

Ex-congressman arrested again for DWI

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CLIFTON PARK, N.Y. -- Former U.S. Rep. John Sweeney, R-N.Y., was arrested again for drunken driving and will lose his driver's license for a year, a district attorney said.

Sweeney, who allegedly refused sobriety tests, was arrested Sunday on Route 9 in Clifton Park, N.Y., for speeding, said Saratoga County District Attorney James Murphy III.

Because of a drunken driving conviction in 2007, Sunday's charge is a felony for Sweeney, who once worked as Rensselaer County's "Stop-DWI" coordinator, The Troy (N.Y.) Record reported Monday.

Sweeney served in Congress for eight years before being defeated in 2006 by Kirsten Gillibrand, who is now a U.S. senator. Shortly before losing to Gillibrand, a police report was leaked to the media showing police had been called to Sweeney's home by his wife during an apparent domestic incident.

Sweeney also made headlines for attending a 2006 Union College fraternity party where alcohol was served. Photos of Sweeney socializing with frat members circulated on the Internet, the Record reported.

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