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

Auburn Man Wins Harley Davidson!

Matthew Knisely of Auburn was the lucky winner of this year's motorcycle giveaway! Knisely's name was drawn on Aug. 31 in the annual Blackburn Romey Bike Giveaway. Knisely is a seasoned rider and was excited to hear he's the owner of the 2026 Harley Davidson Fat Boy. Watch for more on Knisely in the October newsletter.



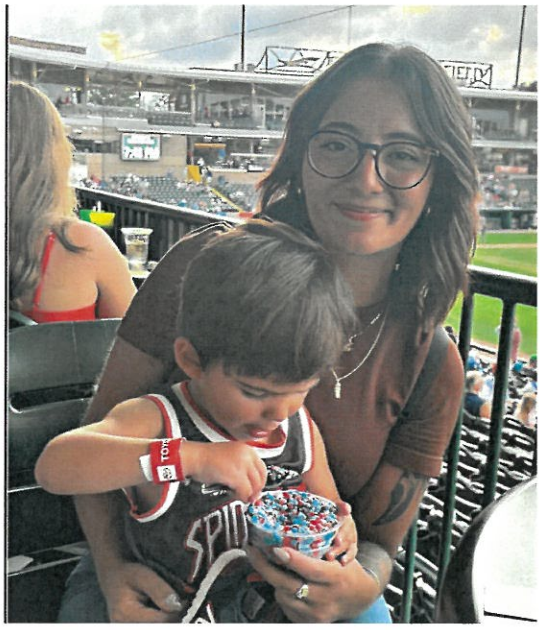
BR Staff, Families Enjoy SB Cubs Game

















Blackburn Romey employees and their families attended a South Bend Cubs game in August and a good time was had by all. The game was a double header due to a rain-out the day before. The SB Cubs won one and lost one.

BR Scholarship Winners





Tom Blackburn is shown recently awarding Blackburn Romey college and trade school scholarships to Isabella Lozano (in blue) and Hannah Saleh. Lozano is a senior at the University of St. Francis majoring in Elementary Education/Special Education and Hannah Saleh is attending The Salon Professional Academy.

Recognizing First Responders









Blackburn Romey Law Firm is recognizing first responders on country radio stations K105 in Fort Wayne and B100 in Mishawaka. Recognized on B100 for outstanding service as first responders in July were Felicia Clawson of the Columbia City Fire Dept. and and Terry Schmidt, Jr. of the Clay Fire Dept. August recognitions included Kipp Griffin, a first responder for Parkview Samaritan and ER, and Officer Derek Bowen, a K9 handler for Three Rivers Police Dept.



Did You Get a Ticket Days After an Accident?

Yes, That Can Happen

- **Police can issue a traffic ticket days or weeks after a crash, not only at the scene.**
- **Officers may review witness statements, video footage, or reconstruction evidence before deciding on a citation.**
- **Common post-crash citations include speeding, failure to yield, reckless driving, and following too closely.**
- **A traffic ticket does not automatically determine who is legally liable for a crash.**
- **Indiana's comparative fault law reduces compensation based on a claimant's own share of fault.**

A driver who leaves a crash scene without a citation often assumes the matter has ended. That assumption catches many Indiana motorists off guard when a citation arrives in the mail days later. At Blackburn Romey, we work with drivers across Indiana who ask can you get a ticket days after an accident after walking away believing none was coming. Traffic investigations often continue well past the initial response, and a delayed citation can affect a driving record and a pending injury claim.

Is It Possible to Receive a Traffic Ticket After a Crash?



A driver can receive a citation days or even weeks after a crash. Officers do not always issue a traffic ticket at the scene, and further investigation can lead to a citation being issued later. An officer responding to a crash first handles medical needs and traffic control, and a citation sometimes waits until those priorities are addressed. When fault is clear, such as a driver admitting it on the spot, an officer may issue a citation immediately. When the facts are less obvious, the officer needs more time, which is why so many drivers search can you get a ticket days after an accident once an unexpected citation arrives.

