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Man Pleads Not Guilty in 28th DWI Charge

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ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) - An Albuquerque man arrested for the 28th time on a drunken driving charge has pleaded not guilty. Joseph Brill, 53, entered his plea Tuesday to charges of aggravated driving while intoxicated, driving on a suspended license and having an open container of alcohol in a vehicle.

Bernalillo County sheriff's deputies arrested Brill in an Albuquerque neighborhood on March 14. Deputies said they saw him park, then fall out of his pickup truck.

The deputies said they tried to give him a field sobriety test, but he could not complete it. They said he then refused a breath test.

A criminal complaint said Brill had 27 prior DWI offenses, with at least 14 convictions, before the arrest.

State District Judge Ernesto Romero set bond at \$100,000.

"The probabilities are if you get behind the wheel, you're going to hurt or kill somebody," the judge said.

An attorney for Brill said the man had not been in any accidents.

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