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The Bloomington Police Department releases Fourth of July enforcement statistics

Bloomington, IL - The Bloomington Police Department made two impaired driving arrests, including alcohol and cannabis-related arrests, and issued 16 speeding citations during the recent Fourth of July "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over," "Drive High Get a DUI," and "Click It or Ticket" safety campaigns that ran from June 20 through July 7.

During one of the traffic stops, the driver fled on foot while carrying a handgun. The loaded firearm was recovered during the incident. The driver, who was on parole at the time, had his parole revoked and was later arrested on multiple firearm-related offenses.

Chief Jamal Simington stated, "Thanks to the dedication of our officers and the partnership with IDOT, we were not only able to take intoxicated drivers off the roadway, but also recovered a handgun from an individual legally prohibited from possessing one."

Law enforcement agencies throughout Illinois participated in this statewide effort to get drunk, high and drugged drivers off our roads and encourage seat belt use.

The Bloomington Police Department joined forces with more than 200 other state and local law enforcement agencies conducting the safety effort, which featured high-visibility enforcement combined with a variety of outreach activities, including a media campaign.

The "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over," "Drive High Get a DUI" and "Click It or Ticket" campaigns are made possible by federal traffic safety funds administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation. These efforts are complemented by IDOT's "It's Not a Game" media campaign, which emphasizes the serious consequences of impaired driving and other unsafe driving behaviors.

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