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DUI Saturation Patrol Results

Menifee, CA –The Menifee Police Department deployed a two-officer DUI Enforcement team to identify DUI drivers on Friday, August 2, 2024, between the hours of 7 p.m. and 3 a.m. Several drivers were stopped for various vehicle code violations, and one driver was arrested for DUI Alcohol. Another driver was stopped, and it was discovered he had a warrant for a prior DUI. That driver was arrested and taken to jail for his court appearance regarding the warrant. Additionally, several drivers were also issued citations for various vehicle code violations that could have caused a traffic collision.

The residents of Menifee can rest assured the Menifee Police Department is committed to keeping our streets safe from dangerous drivers and conducting patrols like this demonstrates our commitment to public safety. The Menifee Police Department will continue to have DUI Enforcement teams throughout the year as part of our ongoing effort to remove dangerous drivers off the streets.

"Driving under the influence is dangerous, illegal, and puts every person driving on the roads at risk. Drivers need to understand the dangers of driving impaired," Sergeant Matthew Bloch said. "We are out there and will not hesitate to stop drivers who drive impaired."

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

The Menifee Police Department reminds the public that impaired driving is not limited to 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.

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

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