
Matt Roloff arrested

Posted by Debby - 2007/07/31 17:32

I wondered why Little People, Big World has not been airing in my area for the last couple of weeks. They aren't even showing previews or anything. I saw today that Matt was charged with DUI on June 19. I wonder if there is any connection.

They said he failed a sobriety test, but with his legs, there is no way he could walk a straight line, with or without crutches. I wonder if he was indeed impaired. I'm sure it wouldn't take much to hit him with his small body size.

I'll try to find the link. I think it was on TMZ.

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Re:Matt Roloff arrested

Posted by KPW1956 - 2007/07/31 21:08

Wow!

I did a quick search and found a news report complete with mug shots! Matt looks like he's amused more than upset.

Maybe it got filmed and they'll have it on the show! If he's found guilty of it, (it happened in June) that is going to hurt his show.. Although with some of the garbage and drama they've had on the show, it's definitely not your typical American Family. Even a lesson on drinking can be relevant for Little People.

It says he refused the breathalyzer test.. They may have been assuming..

Wonder if he was driving his 'bug'..

Here's a link... <http://www.koin.com/Global/story.asp?S=6864478>

another link

<http://www.kxl.com/ArDisplay.aspx?SecID=22&ID=55018>

forum discussion thread at TLC (one of many at that site)

<http://community.discovery.com/eve/forums/a/tpc/f/7531921028/m/4801995119?r=7411968119#7411968119>

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Re:Matt Roloff arrested

Posted by KPW1956 - 2007/08/01 10:04

Looking around the Discovery/TLC site last night I saw some other threads and also a sales offer at the Discovery Store a book that was published in April. The title of the book is 'Little Family, Big Values'.

Reading the description of the book is rather ironic... especially seeing what we do during the course of the normal shows..

Someone mentioned on a thread that there are numerous ways to check for impairment besides walking a straight line. I know I've seen the tests (on Cops) where they have to do the fingers to their nose and also usually have to be able to do some verbal instructions.. Which could be simple for the unimpaired. Law enforcement are typically trained to be able to screen handicapped drivers..

Matt will have his day in court.. at least now he can afford to have a driver if his license is taken away!

Some of the forum threads at Discovery/TLC suggest that they use it as a teaching experience for the viewers..

Oops.. I forgot the link to the info about the book.

<http://shopping.discovery.com/product-65589.html?jzid=40587982-0-0>

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Re:Matt Roloff arrested

Posted by Debby - 2007/08/01 11:26

Thanks for those links KPW. It is mentioned that he was driving a van when stopped.

It will be interesting to hear his side of the story. It was kinda smart to refuse the breathalyzer. Without the results, it will be difficult for the state to prove impairment with just the sobriety test. His handicaps are so substantial, I think it will be difficult to prove that he was impaired. The only bad driving was something about driving in his lane, but it doesn't say that he was charged with driving left of center. That tells me he was probably swerving within his lane which is not a crime.

I have tried many "Driving while Impaired" cases, as we call them in our state. Your best chance of winning is when there is no breath or blood test and the sobriety test are not really bad or if there is a reason for them being not perfect, such as illness or lack of sleep. He was arrested late at night. I wonder if he had just gotten home on a flight and had a few drinks on the plane and was tired. Just speculating. I really doubt he was falling down drunk. I just can't see him doing that.

I wonder what approach he will take. With the weak case they may offer him a deal on a plea of a lesser charge.

I would love to have been a fly on the wall when he called Amy from jail to come pick him up!!!! LOL. It's sad, but this could create new interest in the show. I don't think people will dislike him for it, if he comes off as honest and admits any wrong doing. That might be tough if he doesn't think he was driving drunk. He could have called his lawyer and his lawyer advised him not to take it. Who knows. You know he will get his license revoked for the refusal. In our state you can't even get a driving permit to drive to work if you refuse for one year.

I must admit when I heard it, my first thought was that Amy had driven him to drink. I know, I know, that is completely crazy. Nobody can make you drink, but I can just see how living with all that criticism over the years could cause you to cope in some unhealthy ways. Well, now he has given her something to complain about for the next 20 years. LOL.

