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## OFFICIAL NEWS RELEASE

### DUI & DRIVER LICENSE CHECKPOINT

*Operation funded with grant money*

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**Burbank, Calif.** – On Saturday, August 25, 2018, the Burbank Police Department Traffic Bureau will be conducting a DUI and Driver License Checkpoint at an undisclosed location within the city limits, between the hours of 7:00 P.M. and 3:00 A.M.



In recent years, California has seen a disturbing increase in drug and alcohol-impaired driving crashes. The Burbank Police Department supports the effort of the Office of Traffic Safety which aims to educate all drivers that “DUI Doesn’t Just Mean Booze.” If you take prescription drugs, particularly those with a driving or operating machinery warning label, you may be impaired enough to get a DUI. Marijuana can also be impairing and result in a DUI, especially in combination with alcohol or other drugs.

The deterrent effect of high-visibility enforcement, using both DUI checkpoints and DUI saturation patrols, has proven to lower the number of persons killed and injured in alcohol and drug impaired crashes. Research shows that collisions involving an impaired driver can be reduced by up to 20% when well-publicized, proactive DUI operations are conducted. DUI checkpoints, like this one, are placed in locations based on collision statistics and frequency of DUI arrests, affording the greatest opportunity for achieving drunk and drugged driving deterrence. Motorists can expect only momentary delays as police officers will be looking for signs of alcohol and/or drug impairment and checking drivers for proper licensing.

There are so many options available to get you home safely. There is no excuse for getting behind the wheel when you are impaired. To avoid a DUI and putting yourself and others at risk, the Burbank Police Department has the following tips:

- Always designate a sober driver.
- Use public transportation or a ride sharing service to get home.
- Have a friend or family member who is about to drive buzzed or impaired? Take the keys away and make arrangements to get them home safely.
- Report drunk drivers - call 911.

Funding for this checkpoint is provided to the Burbank Police Department by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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