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1 Arrested for possession of a firearm and possession of a controlled substance

Menifee, Calif. – Menifee Police Department arrested 1 driver on possession of a loaded firearm and possession of a controlled substance on December 3, 2020. This traffic stop took a dangerous weapon and 6 grams of a controlled substance off the streets.

While the state's stay-at-home order is limiting how often people are out, Menifee Police Department is committed to keeping the public safe when they do need to run essential errands.

"Driving under the influence is dangerous, illegal and puts a further strain on resources in the middle of a pandemic," Chief Pat Walsh said. "We are still out there and will not hesitate to stop drivers who drive impaired. Further, even though our officers main focus was locating DUI drivers, we will always put the safety of our community on the forefront."

Drivers charged with DUI face an average of \$13,500 in fines and penalties, as well as a suspended license.

Menifee Police Department reminds the public that impaired driving is not just from alcohol. Some prescription medications or over-the-counter drugs may interfere with driving. Always follow directions for use and read warning labels about driving or "operating heavy machinery," which includes driving a car. While medicinal and recreational marijuana are legal, driving under the influence of marijuana is illegal.

Menifee Police Department will be holding a series of DUI enforcement patrols throughout the year to keep our roadways safe.

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