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Blackburn Romey attorneys (from left): Frank Wolferd, Ryan Lindinger, Tom Blackburn, Chad Romey, Christopher Blackburn and David Singleton.



Tom Blackburn (left) presents Stanley Losik with a new 2025 Harley Davidson Fat Boy motorcycle after Losik's name was drawn in August in the annual Blackburn Romey Harley giveaway.

Michigan Man Wins New Harley!

On the Friday before Labor Day, Stanley Losik of Springfield, Michigan, received a call from an unknown number. On the other end was Tom Blackburn of Blackburn Romey, who congratulated Losik and told him that he was the winner of the firm's annual Harley Davidson motorcycle giveaway.

"I was definitely shocked," Losik said. I wondered if this was true or if it was a scam." Blackburn convinced him that it was no scam — he was the owner of a new Harley Davidson.

Christina, Losik's wife, was just as shocked as her husband.

Losik is a long-time Harley rider, with Christina and their 19-pound shih tzu, Vincenzo "Vinny" Losik, sometimes accompanying him on his rides.

"I've entered the contest for 6 or 7 years," Losik said, "but never thought I'd actually win."

Losik works for the street department in Battle Creek. He never told his

coworkers that he had won the motorcycle.

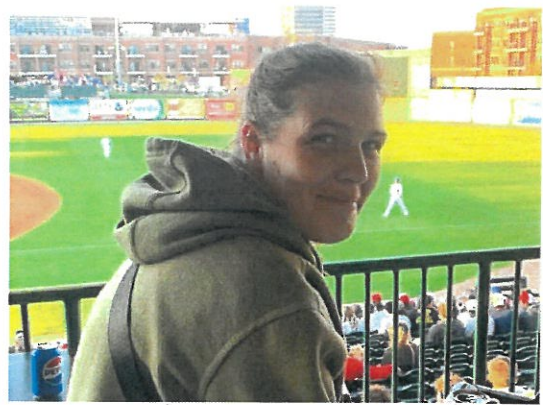
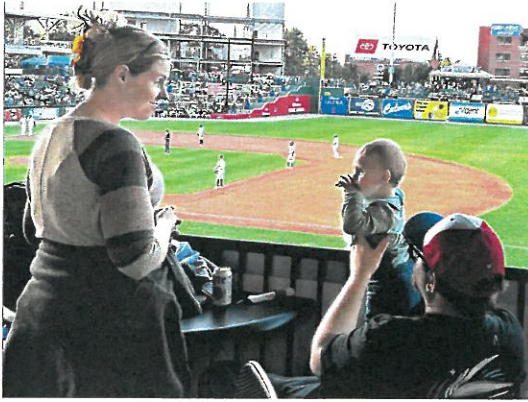
"I kept it a secret, but later told coworkers that I had won a Harley Davidson in a drawing, Losik said. "They didn't believe me until I took them to the parking lot and showed them the bike," he said.

"I was so excited to win, because I never thought there was any chance of me winning," Losik said. "I would tell anyone to be sure and sign up for the drawing, because it could happen to them."

"Thanks to Tom Blackburn," Losik said. "It was a great experience to meet him. He is very nice and friendly and we are very appreciative."

Blackburn Romey Employees Show up to Cheer South Bend Cubs





Employees of Blackburn Romey and their family members recently got together to enjoy a night watching a South Bend Cubs baseball game. As the photos show, a good time was had by all.



What is the Penalty for Leaving the Scene of an Accident?

Being involved in a [car accident](#) can be stressful and overwhelming, but what you do in the moments after matters just as much as the crash itself. In Indiana, leaving the scene without following the law can bring severe legal and personal consequences.

Failing to remain at the crash site, often called a hit-and-run, can lead to steep fines, time in jail, loss of your driver's license, and criminal charges. The penalties vary with the seriousness of the accident and the specific state laws in play, yet hit-and-runs are often treated as major offenses. That's why understanding **the penalty for leaving the scene of an accident** is so important for any driver in Indiana.

What Does It Mean to Leave the Scene of an Accident?

