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Sacramento County Probation Department to Monitor High-Risk, Repeat DUI Offenders

Sacramento, CA – The County of Sacramento has been awarded a \$374,919 grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) to the Probation Department, ensuring that high-risk, repeat DUI offenders with suspended or revoked licenses are complying with all court orders.

“The Sacramento County Probation Department is committed to reducing alcohol and drug-related traffic fatalities. The Office of Traffic Safety grant funds allows our officers to monitor and perform vital checks on DUI offenders to ensure the safety of motorists and pedestrians in our community,” said Chief Probation Officer Lee Seale.

The grant will fund Probation Department personnel to monitor drivers on probation for felony DUI or multiple misdemeanor DUI convictions, including conducting unannounced fourth amendment waiver home searches, random alcohol and drug testing, and making sure those on probation are attending Court-ordered DUI education and treatment programs.

The grant also funds probation sting operations:

- **Probation Sweeps:** Probation officers go out in search of DUI offenders with outstanding arrest warrants for failing to show up to a Court hearing or violating the terms of their probation.
- **Court Stings:** Probation officers stop offenders who drive away from court after being told not to drive and/or had their license suspended or revoked.

This grant is aimed at reducing the number of persons killed and injured in alcohol and other drug related collisions in Sacramento by preventing DUI offenders with suspended or revoked licenses from getting behind the wheel and violating the terms of their probation. In 2017, 47 were killed and 1,227 were injured in such crashes in Sacramento County.

“Intensive supervision of DUI offenders helps ensure these offenders are not a risk to themselves or others,” OTS Director Rhonda Craft said. “Our coordinated effort with the Sacramento County Probation Department to keep a close eye on DUI offenders reduces their chance of re-offending, making roadways safer for everyone.”

While alcohol remains the worst offender for DUI crashes, Probation supports efforts from OTS that “DUI Doesn’t Just Mean Booze.” Prescription medications and marijuana can also be impairing by themselves, or in combination with alcohol, and can result in a DUI arrest. Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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