



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Ventura Police holding DUI Checkpoint on Friday, April 28 2023**

Ventura, CA. – The Ventura Police Department will conduct a driving under the influence (DUI) Checkpoint on Friday, April 28, 2023 from 7:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. The checkpoint will be held at an undisclosed location within the City of Ventura.

DUI checkpoint locations are determined based on data showing incidents of impaired driving-related crashes. The primary purpose of DUI checkpoints are to promote public safety by taking suspected impaired drivers off the road.

“Impaired drivers put others on the road at significant risk,” said Corporal David Curtis. “Any prevention measures that reduce the number of impaired drivers on our roads significantly improves traffic safety and keeps our residents safe.”

The Ventura Police Department reminds the public that impaired driving is not just from alcohol. Some prescription medications and over-the-counter drugs may interfere with driving. While medicinal and recreational marijuana are legal, driving under the influence of marijuana is illegal.

Drivers charged with a first-time DUI face an average of \$13,500 in fines and penalties, as well as a suspended license. If you see a driver suspected of being under the influence of alcohol or drugs, please call 9-1-1 immediately.

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