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## **Four impaired drivers arrested in sobriety checkpoint** *Police to continue focus on safe driving throughout holiday season*

The Howard County Police Department conducted a sobriety checkpoint overnight that resulted in the arrest of four impaired drivers. The checkpoint was established on southbound Washington Boulevard (Route 1) between Howard Street and Gorman Road in Savage.

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

Terry Eugene Trafton, 49, of College Park

Fernando Pavarin, 38, of Laurel

Rolando Kente Miller, 40, of Laurel

Carlos Lui Gutierrez-Castillo, 39, of Laurel

A total of 817 vehicles passed through the checkpoint, which was staffed by officers from Howard County and Maryland State Police. Drivers that passed through the checkpoint were given an informational handout containing DUI facts and statistics.

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

The department will continue to use sobriety checkpoints and supplemental patrols throughout the year to help move Maryland Toward Zero Deaths. More information on the state-wide initiative can be found at [towardzerodeathsmd.com](http://towardzerodeathsmd.com). Checkpoints conducted by Howard County Police are part of the Checkpoint Strikeforce Campaign and are funded in part by a grant from the Maryland Highway Safety Office.

Police remind drivers to always designate a sober driver or refrain from drinking alcohol if they will be driving. If you see a suspected impaired driver on the road, call 911.

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