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Be Safe, Be Sober This Holiday Season National Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Campaign Begins Dec. 14

Orange County, CA (December 11, 2020) – This holiday season, the Orange County Sheriff's Department wants to remind the public about the importance of being safe and sober while driving.

While the COVID-19 pandemic is changing how we celebrate the holidays, the Orange County Sheriff's Department is dedicated to keeping the public safe and urges people to stay at home or use a designated sober driver if you plan to drink.

Starting Dec. 14 through New Year's Day, the Orange County Sheriff's Department will have deputies on patrol looking for drivers suspected of being under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs. The enforcement effort is part of a national campaign, *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over*, intended to show zero tolerance for drunk driving and keep roads safe.

The Orange County Sheriff's Department reminds the public that impaired driving is not just from alcohol. Prescription medications, over-the-counter drugs and marijuana can also impair, especially in combination with alcohol and other drugs.

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