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Press Release

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Man Sentenced 5 Years for Violating DWI Probation

Martin Espitia was sentenced today to 5 years in prison for violating conditions of his felony DWI probation. Espitia, 34, was placed on probation for 8 years in June of 2011 for DWI 3rd or more. Prosecutors presented evidence that while on probation, Espitia failed to complete a DWI education course, failed to complete his community service, and was convicted of driving with an invalid

license. The car that Espitia was driving was not equipped with an ignition interlock system to test for alcohol, because Espitia had informed his probation officer that he would not be driving. Maritza Sifuentez-Chavarria, a third year law student at South Texas College of Law and intern at the Brazos County District Attorney's Office, prosecuted the case on her associate bar



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