

# Drunk driver faces three months in jail and fine

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Dubai A man who wrecked a car after hitting a concrete block while driving under the influence of liquor on Shaikh Zayed Road, faces three months in jail.

The Dubai Traffic Court of First Instance jailed the 23-year-old Arab national defendant to three months in jail and revoked his driving licence for a period of one year.

The defendant, identified as M.J. was driving a car while intoxicated when he lost control of the steering and rammed into the concrete block on a service road of Shaikh Zayed Road, according to Chief Traffic Prosecutor Salah Bu Farousha, Head of Dubai Traffic Public Prosecution (TPP).

Presiding Judge Mohammad Mohammad Al Batal also fined the defendant Dh200 for failing to present his driving licence when asked to do so by the traffic policeman.

## Charges

"The accident happened on December 23 at 4.15am... the accused drove inattentively and lost control over the steering because he was heavily drunk. According to the breathalyser test, there was 202mg/dl of liquor in M.J.'s body. Thereafter the defendant was detained... TPP charged him with drinking, driving under influence of liquor and wrecking someone else's property [the car which did not belong to him]. He was also charged with failing to present his driving license," said Bu Farousha.

The chief traffic prosecutor said TPP referred the defendant to court and asked for the implementation of the toughest punishment applicable against M.J.