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Re:Matt Roloff arrested

Posted by grizzlys4 - 2007/08/13 01:52

I guess I'll wait and see how this all comes out before getting my soapbox out and going on a tirade. It's so hard having been a responding EMT to drunk driving accidents.....and the common misconception so many still hold onto that you have to be roaring drunk to be DUI. Well.....I hope the truth, whatever it is, does come out and there is no special treatment. But if he truly was NOT impaired by any substance.....then that needs to be made known also!! Just sad indeed!!

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Re:Matt Roloff arrested

Posted by Debby - 2007/08/13 09:08

Hey Grizz! Good to see you. I hope your knee is well.

I agree with you. I didn't mean that you had to be roaring drunk to be impaired, only that with minimum impairment of the faculties, it may be difficult to prove that he was driving over the legal limit. I don't know what it is in Oregon. It' .08 in NC.

It will certainly be interesting to see what he ends up doing. His career could be effected.

A poster said on another site that Matt had a previous charge of DWI a few years ago. I don't know if that is true or not. If it is true, it makes me more skeptical of this new charge. A previous DUI could also explain a refusal of a breathalyzer. Punishment is much worse on repeat offenders...that is unless you are a young, rich, beautiful, celebrity. LOL. Just kidding.

Post edited by: Debby, at: 2007/08/13 09:10

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Re:Matt Roloff arrested

Posted by KPW1956 - 2007/08/13 11:37

While on vacation I noticed that the show was airing pretty regularly on discovery health.. I think TLC and discovery health are connected..(as well as Discovery and few others).. I know that Jon and Kate plus 8 are on both channels..

So the Roloff's aren't off the air. With the show in repeats anyway, it could be that they are just mixing up the schedule to try new shows or new audiences.. I don't have discovery health at home.. Wish I did though!

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Re:Matt Roloff arrested

Posted by Debby - 2007/08/13 12:42

I have notice the repeats are being aired again. I want new shows though. I am really anxious to see how and if they will handle the DUI arrest. It will be odd if it's just ignored.

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Re:Matt Roloff arrested

Posted by grizzlys4 - 2007/08/18 00:44

Hey Debby.....

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Re:Matt Roloff arrested

Posted by wish - 2007/08/20 00:33

Not surprised think the show should be taken off.

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Re:Matt Roloff arrested

Posted by Debby - 2007/08/20 11:09

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I haven't heard anything new on the case. I'm withholding judgment too. If he was driving DUI, he knows it was wrong. He is a parent and a public figure. He knows the consequences such a thing could cause. Worst case scenerio,

someone is killed and even if nobody is hurt, you have set such a poor example for your kids and viewers. I don't know. I guess there is always a chance that the police got it wrong and that he wasn't driving under the influence. I know that they don't always get it right. I would like to believe it was all a mistake.

I don't know if the show has hurt the family or not. It seems to me that the show has allowed the family some basic things that perhaps they wouldn't have had otherwise, such as mom being able to take the year off from working and stay home, dad being able to leave his job for awhile do more family events near home or on family vacations, funds for medical expense or health insurance, new vehicles that help the little people have better access to the trunk area, and perhaps a college fund for the kids....not that Zack and Jeremy would be interested. They don't seem to be the least bit interested in education. LOL.

Re:Matt Roloff arrested

Posted by KPW1956 - 2007/08/20 11:57

I enjoyed the show the first season..(the novelty?) But I think with the shows success it allowed alot of opportunities financially for the family. I think Matt has gone overboard with capitalizing on the show and I very well think that it could be a case that he has exploited his family.. Maybe unintentionally.. But with the dysfunctional family dynamics so apparent and the boys especially tending to be irresponsible and disrespectful.. I just don't know if it's worth it.. (I realize they could have wound up that way anyway!)

Matt seems to have always been the driving force of the show. Maybe it's a case of too much of a good thing and the success has gone to his head!

I've wondered if Matt's parents have not been on the show alot this year because of disapproval about how the show portrays the family or disagreeing with Matt on his priorities.. We definitely saw instances where his father and him clashed..

Matt is definitely headstrong!

No clue how the dui thing will turn out.. At least we know he should be able to afford a good attorney!

I just checked the TLC site.. The show has a short clip of season 3 preview..and it pretty much was a slice of how the season ended with them renting one of those huge RV's. I haven't seen any dates about the show's season 3 kick off.

When I see his mug shot from the dui arrest I can't help thinking that he looks amused/happy.. Maybe he thinks it will make good fodder for the show.. We shall see..

