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GAINESVILLE, Fla— Mark Sterner will present, DUI: A Powerful Lesson on Tuesday, September 13 at 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. in the J. Wayne Reitz Union Grand Ballroom at the University of Florida. His visit is free and open to the public. Sterner's appearance is co-sponsored by ACCENT's Speaker's Bureau, First-Year Florida, Interfraternity Council, Panhellenic Council and Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity. Doors will open half an hour before each show begins. A brief press conference will take place promptly at 6:00 p.m. in the back hallway of the Grand Ballroom and proper credentials are required.

Sterner's life changed drastically when three of his best friends and fraternity brothers were killed in a drinking and driving car accident during spring break. Sterner and his friends took a video camera along on their trip each night while they danced and caroused in local bars, but designated a sober driver. However, on the final night, everyone had taken their turn, and no one stepped up. They decided that the least drunk among them would drive home. Sterner was at the wheel of the car, intoxicated. Sterner ended up with three felony manslaughter convictions and spent three years in a Florida prison.

Sterner's presentation titled, DUI: A Powerful Lesson, will include the video the men made during their trip, images of laughing college kids driving from one bar to the next, downing shots of alcohol and dancing, followed by still photos of the car after the crash.

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