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Ransom County Enforcement Event-RESULTS

RESULTS: The NDHP and Ransom County Sheriff's Office conducted a sobriety checkpoint from 8:00 pm until 10:45 PM on Friday, Sept. 16 at the intersection of Highway 46 and County Road 38, east of Enderlin. 278 vehicles traveled through the checkpoint. Twelve drivers were screened for impairment, resulting in one arrest for impairment with an additional charge of driving under suspension for the driver.

NDHP conducted saturation patrols in Ransom County on Friday, Sept. 16 and Saturday, Sept. 17 which resulted in 1 additional DUI arrest.

NARRATIVE: On Friday, Sept. 16, the North Dakota Highway Patrol along with the Ransom County Sheriff's Office will conduct a DUI checkpoint at a predetermined location in Ransom County. Following the checkpoint on Friday and continuing Saturday, Sept. 17, the North Dakota Highway Patrol will conduct saturation patrols in the county.

Impaired driving and impaired driving related motor vehicle crashes are a major threat to the safety of those traveling on North Dakota's roadways. Through Sept. 3 of this year, there have been 66 fatal crashes on North Dakota roads resulting in 67 fatalities. In the past three years nearly one-third of fatality crashes involved a driver who tested positive for blood alcohol content. The weekend's sobriety checkpoint and saturation events are part of the NDHP's ongoing efforts to maintain roadway safety by targeting specific times and locations to have a greater impact at reducing impaired driving.

NDHP Sgt. Evan Savageau stated, "These enforcement efforts influence drivers to not drink and drive or at least plan ahead and arrange for a safe ride home. Making the responsible choice can save not only your life but the lives of others on the road." The North Dakota Highway Patrol is committed to the Vision Zero strategy which aims to establish a culture of personal responsibility where motor vehicle fatalities and serious injuries are recognized as preventable.

The strategy 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.

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