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DUI / Driver License Checkpoint Results

Beverly Hills, Calif. —The Beverly Hills Police Department conducted a DUI/Driver's License checkpoint on May 5, 2019. The checkpoint was on Santa Monica Blvd. between Crescent Drive and Canon Drive between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. During that time 1,520 cars passed through the checkpoint, 284 vehicles were screened, three DUI investigations were conducted resulting in one arrest. In addition, 17 drivers were screened for failing to have a driver license in their possession of which six were cited or arrested for operating a vehicle unlicensed or with a suspended or revoked license. One vehicle was towed.

DUI Checkpoints are placed in locations based on collision statistics and frequency of DUI arrests. Last year the Beverly Hills Police Department investigated 42 DUI Injury collisions that killed two people and injured others.

Drivers caught driving impaired and charged with DUI can expect the fiscal impact of a DUI arrest to be approximately \$13,500. This includes fines, fees, DUI classes, license suspension and other expenses not to mention possible jail time.

The Beverly Hills Police Department reminds drivers that “**DUI Doesn't Just Mean Booze.**” Prescription drugs, particularly those with a driving or operating machinery warning on the label, can impair and result in a DUI. Marijuana can also be impairing, especially in combination with alcohol or other drugs.

The Beverly Hills Police Department will be conducting another DUI/Driver's License Checkpoint and/or DUI Saturation Patrol in the near future in our ongoing commitment to take suspected impaired drivers off our streets and highways, ultimately lowering the risk for deaths and injuries.

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