Post edited by: KPW1956, at: 2007/08/20 12:04

Re:Matt Roloff arrested

Posted by Debby - 2007/08/20 14:47

Was the RV episode taped before the arrest. I hope so. If not, it will leave most of the driving up to Amy and the twins. Good Grief that would be an experience. LOL.

I checked out the TLC board. From what I saw, most of the viewers are quite disturbed by this arrest. It seems they are not waiting to see what the court says, but have made their own mind up already.

It seems they are also disappointed that the children's disrespectful attitudes are tolerated and that the lack of any discipline, including household chores are nonexistent. They also don't like the divided front Amy and Matt seem to display.

I only read a portion of the posts, but I didn't see anything of support. It kinda makes you wonder. I agree with them and with you to a certain extent. Those kids and Amy have gotten on my last nerve. I'm more tolerant of Matt than most.

I do think the show could turn around if the family is willing to learn that change might be good and get some real help.

I don't think the show did this to them. I think it's how they were before they ever went on a program. I think the grandparents are not on as much because of embarrassment of the family's conduct and the condition of the house. They may come from the old school. My dad always told me that the way you keep your house is reflective of what you think of yourself. I thought he was nutty. Now, I'm not so sure.

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Re:Matt Roloff arrested

Posted by KPW1956 - 2007/08/20 16:43

I think the DUI happened in June sometime.. so they may have already been on their vacation and back. Not sure about schools out there.. They may have been done in May sometime.. I know when the previous season ended in June they showed a bit of the clip..

Did you look at the clip? The kids looked like they were wild in that thing! Hopefully not while he was driving it!

I recall seeing one blurb saying his court date wasn't until October or November... That seems a bit long.. Now no date is mentioned.

Wikipedia mentions that he had another DUI in 2003... was convicted of that but that it was expunged (?) (is that the right term) after doing some sort of classes for 16 weeks or so..

I don't think they'd be so lenient with a second offense..

I've noticed his business buddy Mike was on alot this last year.. When they went to Las Vegas and Mike stayed with the kids.. I thought he was one brave guy!

On top of the farm accident, he coached one of the kids soccer teams, babysat and also was the heavy labor guy on the kits that he and Matt sell to hotels.. I wonder if he is reaching his patience level..

I wouldn't be surprised if with all the new programming that TLC has, and the criticism of the Roloff's that the TLC site is generating that TLC pulls the show.

Let me know if you see any ads for the new season.. and when it might air.. that is 'IF' it airs..

Post edited by: KPW1956, at: 2007/08/20 16:46

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Re:Matt Roloff arrested

Posted by Debby - 2007/08/21 10:43

No, I haven't seen any of the new clips.

I did wonder why Mike seemed to take such a big role in the family. He seems to be a straight shooter and the kids seem to respect him. He must be single because when he got hurt by the Pumpkin thrower, Amy said he stayed at their house and they took care of him when he came home from the hospital since he didn't have any family. I thought that sounded really sad.

It may sound bad, but I definitely think that they will air the shows already taped for selfish reasons. Even though the arrest is bad publicity, it may still generate interest in people watching. If nothing else people will watch to see if he is drinking too much.

You know that guy that host Extreme Makeover Home Edition? Ty Pennington I think is his name or something like that. He got a DUI recently, admitted he made a mistake and moved right along. I don't think he got any flack from anyone. I don't think it has hurt his career on tv at all. So, we'll see if Matt is so lucky.

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Re:Matt Roloff arrested

Posted by KPW1956 - 2007/08/21 11:03

I think with all of Matt's lectures.. about lessons in life that he might come across as a hypocrit..

The website is full of clips with Matt espounding on one thing or another.. Even in the show he's always putting himself out there as a fountain of wisdom about raising kids and business endeavors.

Ty at least admitted he made a mistake.. Matt pled innocent.. Ty hosts a show where he helps others.. and his personal life is totally separate from the show.

Of course with his small stature, it might take less to affect him.. Him refusing to take the breathalyzer test though is not going to win him any cooperation points. What message does that send to his sons?

Not sure if Ty's was a repeat offense or not.. But Matt's apparently is..

I guess we'll wait and see... with that smirk or smile on his face in the mug shot, it could very well be a move to generate a new plot or drama in the show..

Post edited by: KPW1956, at: 2007/08/21 11:06

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