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Weeklong multi-county Sheriff’s Office DUI sweep yields 15 arrests

The Sheriff’s Office is working and collaborating in several ways to attack the drunk and drugged driving problem.

Norristown, PA (December 12, 2016) – The holiday party season is in full swing, and Montgomery County Sheriff Sean P. Kilkenny has been working closely with other agencies to get drunk and drugged drivers off of the road. A weeklong multi-county crackdown on “Most Wanted” DUI offenders by sheriff’s deputies has yielded 15 arrests. Eleven additional DUI offenders turned themselves in after hearing about the sweep.

The DUI-focused effort began on December 5, 2016 and targeted over 40 defendants from Montgomery, Bucks, Chester, Delaware and Philadelphia counties.

“We have a zero tolerance policy when it comes to drunk driving,” said Kilkenny. “We hope that the news of these sweeps will also serve as a deterrent to those who think they can get away with driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs.”

The Sheriff’s Office Warrants Division works closely with Assistant District Attorney Douglas Lavenberg in developing the list of offenders to target, all of whom were repeat offenders or failed to show for court dates. Lavenberg said that keeping communities and streets safe by getting drunk drivers off of the road is a vital role that the District Attorney’s Office plays.

Although Pennsylvania has toughened its laws by decreasing the legal limit of alcohol to .08 percent, DUI offenders stay on the road if they avoid court dates, probation or sentencing.

The District Attorney’s Office is currently prosecuting more than 1,400 DUI cases, and the Sheriff’s Office Warrants Division has over 900 DUI warrants on its books.

One of the benefits of working closely with the District Attorney’s office is the expansion of extradition agreements with states outside of the tri-state area such as Florida, Colorado and Wisconsin. Fleeing the area is no longer an option to escape legal obligations or punishments.

Defendant Subodh Nair, whose job application in Florida was being held up due to his DUI warrant, flew back to Pennsylvania to turn himself into the Sheriff's Office.
“It’s sad to think that a fatality could have been prevented, but wasn’t,” said Kilkenny. “That’s why we are doing everything we can to address the problem of getting these reckless drivers off of the road.”

The Sheriff’s Office has also been involved in community relations efforts to help raise awareness about the dangers of drunk driving. Sheriff’s deputies have been participating in a designated driver program created by Mothers Against Drunk Driving and the Philadelphia Eagles. They help educate fans about the dangers of drunk driving and the importance of designated drivers at home games.

The Sheriff’s Office partnership with MADD was also instrumental in the donation of two portable breathalyzers, which were donated by Pennsylvania State Trooper Kenton Iwaniec’s family. Iwaniec was killed, on his way home from his shift in March 2008, by a drunk driver. The breathalyzers are used to test offenders who are suspected of showing up drunk to DUI court hearings.

Supporting local police department DUI checkpoint efforts is another way that the Sheriff’s Office helps combat the drunk driving problem. Specially trained deputies process offenders who are brought into three different Montgomery County DUI processing centers, so that police officers can remain on the road.

“We receive a lot of appreciation from those police departments, because they may be short-staffed and unable to handle emergency calls without our backup on those nights,” Kilkenny said. “It’s great that we can help in several different ways to attack this problem.

The following defendants were arrested during the sweep:

— Dianne Albenzi of 220 S. Line Street, Lansdale, Pa., was arrested for failing to appear for a pre-trial conference.
— Michelle Barr of 5929 Woodcrest Ave., Philadelphia, Pa., was arrested for DUI probation violation.
— Gregory Fackler of Middlesex County, NJ, was arrested for failure to appear in court for a second DUI charge.
— Sean Kelly of 7 Hillcrest Dr., Downingtown, Pa., was arrested for five previous warrants. He is also wanted in Georgia for DUI, and in Chester County for a violation of a Protection From Abuse order.
— William Loburak of 635 Elroy Rd., Souderton, Pa., was arrested failing to appear for a pre-trial conference.
— Margaret Maxwell of 970 Rozel Ave., Southampton, Pa., was arrested for failing to appear for a bench trial.
— Thomas McVaug of 1423 School House Rd., Apt. 1, Perkasie, Pa., was arrested for failing to appear for DUI arraignment.
— Michelle Morgan-Cox of 3219 Stillman St., Philadelphia, Pa., was arrested for DUI probation violation.
— Kerry Moyer of 111 Bravington Rd., Perkiomenville, Pa., was arrested for failing to appear at a pre-trial conference and two previous DUI charges.
— Patrick O’Hara of 239 Wellington Way, Red Hill, Pa., was arrested for failing to appear at a pre-trial conference.
— Daniel Perry of 235 Jefferson St., Apt. 2, Norristown, Pa., was arrested for failing to appear in court for three separate DUI cases.
— Andrew Schalleur of 103 Regents Rd., Collegeville, Pa., was arrested for failing to appear at a DUI pre-trial conference.
— Charles Sellers of 118 Fairfield Ln., Apt. A, Strafford, Pa., was arrested for failing to appear at a DUI formal arraignment. He also has a probation violation in Delaware County.

— Adam Terwilliger of 3053 Kerri Ct., Pottstown, Pa., was arrested for DUI probation violation.

— Kevin Walker of 521 South 42nd St., Apt. 1R, Philadelphia, Pa., was arrested for failing to appear in court on two DUI charges.

The following individuals are still wanted by the Sheriff’s Office for DUI related charges:

Michael Brian Dunphy, Jr.
Last Known Address:
246 Yost Ave., Spring City PA 19475 or,
4346 Pechin Street, Philadelphia, PA 19128
Charges: DUI highest rate

Borislav Pelici
Last Known Address:
710 S Trappe Road, Collegeville, PA 19426
Charges: DUI

Chong Kim
Last Known Address:
2058 Bethel Road, Lansdale, PA, 19446 or,
2917 Gottshalk Road, Perkiomenville PA 18074
Charges: DUI 4th offense

Lisa Marie Martinelli
Last Known Address:
940 Willow Lane, Apt. A, Pottstown, PA 19464
Charges: DUI

Anonymous tips regarding wanted individuals may be reported by either calling the MCSO TIP LINE at 610-278-3340 or, by filling out the online “Submit a Tip” form on the MCSO webpage, or by sending an email to sheriffwarrant@montcopa.org. Tips can also be submitted by posting a message on either Facebook at www.facebook.com/montcosheriff, Twitter @MontCoPASheriff and Instagram at @montcopasheriff. The “Domestic Relations Most Wanted for Child Support” list is available at www.montcopa.org/sheriff by clicking on the link “Wanted Persons.”

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