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NEWS RELEASE

Incident Date and Time: May 5, 2022 from 6:00 PM to 2:00 AM
Location: 700-800 blocks of El Camino Real, San Carlos
Type of Incident: Sobriety and Driver's License Checkpoint

San Carlos, California: The San Mateo County Sheriff's Office will be conducting a Sobriety and Driver's License checkpoint on Thursday, May 5, 2022, from 6:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. The checkpoint will take place between the 700 and 800 blocks of El Camino Real in San Carlos.

Checkpoint locations are chosen based on a history of DUI crashes and arrests. The purpose of the checkpoint is to promote public safety, increase the awareness of the dangers associated with drinking and driving and to serve as a deterrent to potential impaired drivers.

During the checkpoint, deputies will look for signs that drivers are under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.

"As Sheriff, I am committed to keeping the public safe and the roadways free of persons who are drinking and driving. Checkpoints are placed in locations based on collision statistics and frequency of DUI arrests, affording the greatest opportunity for achieving drunk and drugged driving deterrence." -Sheriff Carlos G. Bolanos

The San Mateo County Sheriff's Office 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.

If you plan on drinking or taking medications that may impact your ability to drive safely, plan on staying at home. Drivers charged with a first-time DUI face an average of \$13,500 in fines and penalties, as well as a suspended license.

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