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Velvet Revolver Singer Scott Weiland Arrested For DUI

Incident occurred on November 21; singer is denying charges.

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Velvet Revolver singer Scott Weiland, who has struggled with drug addiction for much of his music career, was arrested for driving under the influence on November 21 in Los Angeles. He is due in court on December 13.

According to a copy of the arrest report posted by TMZ.com on Monday (December 3) and confirmed by a California law-enforcement source, Weiland was driving on a Los Angeles highway around 6:18 p.m. of the 21st when he was involved in a non-injury collision in which it was determined he was at fault. "While the police were investigating the traffic collision, Weiland exhibited signs of impairment," the report read. "The investigation officer administered a series of field sobriety tests to the driver, which he was unable to satisfactorily perform."

The singer was arrested for driving under the influence of a drug and then taken to the LAPD jail in Van Nuys, California, where he allegedly refused to take a blood or urine test. He was later released on \$40,000 bail, an amount that is much higher than the typical misdemeanor bail in such a case, likely due to the singer's prior arrests.

On Monday, the singer's management issued a statement saying, "Scott Weiland was recently involved in a minor accident in Los Angeles and denies he was driving under the influence. He voluntarily took a Breathalyzer test, which the defense believes registers well within the legal limit. He is anxious to get to court on December 13 and clear this matter up."

Last month, Velvet Revolver canceled their forthcoming tour of Japan and recently postponed their Australian trek, owing to "the increasingly tough Japanese immigration officials ... taking exception with the backgrounds of various band members, which have included arrests," according to a post on the group's Web site.

Weiland has been arrested multiple times over the past decade for a variety of drug offenses in California and New York, and has spent time in jail on several occasions. He was [arrested in 2003 in Hollywood after a traffic accident](#) and charged with driving under the influence of drugs and alcohol, though those charges were eventually dismissed after he successfully completed a drug rehab program and submitted to drug tests.

Weiland, 40, who has not yet been charged by the Los Angeles City Attorney's office, has spoken in the past of putting his drug years behind him. In a 2005 issue of *Esquire* magazine, he claimed that he was off drugs for good. "The prospect of losing my wife and my children changed

everything," he told the magazine about the struggles he's had with second wife, Mary Forsberg, over his drug use; the couple have two children. "I don't think anymore about getting high."