

Arrested I-65 driver might try to argue 'extenuating circumstances'

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A Charlestown resident has been released on bond after his arrest early on the morning of Monday, November 16, on Interstate 65 in Scott County.

Philip A. Lakes II, 31, was taken into custody shortly after 2 a.m. by Indiana State Trooper Michael Davis after the officer stopped Lakes' 2003 GMC Yukon about two miles south of the Scottsburg interchange. The stop was made after the ISP Seymour post had received a call about a possible intoxicated driver headed south on I-65.

The officer found Lakes to be impaired, the probable cause affidavit related, but the man may have a good case to present in Scott Superior Court. Lakes told Trp. Davis that he was on his way home after having attended the Sunday night game between the Indianapolis Colts and their arch rivals, the New England Patriots.

Those who enjoy football will remember that the Colts were down three touchdowns at the beginning of the fourth quarter. Many fans watching at home turned off the game, thinking the Colts had finally lost the match, but the Colts, under the guidance of quarterback Peyton Manning, stormed back, scored three touchdowns and got ahead by one point. New England had a chance to win, but the Colts' defense prevented a two-yard conversion of a fourth down by the Pats and regained possession of the ball on the Colts' 29 yard line.

Indianapolis ended up winning 35-34 some time just before midnight.

Enough drama to drive anyone to drink? Could be!

Lakes was charged in Superior Court on November 17 with two Class A misdemeanor counts of operating a vehicle while intoxicated.

Through his attorney, he waived an initial court appearance on November 19. His trial is scheduled for February 11, 2010.

Lakes posted a \$600 cash bond on November 17 and will remain free awaiting his trial.