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Justin Bieber pleads guilty in Miami case

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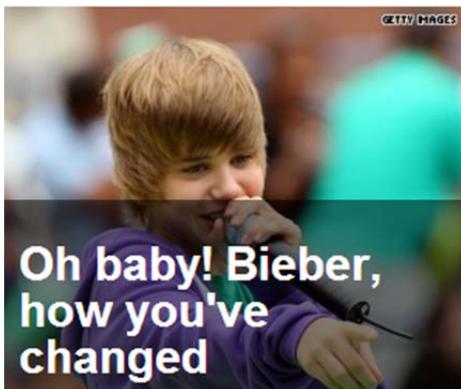
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- The 20-year-old failed a field sobriety test and was also accused of drag-racing his Lamborghini earlier this year
- Justin Bieber will have to take an anger management course as part of his plea agreement



Justin Bieber pleaded guilty through his attorneys on Wednesday to misdemeanor charges of careless driving and resisting arrest.

The charges relate to an incident earlier this year in Miami, Florida, where the 20-year-old failed a field sobriety test and was accused of drag-racing his yellow Lamborghini in a residential area.

Police charged Bieber in January with driving under the influence, resisting arrest without violence and driving without a valid license. The DUI charge has been downgraded to careless driving while the driving without a license charge has been dismissed since Bieber was later able to prove he had a valid license at the time.

As part of his plea agreement, Bieber will have to take 12 hours of anger management courses, pay all court costs associated with the case and donate \$50,000 to charity, which his lawyer said he already did "happily on his part."

Bieber was not present in court, as is his right, according to Judge William Altfield.

"I have not in any way had this defendant treated any differently than any other defendant that comes before this court," Altfield said Wednesday.

He also asked the pop star's lawyers to pass on the following message to their client: "While this is a case that involves driving under the influence... he needs to be cognizant of the fact that there are many young persons who are living under the influence -- and he is the influence. He is the one they look up to as a role model. And he has so much going for him. I'm a judge. I'm also a parent. And I'm also a fan of anybody that has musical talent such as him. But I hope that he realizes that his actions not only lead to consequences that affect him but they lead to consequences that affect others who are looking up to him."

State attorney Katherine Fernandez Rundle released the following statement following the hearing:

"The strengths and weaknesses of the case motivated everyone to seek this appropriate resolution. The ultimate purpose of the Miami Beach Police Department's initial traffic stop was to end some rash juvenile type conduct before a tragedy occurred. The intervention and counseling parts of the plea should provide a pathway toward adult responsibility."

Bieber has had a number of run-ins with the law over the last several months.

In July, Bieber pleaded no contest to a misdemeanor vandalism charge for throwing eggs at a former neighbor's house back in January. The judge ordered Bieber to serve two years supervised probation, perform five days of community labor, pay his neighbor \$80,900 in restitution and undergo 12 weekly anger management sessions.

He has since moved to another home, this time a condo in Beverly Hills, California, where neighbors called the police on him several times over a single weekend in July to complain about excessive noise.

"We ask for Mr. Bieber to be respectful of his neighbors and to the community of Beverly Hills and take the bull by the horns and actually turn down the music and limit the size of his parties in consideration for the sleeping child and elderly residents," Beverly Hills Police Sgt. Max Subin said.

Since officers didn't witness excessive noise levels, they didn't charge Bieber with disturbing the peace.

In December, the singer was also arrested on an assault charge in Canada, where he was accused of hitting his limo driver.

His limo was also searched by Georgia police in February. Police said they found small amounts of marijuana and drug paraphernalia but did not file charges "due to the small amount."

CNN's Alan Duke contributed to this report.