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In response to Paul Gibson (Your Views, Dec. 11): I am the driver of the vehicle with the tag "DUI ATT." I'm an attorney who defends persons accused of driving under the influence. The pressure to "rid the roads" of drunken drivers has caused police departments to push officers to make many arrests that should not be made.

Yes, Mr. Gibson, innocent people are sometimes arrested for DUI in this state. The odor of an alcoholic beverage isn't evidence of a drunken driver. It's evidence of consumption before driving, which isn't illegal. However, if you are stopped and the officer smells alcohol, you're sunk. That means any person who drinks only at this time of year, goes to a holiday party and has one or two beers, is in danger of being arrested for DUI when he's not guilty.

And it's at this time of year when more innocent people have this happen to them than any other time. I regret that Gibson doesn't like me. He would if he were one of the above persons.

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