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## **THANKSGIVING WEEKEND TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT RESULTS IN 80 CITATIONS**

December 1, 2020- Kankakee, IL- Throughout the course of the Thanksgiving holiday weekend, the Kankakee County Sheriff's Office, like many other local municipalities, participated in traffic enforcement, particularly in an effort to crack down on impaired and distracted driving.

The detail resulted in 55 vehicles being stopped, resulting in 80 citations to include:

- 10 Citations for Failing to Wear Seatbelt(s);
- 1 Citation for Failing to Secure a Child in a Safety Restraint System;
- 1 Arrest for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol;
- 37 Citations issued for Speeding related offenses;
- 12 Citations issued for Distracted Driving offenses;
- 3 Arrests for traffic-related offenses;
- 1 taken into custody for an Outstanding Arrest Warrant; and,
- 20 Other Citations issued.

“Maintaining the safety for our area residents and motorists remains a top priority for us throughout the year and during the holiday season,” said Sheriff Mike Downey. “It’s another reminder to those that are tempted to drive a vehicle while impaired, or otherwise distracted, that they will be cited or arrested (depending upon the severity of the offense), and risk having their vehicles impounded, as a result.”

Additional traffic enforcement details of similar nature are planned for the near future as the holiday season continues. We remind those traveling on our roadways to help us maintain the safety on our roads by reporting suspected impaired motorists to their local law enforcement agency. Let’s work together to keep everyone safe on our roads this holiday season.

The Thanksgiving enforcement effort is made possible by federal traffic safety funds administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation as part of the statewide *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over* and *Click It or Ticket* campaigns.

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