



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Ventura Police conducting DUI checkpoint on Saturday, September 24, 2022**

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**Ventura, Calif.** — The Ventura Police Department Traffic Unit will conduct a DUI checkpoint at an undisclosed location within the city limits on Saturday, September 24, 2022, from 7:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m.

“Impaired drivers put others on the road at serious risk,” said Officer Chris Wilson. “Any prevention measures that reduce the number of impaired drivers on our roads significantly improves traffic safety.”

DUI checkpoint locations are chosen based on a history of DUI collision statistics and arrests, with the primary purpose not to make arrests, but to promote public safety by deterring residents from driving impaired. Research shows that crashes involving an impaired driver can be reduced by up to 20 percent when DUI operations are conducted and publicized routinely.

The Ventura Police Department reminds drivers that impaired driving is not just caused by alcohol. Some prescription medications or over-the-counter drugs may interfere with driving. Additionally, 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.

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

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 and DL checkpoint on September 24, 2022, the Ventura Police Department had one (1) DUI related arrest.

The checkpoint was held on Main Street, east of Callens Road from 2100 hours and concluded at 0130 hours. The following is a list of the enforcement activities that took place at, or as a result of the checkpoint:

779 cars passed through the checkpoint

482 drivers were contacted and screened through the checkpoint

10 FST's were conducted

10 drivers cited for VC12500(a), Unlicensed Driver

1 driver cited for VC14601.1(a), Suspended Driver

1 driver was contacted for no driver's license and was also found to have multiple local misdemeanor warrants for his arrest.

Motor officers assigned to the checkpoint heard Ventura Police Dispatch broadcast officers to a reported stolen vehicle in the area of Main Street and Mills Road. The officers responded to assist and located the reported stolen vehicle, occupied in the area of Telegraph Road and Mills Road. Additional officers arrived on scene and the suspect was safely taken into custody.

Checkpoint locations are based on a history of crashes and DUI arrests. The primary purpose of checkpoints is not to make arrests, but to promote public safety by deterring drivers from driving impaired.

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

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