**Questionnaire**

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Do you have a criminal record? If so, please list offences and approximate date of conviction, with particular emphasis on impaired driving charges……………………………………………………………………………………….

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On the day of your charges, what was your:

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Alcohol consumed that day (Type of drink, size, alcohol content): **It is very important to be as specific as possible**…………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………….Time drinking started…………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

Time drinking ended (last swallow of alcohol)……………………………………………………………………………………………

**\*\*\*\*It may be necessary to prove all of the above in court. Keep all bar tabs and receipts or get copies from the bar if you do not have receipts. Also if possible get a sample glass, pint or jug from the bar, whichever applied to your drinks.**

**\*\*\*\*Also if you have any witnesses, get statements from them IMMEDIATLEY.**

**STATEMENT:**

**Please provide a statement in your own words about what happened. Describe what occurred from the time you were pulled over until you were released. Of specific interest is any conversation(s) you may have had with the police officer(s) – please record these as accurately as possible. Use as many pages as necessary AND DO NOT CONTINUE WITH THE QUESTIONNAIRE UNTIL YOU COMPLETE YOUR STATEMENT. Please be as detailed as possible.**

**ROADSIDE**

**\*\*\*Include in your responses the EXACT words of the officer and yourself if possible.**

What time were you stopped by the police and where?

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Were you asked for your driver’s licence, insurance / registration? Did you provide it? Explain any difficulties you may have had…………………………………………………………………………………………………………………...

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Was there any open alcohol in your vehicle, if so did the cops find it and when?.........................................

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**ROADSIDE SCREENING DEVICE (This May Not Apply to Your Case)**

Were you asked to blow in Roadside Screening Devise (RSD) …………………………………………………………………

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How much time had passed between your last sip of alcohol and the RSD? ……………………………………………..

If you smoke, how long had it been since your last cigarette and the RSD? ………………………………………………

Did the cops have the RSD with them, or did another officer bring it to the scene? Was there any wait for a RSD to show up? ………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

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How many times did you blow in the RSD?

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Were you asked to exit your vehicle to blow into the RSD ………………………………………………………………………..

Did the officer explain the significance of the RSD? If so, what did he/she say?...........................................

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If you refused to blow into the RSD, why? What exactly did you say? ………………………………………………………

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**ARREST & YOUR RIGHTS**

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Did the officer advise you that you had a right to call a lawyer? ……………………………………………………………….

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Did you understand that you could talk to a lawyer for free? ……………………………………………………………………

Did you have a cell phone with you? If so, did the police let you call from the scene? ……………………………..

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When did the officer make a demand for breath samples into the Breathalyzer/ Intoxilyzer? Was it after he told you your rights or before? …………………………………………………………………………………………………………….

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Did he read it from a card? ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………….

Did he tell you that if you didn’t blow you would be charged? ………………………………………………………………….

Did you agree to provide breath samples? If no, why not? ………………………………………………………………………

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**TRIP TO POLICE STATION FOR BREATHALYZER**

Please tell me in as much detail as you can about the trip to station and any conversation that you may have had. USE EXACT WORDS IF POSSIBLE.

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Were you handcuffed? ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………..

At the Police station, where was the police car parked?

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How did you exit the police car? Explain any difficulty you may have had ……………………………………………….

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How far was there to walk to the station? Explain any difficulty you may have had …………………………………

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Did the police officer take any of your personal property? What and When?

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Inside the police station, did you have any difficulty walking, if so explain ……………………………………………….

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**LAWYER**

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Did you dial the phone yourself, or were you assisted by the officers? …………………………………………………….

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Did you have a specific lawyer in mind, and were you able to reach that lawyer, or leave that lawyer a message? ………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………….

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**IF YOU SPOKE TO A LAWYER:**

Did you pick the lawyer or did the officer choose?........................................................................................

Were you able to speak to a lawyer for as long as you wished? ………………………………………………………………..

Did you have privacy when you spoke with that lawyer? ………………………………………………………………………….

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Were you satisfied with the advice you received? …………………………………………………………………………………….

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After you finished your call, did the police ask you:

If you had talked to a lawyer? Your response:

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If you received legal advice? Your response:

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**IF YOU DID NOT SPEAK TO A LAWYER:**

Why not? Explain in detail.

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Did the police read you a waiver form telling you that they had to hold off and give reasonable opportunity to contact counsel? ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………….

Did you understand that you had a right to a reasonable opportunity to consult with counsel? ………………

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**THE INTOXILYZER / BREATHALYZER**

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Did the police officer operating the machine have any difficulties with it? ……………………………………………….

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Was there any discussion between you and the police officer while samples were being taken or in between the 2 samples? If so provide the EXACT WORDS if possible ……………………………………………………….

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If you were unable to provide breath samples, why not? How may tries were you given? …………………….

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If you refused to provide breath sample, Why?............................................................................................

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**AFTER THE BLOWS**

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Did you have shoes and appropriate clothing? …………………………………………………………………………………………

Were you handcuffed? ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………..

Did the police officer serve you with any documents? If yes, please provide them to us ASAP ……………….

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Was it the same officer who originally detained you that served the documents? ……………………………………

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Did the officer hand them directly to you? ……………………………………………………………………………………………….

Did the officer read them over to you word for word? ……………………………………………………………………………..

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Did you read the original documents along with him/her with your copy or copies? ………………………………..

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After the documents were given to you, were they ever taken away again by a police officer? ……………….

What did you do with the documents once they were given to you?

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**GENERAL QUESTIONS**

Did you feel that the alcohol you consumed was affecting you ability to operate a motor vehicle to any degree at all?

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Were you on any medication, prescription or otherwise, on the date in question? If so, please list.

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Were you sick or ill on the date in question? If so, please give details. Include any temperature you may have had …………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………..

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Did you burp or vomit at anytime between getting into the vehicle and leaving police custody? If so, give details as to when, how often, and did the police officer notice? ………………………………………………………

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Do you were glasses? Did you wear them on that day? …………………………………………………………………………..

Apart from being impaired by alcohol, is there any other explanation for why you may have had:

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1. Difficulties with extracting your licence, registration and insurance and providing them to the officer

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1. Problems with your balance, such as stumbling, staggering or having to lean on something for your support. (What type of shoes, what was road condition, etc.)

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Is there anything that we have not covered that you think we should know about these charges?

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Do you plan to travel outside of Canada in the next five (5) years. If so, where, why and for how long?

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Can you please describe yourself, including skills, talents, hobbies, or anything that will help us better understand you and represent you in a sympathetic light to the Crown or the Court………………………………

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