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Two Arrested For DUI

Visalia, CA. – The Visalia Police Department arrested a driver on suspicion of DUI while conducting DUI patrols on December 3rd. Over the course of the evening, four individuals were assessed for DUI, utilizing standardized field sobriety tests. A total of fifty-six traffic enforcement stops were conducted and forty-five citations were issued. Within those citations, three drivers were cited for driving without a license.

Visalia Police Department is committed to keeping the public safe. "Driving under the influence is inexcusable and avoidable, especially with all the ride-sharing options available," Agent Nate Henry said. "If you're going to be out drinking, plan ahead and get a ride to your destination so there's no temptation to get your vehicle home." Drivers charged with a first-time DUI face an average of \$13,500 in fines and penalties, as well as a suspended license.

Visalia Police Department reminds the public that impaired driving is not just from alcohol. Some prescription medications or over-the-counter drugs may interfere with driving. Always follow directions for use and read warning labels about driving or "Operating heavy machinery," which includes driving a car. While medicinal and recreational marijuana are legal, driving under the influence of marijuana is illegal.

Visalia Police Department will be holding a series of DUI enforcement patrols throughout the year to keep our roadways safe.

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