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Offense / Incident: “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” Enforcement Mobilization

Date / Time: December 17, 2021 – January 1, 2022

Location of Incident: Platte County

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 The Platte County Sheriff’s Office will have more deputies out on patrol during the Holiday Season. Across the state of Nebraska, several law enforcement agencies will be participating in the “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” impaired diving awareness campaign. This campaign will run from December 17, 2021, through January 1, 2022.

Sheriff’s deputies will be working additional hours over weekends, during the evenings, and at special events, with the primary focus being alcohol-impaired drivers, as well as other related violations and regular traffic enforcement. Our goal is for everyone to have a safe and enjoyable Holiday season, while hoping to reduce vehicle crashes over this same period as the last several years.

In 2020, 6,412 drivers were arrested for Drunk Driving, while 1,534 of those were involved in an alcohol related crash. Statistics show that over the past few years on average, in the United States, one person is killed in a drunk driving crash every 52 minutes. “Drunk driving is not an acceptable behavior, especially when there are so many safe alternatives to get you home safely,” says a spokesman for the Sheriff’s Office. “Plan ahead, friends be friends and take keys away from those who have been drinking and help make arrangements for friends to get home safely.”

Law Enforcement can use your help in this endeavor. If you see a drunk driver on the road, call it in, you may stop a crash before it happens and save a life.

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