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Call the Right Play for Super Bowl LIII
Pass the keys to a sober driver before the big game begins

The Ventura Police Department is encouraging all football fans to celebrate Super Bowl LIII responsibly by not driving impaired, or letting other fans get behind the wheel when they shouldn't. The California Office of Traffic Safety, California Highway Patrol and agencies throughout the state are teaming up for a special Fans Don't Let Fans Drive Drunk campaign to urge all football fans to call the right play on Super Bowl weekend and pass the keys to a sober driver before the drinking begins.

"Have a game plan for the big game by making sure you have a safe way to get home," Sergeant Michael Brown said. "Your best defense against impaired driving is to use a designated sober driver."

Drivers are reminded that "DUI Doesn't Just Mean Booze." If you take prescription drugs, particularly those with a driving or operating machinery warning on the label, you might be impaired enough to get a DUI. Marijuana can also be impairing, especially in combination with alcohol or other drugs, and can result in a DUI.

"Millions of people will be watching the Super Bowl at parties and bars across the country," said Commander Rick Murray. "Don't put others at risk because you chose to break the law and drive impaired."

If you're hosting a party, be a team player and have plenty of snacks and non-alcoholic drinks available for designated sober drivers. Be sure to monitor who is drinking and how they are getting home. If you plan to drink, don't plan to drive. Even one drink can be one too many so have your sober friend be the "MVP" and get you home, use ride-share or take public transportation. Anyone who sees a drunk driver should call 911.

No matter who you are rooting for on Super Bowl Sunday, we are all on the same team when the game ends so remember to go safely.

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