



MEDIA RELEASE

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Project "Saving Our Loved Ones" – St. Patrick's Day Traffic Enforcement Initiative

On March 16, 2013 from 10:00 p.m. through March 17, 2013 at 2:00 a.m. the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office in cooperation with other law enforcement agencies in southern Maryland participated in Project "Saving Our Loved Ones" (SOLO). Project SOLO is a statewide initiative to combat impaired driving and underage drinking to ultimately save lives and reduce roadway deaths. The operation encompassed two separate driving under the influence saturation patrols. The first saturation patrol was in the northern end of St. Mary's County from Mechanicsville to Charlotte Hall with a concentration on the Charles County border. The other patrol was located in southern St. Mary's County from Hollywood to California with a concentration on the Calvert County border.

Below are the results of the operation:

Seventy-seven (77) traffic stops;
Forty-four (44) citations;
Forty-five (45) issued warnings;
Five (5) verbal warnings;
Eight (8) Safety Equipment Repair Orders (SERO),
One (1) adult alcohol civil citation,
Two (2) juvenile alcohol civil citations,
One (1) investigation initiated for a business employee's sale of alcohol to a person under the age of 21 (Dew Drop Inn),
Three (3) Driving under the Influence arrests
One (1) motor vehicle collision with property damage only,
Two (2) criminal arrests (CDS marijuana; resist/interfere with arrest and fail to obey lawful order)

Arrests:

Jonathan Craig Smith, 28 of Lexington Park, arrested by Cpl. Connelly for driving under the influence of alcohol and possession of a controlled dangerous substance, suspect marijuana - Three Notch Road in the vicinity of Chancellors Run Road in California, Maryland.

Dionta Quantiaus Taylor, 25 of Great Mills, arrested by Cpl. Connelly and charged with Resist/Interfere with Arrest and Fail to Obey Lawful Order (related to Smith's driving under the influence arrest)

Robert Anthony Patterson, 18 of La Plata, Maryland arrested by Deputy Beyer for driving under the influence - Three Notch Road at Mechanicsville Road in Mechanicsville, Maryland.

Michael Carroll Casper, Jr., 27 of Mechanicsville, Maryland arrested by Deputy Beishline for driving under the influence - Mechanicsville Road at Harding Way in Mechanicsville, Maryland.