March 26, 2021 DUI Checkpoint in Ward County

NARRATIVE: On March 26, 2021, members of the ND Highway Patrol along with the Ward County Sheriff’s Department conducted a sobriety checkpoint. The checkpoint was held on Highway 52 near mile marker 111, near Sawyer, ND. The checkpoint ran from 1900-2100 hours. Approximately 250 vehicles passed through the checkpoint during this timeframe. 11 drivers were tested for possible impairment, with zero arrests made. The estimated time each vehicle took to pass through the checkpoint was 5-15 seconds. If drivers were not evaluated for impairment, drivers were stopped for approximately five seconds. Following the checkpoint an alcohol saturation was conducted where no DUI arrests were made. The extra patrol period resulted in 10 traffic stops, leading to seven traffic citations and one arrest for driving under suspension.

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