

Justin Bieber to Serve No Jail Time for Miami Drag Racing Charges: Report



BY ASSOCIATED PRESS
08/13/2014 07:35AM

Justin Bieber will plead guilty to lesser charges stemming from his arrest in South Florida in what police initially described as an illegal street drag race, two people directly involved in the case told the Associated Press on Tuesday.

The two people said the 20-year-old pop star would plead guilty to misdemeanor careless driving and resisting arrest without violence charges, rather than the original driving under the influence charge.

Bieber also will agree to take an anger management course and make a \$50,000 charitable donation, in addition to paying court-ordered fines. The plea agreement does not call for any jail time.

The two people insisted on anonymity because they were not authorized to comment publicly before a Wednesday court hearing. Bieber is not expected to attend the hearing. The *Miami Herald* first reported the plea deal.

Bieber was arrested early January 23 in Miami Beach after what police described as an illegal street race between Bieber's rented Lamborghini and a Ferrari driven by

R&B singer Khalil Amir Sharieff. Neither was charged with drag racing and there was little evidence they were even exceeding posted speed limits.

Alcohol breath tests found Bieber's level below the 0.02 limit for underage drivers, but urine tests showed the presence of marijuana and the anti-anxiety drug Xanax in his system.

He was also charged with resisting arrest after a profanity-laced tirade against police officers, as well as driving on an expired license.

In July, Bieber resolved another criminal case by pleading no contest to a misdemeanor vandalism charge for throwing eggs at a neighbor's house in Los Angeles. In that case, Bieber agreed to pay more than \$80,000 in damages and meet a number of other conditions.

Bieber also was charged in Toronto with assaulting a limousine driver in late December. His lawyers have said he is not guilty in that case.