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Don't Get Flagged This Super Bowl Season, Designate a Sober Driver

(Woodland, CA) - (January 31, 2020) – Yolo County District Attorney is reminding fans attending Super Bowl watch parties to get a safe ride home after the game.

“If you plan on drinking, plan for a ride home with a sober driver,” District Attorney Jeff Reisig said. “Whether your team wins or loses, you’ll always get the ‘W’ by not drinking and driving.”

Super Bowl LIV falls on Sunday, Feb 2, and local Yolo County Law Enforcement will increase patrols Feb. 2 ready to flag those suspected of driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.

In addition, local law enforcement will be holding DUI checkpoints on Super Bowl Sunday. During the checkpoint, officers will make contact with drivers to determine whether they suspect them to be under the influence, as well as check for proper licensing. The Yolo County District Attorney’s Office through California Office of Traffic Safety Grant has a program to prosecute DUI cases and hold offenders accountable.

Yolo County District Attorney reminds drivers that driving under the influence of anything that impairs is illegal, including prescriptions, over the counter or illicit drugs and marijuana. If you take prescription drugs, be mindful of side effects, especially if there is a driving or operating machinery warning on the label.

The Yolo County District Attorney’s Office has a specialized unit which focuses preventing impaired driving through prosecution, education, and community outreach. Under a grant from the Office of Traffic Safety (OTS), these prosecutors provide training to law enforcement on identifying impaired drivers, educate members of the community about impaired driving, and do community outreach to increase awareness of the dangers of impaired driving. Yolo County’s OTS program is one of the most progressive programs in the state, with a strong focus on education and prevention. These prosecutors

teach at educational events and take an active role in preventing driving under the influence by engaging the community through high school trials, college outreach, and other community events.

If you're hosting a watch party, be a team player and have plenty of snacks and non-alcoholic drinks available for designated sober drivers. If a designated sober driver decides to have a drink, make sure someone else who hasn't been drinking is available to come pick everyone up. Anyone who sees a drunk driver should call 911.

Walking to a bar or party? Walking impaired can also be dangerous, so have someone who is sober walk home with you.

No matter who you are rooting for on Super Bowl Sunday, we are all on the same team when the game ends so remember to go safely.

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