

FIELD SOBRIETY TESTS: CRIMINAL INJUSTICE

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This article argues that standardized field sobriety tests (“SFSTs”) tests have serious flaws that render them invalid and unreliable. Furthermore, a blood alcohol content (“BAC”) above the legal limit does not correlate to impairment as a general rule, and, in some individuals, no correlation exists to support legal action. Section II discusses Standard Field Sobriety Test Field Studies. Section III explains the administration of and flaws of the three test battery, including horizontal gaze nystagmus test, One-Leg Stand test, Walk and Turn Test. Section IV argues why field sobriety tests are not indicative of impairment or BAC and Section V discusses experimental evidence of SFST inaccuracy. Section IV concludes that these tests need to be abolished in the interest of justice.