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Letters to Editor

Interlock

Thank you for looking into the [DWI challenge](#) in New Mexico. Had you looked a bit further, you would have discovered the real story: Interlocks work. Go to impactdwi.org and see the real story. Every day interlock providers are seeing reports of customers blowing into the device above the legal limit of .08 percent [blood alcohol content].

There are fewer deaths from DWI and hundreds of serious injuries prevented each year. Offenders themselves are not re-arrested at the same rate with interlocks. And it is paid for by the offenders.

If a reduction in DWI is due to higher gas prices and the economy, then the non-alcohol crash rate would reduce at the same percentage. It did not. Perhaps [Executive Director of the DWI Resource Center, Linda] Atkinson has a better solution? We have not seen it. Interlocks are not the "golden bullet" but they are, at least, a "silver."

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