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Celebrate the holiday season responsibly *National "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" Enforcement Campaign*

Ventura, Calif. — This holiday season, the Ventura Police Department reminds the public to celebrate the holiday season responsibly by not driving under the influence.

The Ventura Police Department is committed to keeping Ventura safe and encourages everyone to stay in for the night or use a designated sober driver if you consume alcohol, marijuana, prescription medications, or over-the-counter drugs that may impair.

Through New Year's Day, the Ventura Police Department will have additional officers on patrol looking for drivers suspected of being under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs. The extra enforcement effort is part of a national campaign, Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over, with the goal of stopping suspected impaired drivers who put others on the road at risk.

"When it comes to consuming drugs and/or alcohol and driving, there is a clear right and wrong choice," said Sergeant Mike Brown. "Make the right choice by not driving impaired so everyone is able to enjoy the holidays."

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 not. Marijuana can be impairing, especially when combined with alcohol or other drugs, which can also result in a DUI.

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