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San Mateo County Sheriff's Office Conducting A Dui Checkpoint December 22nd

San Carlos, California - The San Mateo County Sheriff's Office will be conducting a sobriety and driver's license checkpoint on Friday December 22nd, 2023, from 6:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. The checkpoint will take place on the 700 block of El Camino Real in San Carlos.

DUI and driver's license checkpoint locations are determined based on data showing incidents of impaired driving-related crashes. The primary purpose of a DUI checkpoint is to promote public safety by taking suspected impaired drivers off the road.

"Impaired drivers not only endanger themselves but also put others on the road at significant risk. It's essential that we embrace preventive measures that reduce the number of impaired drivers on our roads, to significantly improve traffic safety for everyone." - ***Sheriff Christina Corpus***

The San Mateo County Sheriff's Office 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.

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