PRESS RELEASE

AVOID THE 21 LABOR DAY IMPAIRED DRIVING CAMPAIGN

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The Albany Police Department is committed to helping our community have a safe Labor Day weekend.

The Avoid the 21 campaign focuses on finding impaired drivers and getting them off the streets. This is part of the Albany Police Department’s ongoing traffic safety program and focuses specifically on drivers who have been drinking alcohol or using illegal substances. On Friday August 30, officers from the Albany Police Department will conduct DUI Saturation Patrols as part of the Alameda County Avoid the 21 Labor Day campaign.

The Albany Police Department urges those who are under the influence to find an alternative way to get from one place to another without getting behind the wheel. Alternatives to driving include taking a cab, riding a bus, walking, calling a friend, using a designated driver or not drinking at all.

If you witness impaired driving, call 9-1-1 immediately. The following clues may indicate that a driver is impaired:

- weaving or swerving
- traveling at much slower or much faster speeds
- braking erratically
- remaining at traffic lights once they turn green
- headlights off at night

Funding for this program is from a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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