In Indiana, leaving the scene occurs when a driver involved in an accident fails to stop at or near the crash site and provide legally required information or assistance. According to [Indiana Code § 9-26-1-1.2](#), drivers involved in an accident must, as soon as safely possible, move their vehicles out of the travel lane and to a location as close to the accident scene as possible, unless the accident involves hazardous materials, results in injury or death, or a person is trapped in a vehicle. Violating this rule is a Class C infraction.

Stopping isn't enough; you must also exchange information with the other driver or property owner and provide assistance if anyone is injured. This can include calling emergency services and staying at the scene until law enforcement arrives.

Is Leaving the Scene of an Accident a Felony or a Misdemeanor?

Leaving the scene of an accident in Indiana could be a felony or a misdemeanor, depending on the outcome of the crash and based on the severity of injuries or damage.



For example, if a crash results in only property damage, it might be handled as a misdemeanor. However, cases involving injury, severe injury, or death increase in severity and potential punishment. These distinctions make it important to understand the specifics of the charges and how the state views the incident.

When It Becomes a Felony Hit-and-Run

If the accident causes serious bodily injury or death, leaving the scene can escalate to a felony charge. The penalties become far more severe in these situations and the potential prison sentence increases significantly.

Felony hit-and-run charges can also arise when the driver was under the influence of alcohol or drugs, or if the incident involved reckless driving at excessive speeds.

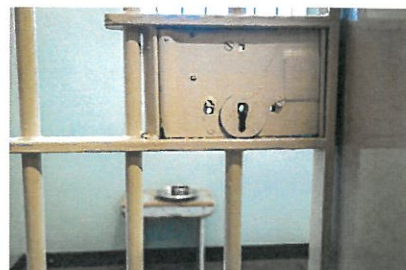
Penalties for Leaving the Scene of an Accident

According to [Indiana Code § 9-26-1-1.2](#), drivers who knowingly or intentionally leave the scene of an accident without fulfilling their legal duties commit a Class B misdemeanor. This classification applies when no serious injuries are involved, but the driver still fails to stop and provide the required information.

In more serious cases involving injury or death, the classification escalates, and so do the potential punishments. Courts consider multiple factors, including prior offenses and the driver's behavior after the crash.

Criminal Fines and Jail Time

Class B misdemeanors in Indiana may result in up to 180 days in jail and fines of up to \$1,000. If the case is elevated to a felony due to injury or death, prison sentences can be anywhere from one to twelve years, with much higher fines. Courts also consider prior driving history and the



level of recklessness involved. It's important to talk to an attorney for a better review of your specific situation.

Driver's License Suspension and Points

Leaving the scene often results in a driver's license suspension. In many cases, a suspension can last from several months to a couple of years, depending on the circumstances. Points may also be added to your driving record, which can increase insurance premiums for years.

Civil Consequences and Lawsuits After a Hit-and-Run

Beyond criminal penalties, drivers who leave the scene can face civil lawsuits. Victims may seek compensation for medical expenses, lost wages, and property damage. In many cases, courts award punitive damages because leaving the scene is viewed as intentional misconduct that society tries to discourage.

Insurance complications are common. In some situations, a lack of coverage can lead to financial hardship that lasts for years.

This is why anyone contemplating leaving the scene of an accident, even a relatively minor one, should understand not only the criminal side but also the civil risks. If you're unsure about [What to Do After a Car Accident in Indiana](#), especially when it involves a hit-and-run, speaking with an experienced attorney can make all the difference in protecting your rights and future.

Contact Us if You've Been Struck by a Hit-and-Run Driver

Being struck by a hit-and-run driver can be serious and overwhelming, but [Blackburn Romey](#) can provide legal guidance to identify the potential sources from which you may recover compensation for your injuries. An attorney familiar with Indiana law can help you understand your options, prepare for court, and address any negotiations with the insurance company and its lawyers.

Contact us today at [833-FOR-HELP](#) to discuss your situation and learn **how we can help you seek maximum compensation** in your specific circumstances.

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Thank you!

Austin T



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★★★★★ a month ago

For using a service like this for a first time, I found it very convenient hassle free. Mr. Blackburn and assistant Lisa would even call me to explain what was going on without me even having to ask. I never even had to go to the office once. Hopefully Something like this does not happen to me again, but if so, I would recommend Blackburn Romey



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