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Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over enforcement for underage drinking begins October 16

Bismarck, ND – A statewide campaign against underage drinking begins this week as a part of *Drive* Sober or Get Pulled Over. Law enforcement across the state will conduct compliance checks and shoulder taps during the campaign that runs from October 16 to November 15.

Drinking alcohol under the age of 21 is illegal. Underage persons found to be consuming or in possession of alcohol could face fines and end up in court. No matter the age, driving under the influence of alcohol is not only illegal, but dangerous.

"Consuming alcohol underage is serious risk-taking behavior that can have very real consequences. The *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over* enforcement campaign is a great opportunity for law enforcement to reinforce the dangers of underage drinking and driving under the influence," says Bismarck Police Chief Dave Draovitch.

Alcohol and drug-related crashes and arrests are 100% preventable. Many lives would be saved in North Dakota each year if every driver consistently makes the choice to always drive sober, designate a sober driver or use a ride-hailing service.

This campaign is part of the <u>Vision Zero</u> strategy to eliminate motor vehicle crash fatalities and serious injuries on North Dakota roads.

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