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## HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF POLICE OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

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### **Sobriety checkpoint yields four arrests**

The Howard County Police Department conducted a DUI sobriety checkpoint on Friday evening, Aug. 26, into the early morning hours of Saturday, Aug. 27. The checkpoint was established on southbound Washington Boulevard (U.S. Route 1) between Howard Street and Gorman Road in Savage.

Three drivers were arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol. One additional driver was arrested after it was determined he was wanted on several outstanding warrants and was driving on a suspended license. This driver also received a civil citation for possession of marijuana under 10 grams.

A total of 995 vehicles passed through the checkpoint, which was staffed by officers from the Howard County Police Department and the Maryland State Police. Representatives of the local chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Drivers (MADD) were also on hand. Drivers that passed through the checkpoint were given an informational handout containing DUI facts and statistics.

The Howard County Police Department continues to use sobriety checkpoints and saturation patrols as a means of combating drunken and drugged drivers. 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 citizens to always designate a sober driver or refrain from drinking alcohol if they will be driving. If you see a suspected drunken driver on the road, call 911.

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