sentenced to the county jail for a mandatory minimum period of not less than thirty (30) days, the first forty-eight (48) hours of which must be consecutive; and further provided that notwithstanding the provisions of section [18-111](#), Idaho Code, a conviction under this section shall be deemed a felony;

(b) May be fined an amount not to exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000);

(c) Shall surrender his driver's license or permit to the court; and

(d) Shall have his driving privileges suspended by the court for a mandatory minimum period of one (1) year after release from imprisonment, and may have his driving privileges suspended by the court for not to exceed five (5) years after release from imprisonment, during which time he shall have absolutely no driving privileges of any kind; and

(e) Shall be ordered by the court to pay restitution in accordance with [chapter 53, title 19](#), Idaho Code.

(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any evidence of conviction under this section shall be admissible in any civil action for damages resulting from the occurrence. A conviction for the purposes of this section means that the person has pled guilty or has been found guilty, notwithstanding the form of the judgment(s) or withheld judgment(s).

23-505. Transportation of alcoholic beverages. (1) Alcoholic liquor lawfully purchased may be transported, but no person shall break open, or allow to be broken or opened any container of alcoholic liquor, or drink, or use, or allow to be drunk, or used any alcoholic liquor therein while the same is being transported. Provided however, that an unsealed alcoholic beverage container may be transported in an enclosed trunk compartment or behind the last upright seat of a vehicle which has no trunk compartment.

(2) No person in a motor vehicle, while the vehicle is on a public highway or the right-of-way of a public highway may drink or possess any open beverage containing alcoholic liquor, as defined in section [23-105](#), Idaho Code, beer as defined in section [23-1001](#), Idaho Code, or wine as defined in section [23-1303](#), Idaho Code, unless such person is a passenger in the passenger area of a motor vehicle designed, maintained, or used primarily for the transportation of persons for compensation, or in the

living quarters of a recreational vehicle as that term is defined in section [49-119](#), Idaho Code. Violation of this section is a misdemeanor for the individual in actual physical control of the vehicle, as defined in section [18-8004](#), Idaho Code, and an infraction for other individuals violating this section.