

# MIRANDA TAKES A DEEP *BREATHALIZER*

## Florida's Taylannas Inc. introduces *Police Assistant Guide™*; puts Miranda, DWI Warnings into Patrol Cars—in 10 Languages

MIAMI: August 30, 2010—Anyone who watches TV knows the “Miranda” warning by heart: “*You have the right to remain silent; anything you say can and will be used against you...*” etc. Since the 1966 Supreme Court decision, very little has changed except that today it must be delivered to suspects in a language they understand or the evidence from interrogation can be blocked from trial. Thanks to Miranda, the Constitution guarantees suspects the right to an attorney’s presence during most phases of arrest and questioning, and the right to remain silent if they choose to.

Drunk driving is another story. Driving is not a right, it is a **privilege** extended to drivers by **states**, and every state provides for the taking of a blood-alcohol test as part of an “**Implied Consent Law**” written into its license tariff. Simply put, if you accept the license, you agree to take a blood-alcohol test if, in the opinion of an officer, you are intoxicated. If you refuse, you are breaking the terms you agreed to when you received your driver’s license. This is state law, not the Bill of Rights.

Three years ago, New Jersey motorist German Marquez rear-ended another vehicle while driving intoxicated. The police directed him to take a breath test but he refused, saying later through an interpreter, that since he spoke only Spanish, he could not understand what the officer was saying. Marquez and his attorney didn’t contest the intoxication charge but they fought the Refusal conviction. This past July, the New Jersey Supreme Court reversed his “refusal” conviction finding that since he took his driver’s test in Spanish, the state could not presume that he spoke or understood English.

The state’s eleven paragraph statement that advises suspects of their obligations under New Jersey state law could not be considered binding because it was delivered to Marquez in English.

Joseph O’Donoghue is a retired New Jersey police officer who is a consultant for New Jersey state law enforcement. He contacted Miami tech firm **Taylannas** to see if the Florida developer could build an audio device that delivered legal advisories in multiple languages. O’Donoghue had in mind the Miranda speech as well as the New Jersey DUI warning.

Taylannas delivered a prototype **Police Assistant Guide** or PAG that provided Miranda and the DWI script in 10 languages, and included instructions for police officers on legal procedures.

The **Police Assistant Guide** delivers up to 10 different programs such as Miranda or DWI in up to 10 or more languages. The Guide is about the size of a DVD case, is battery-powered and can be networked to a PC or Smartphone.

Taylannas has demonstrated its Police Assistant Guide to the Florida Highway Patrol and LAPD and is busy arranging for more demonstrations. Interested parties should contact Taylannas directly.

**Youtube:** <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k2lxKd4UMJc>

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