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Castle Hayne Man Pleads Guilty to Habitual DWI

Paul Michael Gore, age 42 of Castle Hayne, has pled guilty to Habitual Impaired Driving, a class F felony, in New Hanover County Superior Court last week. A Superior Court judge accepted Gore's guilty plea and sentenced him to a minimum of 12 months to a maximum of 24 months of active time in the North Carolina Department of Adult Correction. He was immediately taken into custody.

In the early morning hours of June 16, 2023, a New Hanover County Sheriff's Office deputy saw Gore swerving on a moped in Wrightsboro area on Oakley Road. Gore then steered the moped into the lane of oncoming traffic multiple times. When the Deputy attempted to pull him over, Gore made a U turn and attempted to flee. He abandoned the moped in a residential yard and attempted to flee on foot but was quickly apprehended.

An analysis from the New Hanover County Sheriff's Office Forensic Laboratory showed that Gore's alcohol concentration was 0.20: two and a half times the illegal limit of 0.08. Gore had three prior offenses for similar conduct: an October 2019 conviction for Driving While Intoxicated in Herkimer County, NY, a June 2020 conviction for Driving While Impaired in New Hanover County, NC, and a May 2021 conviction for Driving While Intoxicated in Ostego County, NY.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney David Joyner, who worked with two separate prosecutors' offices in New York State to gather information on Gore's previous convictions. "We're grateful for the quick response by Deputy Steven Lendino to get a drunk driver off the road, protecting both his life and the lives of other drivers," said District Attorney Jason W. Smith, "We also extend our thanks to our colleagues in Herkimer and Ostego Counties in New York for providing us with the necessary information to elevate this case from a misdemeanor to a felony and secure the minimum year of prison time."



Paul Michael Gore

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