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Elk Grove PD to Conduct Sobriety Checkpoint

ELK GROVE, CA – On April 28, 2007, the Elk Grove Police Department will conduct a sobriety checkpoint within the city limits as part of the "Avoid the Capital Twelve" D.U.I. Enforcement Program. "Avoid the Capital Twelve" is so named to encourage motorists to "avoid" being arrested for driving under the influence by not drinking and driving. The checkpoint times will be from 9 p.m. to 3 a.m.

Officers from the Elk Grove Police Department that are trained in the detection of alcohol and/or drug impaired drivers will staff the checkpoint. Officers will also be ensuring that those drivers contacted are operating motor vehicles with a valid California drivers' license.

The goal of the sobriety checkpoint is to remove impaired drivers from the streets of Elk Grove. In order to achieve this goal, the department will be using stationary and roving patrols in and around the checkpoint area. The checkpoint will augment existing patrol operations and will be utilizing funds from a traffic safety grant provided by the Office of Traffic Safety (OTS). Residents are also encouraged to call 911 (714-5111 within the City of Elk Grove) from their cellular telephones if they observe drivers that may be impaired. Officers will also be providing educational materials that outline the dangers of driving while impaired to drivers.

Members of the media are welcomed to attend this event. Please direct any questions to Sergeant Mike Iannone, Traffic Unit Supervisor for the Elk Grove Police Department at (916) 478-8147 for more information about this checkpoint.

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