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Sobriety Checkpoint Scheduled in Stark County **UPDATE**

The North Dakota Highway Patrol, Dickinson Police Department, and Stark County Sheriff's Office conducted a sobriety checkpoint on Saturday, Nov. 2 in Dickinson at the corner of South Main Street and 7th St SW. The checkpoint was conducted from 7:00 pm until 9:00 pm. A total of 126 vehicles passed through the checkpoint. Two drivers were evaluated for DUI, no arrests were made. One citation was issued for Open Container. The average time a vehicle was stopped was 15-30 seconds.

The NDHP and other law enforcement conduct DUI checkpoints as part of ongoing efforts to protect the safety of the motoring public and to encourage drivers to make the safe, responsible choice of not driving when impaired.

NARRATIVE: The North Dakota Highway Patrol, Dickinson Police Department, and Stark County Sheriff's Office will conduct a sobriety checkpoint at a predetermined location in Stark County on Saturday, Nov. 2 to deter motorists from choosing to drink and drive. For sober drivers, the checkpoint may result in a minimal travel delay of 2-3 minutes.

Impaired driving and impaired driving-related motor vehicle crashes are a major threat to public safety in our state. Through Oct. 15 of this year, there have been 78 fatal crashes on North Dakota roads resulting in 87 fatalities. Since Jan. 1 of this year, law enforcement officers statewide have made 3,812 DUI arrests.

NDHP Safety and Education Officer, Sgt. Wade Kadrmas, reminds drivers, "Consuming a substance that makes you feel different such as alcohol, illegal drugs, and prescription drugs can make you drive different. Make the responsible choice to designate a sober driver as we all work together toward Vision Zero." North Dakota's Vision Zero strategy aims to establish a culture of personal responsibility where motor vehicle fatalities and serious injuries are recognized as preventable and not tolerated. The mission is to eliminate fatalities and serious injuries caused by motor vehicle crashes.

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