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Incident Date and Time: December 14, 2020 – January 3, 2021

Location: San Mateo County Sheriff's Office

Summary: Be Safe, Be Sober This Holiday Season

National Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Campaign Begins December 14th

San Mateo County, Calif. – This holiday season, the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office wants to remind the public about the importance of being safe and sober when you are driving. While the COVID-19 pandemic is changing how we celebrate the holidays, the Sheriff's Office is dedicated to keeping the public safe and urges people to stay at home or use a designated sober driver if you plan to drink.

Starting December 14th and through January 1st, the Sheriff's Office will have deputies on patrol looking for drivers suspected of being under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs. The enforcement effort is part of a national campaign, *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over*, intended to show zero tolerance for drunk driving and keep roads safe.

"This year has been challenging and difficult on all of us," Sheriff Carlos Bolanos said. "The last thing we need is more heartbreak and tragedy. Make the right choice by not driving impaired so everyone can have a safe holiday."

The San Mateo County Sheriff's Office reminds the public that impaired driving is not just from alcohol. Prescription medications, over-the-counter drugs and marijuana can also impair, especially in combination with alcohol and other drugs. Do your research and understand how certain drugs you are taking may affect your driving ability.

Due to COVID-19, the state of California is asking residents to avoid large gatherings for the holidays to mitigate the spread of the virus.

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