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SOUTHEAST REGION ENFORCEMENT EVENTS

NARRATIVE: On Saturday, March 16, the North Dakota Highway Patrol (NDHP) along with the Cass County Sheriff's Office, will conduct a DUI checkpoint at a predetermined location in Cass County. Following the checkpoint, the North Dakota Highway Patrol will conduct saturation patrols in Cass County.

Impaired driving and impaired driving related motor vehicle crashes threaten the safety of everyone traveling on North Dakota's roadways. Through February 26 of this year, there have been eleven fatal crashes on North Dakota roads. The sobriety checkpoint and saturation events are part of the NDHP's ongoing efforts to maintain roadway safety for the traveling public.

NDHP Sgt. Adam Malafa stated, "If you are planning to celebrate St. Patrick's Day, part of your plans should be to either schedule a ride-share service or designate a sober driver for a safe trip home. Drivers hold a personal responsibility not only for their own safety but also for the safety of others traveling on our roadways." He further stated, "Never drive while under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or any substances that can compromise your driving capabilities and decision-making abilities."

The North Dakota Highway Patrol is committed to the Vision Zero strategy which encourages all motorists to take personal responsibility for their safety and the safety of others on the road by driving sober, wearing seatbelts, and driving distraction-free. Results from these planned enforcements will be released early the week following the event.

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