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NEWS RELEASE

Incident Date and Time: November 24, 2021 6:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m.
Location: 600-700 blocks of El Camino Real, San Carlos
Type of Incident: Sobriety and Driver's License Checkpoint

San Carlos, California: The San Mateo County Sheriff's Office will be conducting a Sobriety/Driver's License checkpoint, Wednesday, November 24, 2021, between the hours of 6:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. in the City of San Carlos. The checkpoint will take place on the 600-700 blocks of El Camino Real. Additional deputies from the Sheriff's Office will also be patrolling throughout the City of San Carlos looking for drivers suspected of driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.

The Sheriff's Office remains committed to keeping the public safe when they are traveling. Checkpoints like this one are placed in locations based on collision statistics and frequency of DUI arrests, affording the greatest opportunity for achieving drunk and drugged driving deterrence. Locations are chosen with safety considerations for the officers and the public.

"The safety of everyone during this holiday season is our priority. Please remember impaired driving is not safe for you or your loved ones," said Sheriff Carlos Bolanos.

Whether it is meeting with a small group of friends or holding a virtual get together, the Sheriff's Office encourages the public to celebrate the holiday responsibly by designating a sober driver.

The San Mateo County Sheriff's Office also reminds the public that in addition to alcohol, drugs may also impair, including marijuana. Always be sure to check your medications and avoid driving after use if there is a "do not operate heavy machinery," "may cause drowsiness" or other warning label. Drivers caught driving impaired and charged with a first-time DUI face an average of \$13,500 in fines and penalties, as well as a suspended license.

Drivers are encouraged to arrange for a designated driver or utilize a car service. Whether you are the designated driver, or you choose to alternate the responsibility, having a plan before the drinking starts makes things easier. Alcohol affects mood, judgement and reasoning, so it's best to make the decision before the party starts.

Funding for this traffic enforcement operation is provided by the City of San Carlos.

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