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Updated With Results

## **Ventura Police holding a DUI checkpoint on Friday, December 17, 2021**

***Be safe and drive sober this holiday season***

**Ventura, Calif.** — The Ventura Police Department encourages community members to have a holiday game plan that includes a designated sober driver. The VPD Traffic Unit will conduct a DUI checkpoint at an undisclosed location within the city limits on Friday, December 17, 2021, from 7:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m.

DUI checkpoint locations are chosen based on a history of DUI collision statistics and arrests. The primary purpose of checkpoints is not to make arrests, but to promote public safety by deterring residents from driving impaired.

During the checkpoint, officers will look for signs that drivers are under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.

“Tragically, each year during the holidays, we see an uptick in impaired driving,” said Officer Chris Wilson. “We want everyone to enjoy the holidays and be safe. The more people plan ahead for a safe ride home, the merrier this season will be.”

The Ventura Police Department reminds drivers that a “DUI Doesn’t Just Mean Booze.” Prescription medications, over-the-counter drugs, and marijuana can also impair, especially in combination with alcohol and other drugs.

If you plan on drinking or taking medications that may impact your ability to drive safely, plan on staying safe at home. If you see a drunk driver, always call 9-1-1.

Funding for this checkpoint was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

To learn more about the Office of Traffic Safety grant and VPD’s educational efforts, contact Emily Graves, Community Outreach Specialist for the Ventura Police Department, at [egraves@cityofventura.ca.gov](mailto:egraves@cityofventura.ca.gov).

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## Update With Results

Ventura, Calif. – While conducting a DUI checkpoint on December 17, 2021 the Ventura Police Department had no DUI arrests.

The checkpoint was held at Main Street near Callens Road from 2100 hours and concluded at 0030 hours. The following is a list of the enforcement activities that took place at, or as a result of the checkpoint:

1275 cars passed through the checkpoint

559 drivers were contacted and screened through the checkpoint

5 SFST's were conducted

9 drivers cited for VC12500(a), Unlicensed Driver

2 drivers cited for VC14601, Suspended Driver

1 Vehicle was towed from the checkpoint

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The Ventura Police Department is committed to keeping the public safe when they are traveling.

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