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Jupiter man faces multiple charges in 2011 boating accident that fractured man's skull

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A 23-year-old Jupiter man is facing multiple charges stemming from a May 2011 boat crash that left another man critically injured, authorities said.

Timothy Doran Jr. is accused of striking a channel marker in the Intracoastal Waterway near Marcinski Road in Jupiter, then fleeing scene.

He is facing charges of leaving the scene of a boating accident with serious injury along with four counts of violating inland navigation rules. He was booked in the Palm Beach County Jail on Sunday and remained in custody without bond late Monday.

The May 21, 2011, boat crash left 28-year-old, Kai Woodstock, also of Jupiter, with critical injuries. Woodstock fractured his skull and spent 48 days at St. Mary's Medical Center in West Palm Beach, investigators said.

According to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, a group of boaters picked Doran up that evening from a house near the A1A bridge off the Loxahatchee River. The group went to the Tiki 52 bar in Tequesta that evening. Doran drank a couple of beers before the group headed south on the Intracoastal Waterway to the Rum Bar, located just south of the PGA Boulevard bridge, the FWC report said.

Doran drank between three and six beers during the course of the evening, investigators said. Witnesses told investigators Doran was in control of the boat as the group traveled north on the Intracoastal. Boat passenger Eric Conerly told investigators he advised Doran to slow down in a controlled speed zone.

The vessel crashed into a channel marker while traveling at an estimated speed of 35 to 40 miles per hour, the report said. Five passengers, including Woodstock, sustained injuries..

Doran allegedly fled on foot after the crash. He called a friend to pick him up at a Shell gas station in Juno Beach,

investigators said.

Jupiter police officers found Doran and his girlfriend the following day near the Jupiter Ale House. An officer found Doran hiding behind a dumpster, the report said.

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- Posted by TheLongRun at 6:45 a.m. Apr. 30, 2013
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I'd say me Doran has a little issue with alcohol.



- Posted by TrafficAvenger at 7:28 a.m. Apr. 30, 2013
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Lets see here. In one story we have a firefighter and friend in trouble with the law over a bar bill on Singer Island (alcohol induced?) and here we have a guy who wrecks a boat and almost kills someone in the process after bar hopping in the boat, (alcohol induced?).

Again. Cannabis is Illegal why?

Ask a cop which is more of a problem for them to deal with. Drunks, wanting to show what a bad azz they are or pot heads looking for the closest Taco Bell or corner store wanting a box of Twinkies and a carton of chocolate milk?

Again. End the Prohibition of Cannabis.



- Posted by Falconhunter at 7:42 a.m. Apr. 30, 2013
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Well, years ago I believe something similar happened to a PBSO deputy involved in a boating accident, believe she lost an arm and her friend was killed (details sketchy do to cannabis). Authorities could not figure out if she was behind the helm or the other person. No charges filed. Do the same rules apply here?



- Posted by EILoco at 7:54 a.m. Apr. 30, 2013
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I remember not too long ago when a Sheriff's deputy crashed her boat into a dock at high speed during an alcohol involved cruise. There were significant injuries and major damage including an amputation but she wasn't charged with a single violation. Could there be different sets of laws for cops as opposed to common citizens? Just sayin...



- Posted by 1tuffsheets at 8:13 a.m. Apr. 30, 2013
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Problem is there were 4 people in Doran's boat that told the cops who was operating the vessel. No doubt the cops threatened to charge whoever was caught lying. In the female sheriff's boat there were only 2 people.....the sheriff and her buddy..and of course the sheriff didn't admit guilt so McCauliff dropped the charges because he figured she had suffered enough by losing an arm. And yes, absolutely the laws are different for LEO's and this case is a prime example.



- Posted by eabhergbe

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- Posted by SerenityNow at 10:17 a.m. Apr. 30, 2013
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You need a license to drive a car but not to captain a boat. It's stupid really. And the stupidity is compounded when you have bars all over the ICW where you can pull up to and get drunk. People have this perception that drunk boating isn't as bad as drunk driving.

Doran was appropriately captured behind a dumpster, since he acted like a piece of garbage.



- Posted by MissWTF at 10:38 a.m. Apr. 30, 2013
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Another loser who can't handle his liquor



- Posted by jjll at 10:39 a.m. Apr. 30, 2013
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I can think of three such incidents up here on the treasure coast, the two I clearly remember involved fatalities, with alcohol/drugs, excessive speed, and darkness being contributing factors. You are(usually) in an open boat, the boat hits a stationary object, the passengers continue moving forward as fast as the boat was traveling, no seat belts, life vest not worn, perhaps an inexperienced driver at the helm, no boating license required, no safety skills learned, just push it forward and go.

Just like driving a car, safe boating requires personal responsibility for the safety of those around you.



- Posted by Mr-Roboto at 11:51 a.m. Apr. 30, 2013
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@ eabhergbe --- I'm right there with you. I had to read that part twice!



- Posted by Jupiter65 at 2:59 p.m. Apr. 30, 2013
- Report Abuse

why did it take two years to book him?



- Posted by barrelracersam20 at 3:17 p.m. Apr. 30, 2013
- Report Abuse

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- Posted by gethefax at 8:41 p.m. Apr. 30, 2013
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Never heard of any thing good from consuming alcoholic beverages that caused physical impairment except from the days a doctor would use it as an anesthetic.

Also from past experience it would be wise for boaters to have handy a flood light and a spotter to illuminate the reflectors on the buoys.

Nonetheless, he made a serious mistake. Hopefully he will rebound from this experience, learn from it, pay restitution and move on with his life, and become involved in teaching others the navigation skills necessary to avoid these accidents.



- Posted by tequestian at 4:49 p.m. May. 1, 2013
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30 on the ICW is mindlessly FAST!!! I bet there were at least two dozen people screaming from their couches as he flew by. Who owned the boat? Why did it take two years to see him arrested?

Good job PB post..oh and thanks for taking my comment on the drunk belligerent cops off the board, friends of yours?

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