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### **DUI Warrant Patrol and DUI Checkpoint Net 22 Arrests**

On Saturday June 18, 2011, the San Diego Police Department and the San Diego County Probation Department conducted a joint operation targeting DUI offenders who are currently on Felony DUI probation, or who have outstanding arrest warrants for DUI related offenses. Three arrests were made of suspects with outstanding warrants, and one Felony DUI probationer was arrested for violating the terms of his probation.

On Saturday evening, the San Diego Police Department conducted a DUI Checkpoint as part of San Diego's commitment to public safety. This checkpoint was one of many that have been, or will be conducted throughout the year in the City of San Diego. The location of Saturday's checkpoint was in the Central Division Service Area. The goals of the DUI Checkpoint were to heighten public awareness about the dangers of driving under the influence of drugs and alcohol, and to remove impaired drivers from the road.

1226 vehicles passed through the checkpoint. Of those, 35 motorists were detained for a further evaluation of their sobriety. Eighteen (**18**) of those drivers were arrested for DUI, 19 vehicle impounds were conducted, one citation was issued for a license violation, and one citation was issued for possession of an open alcohol container in a vehicle.

Funding for the warrant service operation and DUI checkpoint was provided to the San Diego Police Department by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, targeting those who still don't heed the message to designate a sober driver. Report Drunk Drivers – Call 9-1-1!

**MEDIA NOTES:** To schedule an interview regarding the San Diego Traffic Safety Operations, please contact Officer Mark McCullough at (619) 818-4860 or via email at [mmccullough@pd.sandiego.gov](mailto:mmccullough@pd.sandiego.gov). To schedule an interview regarding impaired driving efforts and programs in California, please contact Chris Cochran, California Office of Traffic Safety at (916) 509-3063 or via email at [ccochran@ots.ca.gov](mailto:ccochran@ots.ca.gov).

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