Why Police May Issue a Ticket Days After an Accident

A citation issued well after a crash usually reflects an investigation that took longer than the initial response allowed. Officers responding to a serious wreck must first address injuries, manage the roadway, and gather basic information from each driver, leaving little room for a thorough review of fault.
Under Indiana Code 9-26-2-1, a law enforcement officer must investigate any crash resulting in injury, death, or at least two thousand five hundred dollars in property damage, and confirm that each driver met their reporting duties. That statutory duty gives officers reason to keep reviewing a case well beyond the

day of the crash.

Additional Evidence or Ongoing Investigations May Affect the Decision

Some crashes require officers to look beyond what they observed firsthand. A witness may come forward days later with new details, or a nearby business may need time to produce surveillance footage. Officers sometimes request accident reconstruction analysis when vehicle positions, skid marks, or damage patterns leave the sequence of events unclear. Additional crash or medical reports filed later can also shift how an officer views fault, particularly when injuries turn out more serious than first thought. Each of these steps can delay a citation while giving the decision a stronger factual basis.

What Types of Traffic Violations Can Be Issued After an Accident?

Traffic citations issued after a crash generally connect directly to the conduct that caused the collision. An officer reviewing new evidence looks for a specific violation tied to how the vehicles came together, rather than issuing a citation without a documented basis. The violation cited often signals which driver the investigation points to as the cause.

Speeding, Failure to Yield, and Other Common Violations



Citations issued in the days following a crash frequently involve speeding, failure to yield the right of way, reckless driving, or following too closely. Distracted driving and disregarding a traffic signal also appear once an investigation confirms what happened at the moment of impact. A driver cited for one of these violations should understand that the citation reflects the officer's read of the evidence gathered, not a final legal conclusion. Multiple drivers in the same collision can each receive a separate citation when the investigation supports it.

Does Receiving a Ticket Mean You Were at Fault?

A traffic citation carries weight, but it does not settle the question of legal liability on its own. Receiving a ticket reflects an officer's judgment that a specific law was broken, while liability in a personal injury claim depends on a broader review of negligence, causation, and damages.

Traffic Citations and Civil Liability Are Not Always the Same

A citation and a civil liability finding serve different purposes and rely on different standards of proof. Indiana follows a modified comparative fault framework under Indiana Code 34-51-2-5, which reduces a claimant's compensation in proportion to their own share of fault rather than barring recovery outright. A driver who receives a citation may still recover damages if the other driver's conduct contributed to the crash, and a driver who avoids one is not automatically free of responsibility. Insurance adjusters and courts weigh citations alongside witness statements, medical records, and other proof before reaching conclusions about fault.

A Delayed Ticket May Affect an Insurance Claim

An insurance adjuster reviewing a claim often treats a citation as one piece of evidence among several, and a citation issued weeks after a crash can shift how an adjuster approaches liability. When a citation arrives after settlement talks have started, it can prompt an insurer to revisit an earlier fault determination. A driver who disputes a citation should raise that dispute early, since an unresolved citation can otherwise carry more weight in a claim than the facts support. Documentation gathered during the delayed investigation, including any additional reports or footage, often becomes relevant to how the claim is valued.

Understanding Your Rights

A citation that arrives days or weeks after a crash does not need to derail a claim already underway. Reviewing the citation and how it connects to Indiana's fault rules helps a driver respond with accurate information rather than guesswork. Blackburn Romey works with Indiana drivers who have questions after receiving a delayed citation, including how can you get a ticket days after an accident situations may affect an existing injury claim. Call us at 833-FOR-HELP to talk through a recent citation and the options available for the claim.

Click below for more answers involving any of these accidents or injuries:

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Blackburn Romey's YouTube Channel



Chris Blackburn and Chad Romey, seasoned trial lawyers at Blackburn Romey in Fort Wayne, explain that while not wearing a helmet during a motorcycle accident in Indiana is not against the law and does not automatically lower your settlement, insurance companies will absolutely try to use it against you. **Click here** to find out when the helmet issue can cost you real money and when it is simply a bluff.

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If you need a good personal injury law firm Blackburn Romey is your people to turn to. From the time of my car accident to time of settlement, Tom, Ryan, Kellyn and staff were all kind, compassionate and knowledgeable with the process and explained everything to me so I could understand. They are

always there if you need anything. Can't thank them enough for what they have done for me.

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