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## **Impaired driving enforcement detail results in arrest of 11 impaired drivers**

*Police to continue focus on safe driving throughout holiday season*

The Howard County Police Department used supplemental patrols to conduct a grant-funded impaired driving enforcement detail overnight, resulting in the arrest of 11 impaired drivers. This effort involved additional officers patrolling the roads who focused specifically on identifying impaired drivers.

The following drivers were arrested and charged with driving under the influence:

Stephen Lyndon Abbott, 50, of Westminster

Dung Chi Nhan, 40, of Ellicott City

Michael Ellsworth Diggs, 39, of Laurel

Afton Paquita Smith, 34, of Ellicott City

Van Cung Bik, 27, of Baltimore

Everardo Martinez Gancedo, 24, of Mt. Airy

Corey Lucas Macklin, 24, of Laurel

Zachary Ellis Mitchell, 24, of Laurel

Godfrey I. Ovia Jr., 22, of Jessup

Quann Joseph Crump, 21, of Baltimore

Police remind drivers to always designate a sober driver or refrain from drinking alcohol if they will be driving. A sobriety checkpoint will be held this weekend at an undisclosed location. If you see a suspected impaired driver on the road, call 911.

Officers will be out in force throughout the upcoming holiday season focusing not only on DUIs, but also speeding, seat belt violations, distracted driving, and other traffic violations.

The department will continue to use supplemental patrols and checkpoints throughout the year to help move Maryland Toward Zero Deaths. More information on the state-wide initiative can be found at [www.towardzerodeathsmd.com](http://www.towardzerodeathsmd.com).

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