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DUI CHECKPOINT NETS 5 ARRESTS!

The Santa Cruz Police Department, in conjunction with the California Highway Patrol, Watsonville Police Department and Capitola Police Department conducted a DUI checkpoint on Saturday, May 18th, 2013, at Ocean St. and Water St. between the hours of 10:30 p.m. and 02:30 a.m. Checkpoints are placed in locations that have the greatest opportunity for achieving drunk and drugged-driving deterrence and provide the greatest safety for officers and the public. The results of the May 18th checkpoint are as follows:

- 484 Vehicles entered checkpoint
- 456 Drivers screened
- 16 Drivers sent to secondary screening area
- 5 DUI-Alcohol suspects arrested (1 Minor)
- 0 DUI-Drug impaired suspects arrested
- 3 Unlicensed or driving while suspended/revoked
- 8 Citations issued
- 3 Vehicles Towed

DUI checkpoints lower DUI related deaths and injuries. A major component of these checkpoints is the deterrent effect it has on those who might drive drunk or drug-impaired and the public's added awareness and encouragement to use sober designated drivers. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), checkpoints have provided the most effective documented results of any of the DUI enforcement strategies, while also yielding considerable cost savings of \$6 for every \$1 spent.

The checkpoint was funded by a grant from the State of California Office of Alcohol Beverage Control. Report Drunk Drivers – Call 9-1-1!

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