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SOUTHEAST REGION ENFORCEMENT EVENTS SCHEDULED

RESULTS: On Friday, October 4, 2024, the North Dakota Highway Patrol conducted a sobriety checkpoint at Highway 18 and 40th Street SE in Cass County. The checkpoint was conducted from 7:30 PM until 9:30 PM. During the enforcement, 194 vehicles passed through the checkpoint; ten drivers were evaluated for possible DUI violations, and none were arrested. Eight drug citations, two open container citations; and one Minor in Possession citation were issued. In addition, two juveniles in possession of tobacco were issued citations. Just prior to the start of the checkpoint, a Trooper assigned to the enforcement arrested a driver for Driving Under Suspension (DUS); two drug charges; and DUI (drugs).

A saturation effort was conducted in Cass County after the checkpoint. During the saturation, the following were issued: one DUI with a minor present arrest; one open container citation; one simple domestic assault charge; one violation of instructional permit citation; one disobedience to a traffic control device citation; one expired registration citation; and one seatbelt violation citation. In addition, 10 warnings were issued.

NARRATIVE: On Friday, October 4, the North Dakota Highway Patrol will conduct a sobriety checkpoint at a predetermined location in Cass County. The checkpoint will be followed by saturation patrols in the region. The purpose of these enforcement events is to deter impaired driving and to remove impaired drivers from the road.

Sgt. Andrew Cashin, NDHP Southeast Regional Sergeant stated, "Drinking alcohol or using substances that affect your driving impairs judgment, reaction times, and coordination, and increases the risk of crashes that result in injury or death to yourself and others. Our goal is to ensure the safety of everyone on the road."

As of September 20, 2024, there have been 68 fatalities on North Dakota roadways. Ten of the fatalities have been related to crashes involving alcohol. The North Dakota Highway Patrol is committed to the Vision Zero strategy which aims to establish a culture of personal responsibility for personal safety and the safety of others. Alcohol and drug-related crashes are preventable; every driver needs to consistently make the responsible choice to always



drive sober or plan for a sober ride home. Results will be released the week following the enforcement events.

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