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Downtown DUI Checkpoint Nets 2 Arrests

San Diego – The San Diego Police Department Traffic Division conducted a DUI/Driver License checkpoint on April 23, 2021, at 1500 5th Avenue, between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 1:00 a.m. Checkpoints are placed in locations that have the greatest opportunity for achieving drunk and drugged driving deterrence and provide the greatest safety for officers and the public. The checkpoint resulted in the following:

611 Total vehicles through checkpoint

575 Vehicles screened

7 Drivers evaluated

2 DUI-Alcohol suspects arrested in or near the checkpoint

2 Citations issued

2 Vehicle impounds conducted

DUI/Driver License checkpoints have been shown to lower DUI deaths and injuries. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), checkpoints have provided the most effective documented results of any of the DUI enforcement strategies, while also yielding considerable cost savings of \$6 for every \$1 spent. Ninety percent of California drivers approve of checkpoints.

Drivers caught driving impaired can expect the impact of a DUI arrest to include jail time, fines, fees, DUI classes, other expenses that can exceed \$10,000 not to mention the embarrassment when friends and family find out.

The San Diego Police Department will be conducting another DUI/Driver License Checkpoint or DUI saturation patrol on April 30, 2021, in our ongoing commitment to lowering deaths and injuries upon our streets and highways.

The checkpoint was funded by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, reminding everyone to “Report Drunk Drivers – Call 9-1-1”.

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