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Montco Sheriff Bono arrested eight DUI defendants in overnight raid

MADD has joined forces with the Montco DUI joint Task Force in an effort to stop drunk driving

Norristown, Pa., (March 10, 2015) – Montgomery County Sheriff Russell Bono’s team of 12 deputies arrested eight out of a list of 34 DUI defendants in five hours, during an overnight raid on March 10, 2015 at 2:00 a.m. Three more defendants turned themselves in after hearing about the raid.

Bono said during a press conference that the effort is the result of a joint DUI Task Force that was formed in December 2014, which includes the Montgomery County Sheriff’s and District Attorney’s Offices, DUI Court and Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD). The task force’s mission is to make catching DUI defendants who have evaded court hearings, fines and sentences their first priority. Towards that effort, a new “DUI Most Wanted” section is being added to the Sheriff’s Office website.

“DUIs are one hundred percent preventable,” said MADD Victims Services Specialist Linda Sposato. “We don’t need to find a cure. We just need for people to be responsible.”

On April 24, 2015 the MCSO will receive portable breathalyzer testers (PBTs) donated by the family of Pennsylvania State Trooper Kenton Iwaniec, who was killed by a drunk driver on his way home from his shift. The family has established the Trooper Kenton Iwaniec Memorial Fund, which is dedicated to raising money for PBTs for law enforcement use.

Bono said that sometimes defendants come into court drunk. The breathalyzers will be a tool for court deputies to use to determine whether another arrest is warranted. Deputies will be trained on the breathalyzers on Friday, March 13, 2015.

The operation covered Boyertown, Pottstown, Collegeville, Royersford, Ambler, Lansdale, Harleysville, Horsham, Hatboro, Norristown and Conshohocken. The following defendants were

taken into custody during the raid and have been seen by DUI Court Judge Cheryl Lynne Austin: Anthony Bowling of Royersford, Pa., who was sent straight to the Montgomery County Correctional Facility due to a parole violation; Chelsea Clark of Norristown, Pa.; Brendan Dwyer of Lansdale, Pa.; Clint Hockings of Lansdale, Pa.; Darlene Kephart of Harleysville, Pa., has five DUI offenses overall, with three offenses having a blood alcohol level of .21; Jared Miller of Pottstown, Pa.; Jeffrey Weinreich of Pottstown, Pa.; and Bradley Willman of Boyertown, Pa., who has a case dating back to 2008.

Three additional defendants turned themselves in to the MCSO Warrants Division after hearing of the raid.

- William Welch of Pottstown, Pa., who had two DUI charges with the highest DUI rate of .16 and had failed to appear for his January 23, 2015 bench trial turned himself in.
- Sharita Harris of Norristown, Pa., was taken into custody for failure to pay DUI related fines.
- Christopher Abbott of Collegeville, Pa.

Four defendants are on the Most Wanted list for DUI's due to the severity of their charges, and are still being sought.



Gregory Robinson Fackler, alias Focker, 34, of Lansdale, Pa., who had the highest DUI rate of .16 is wanted on two DUI charges and failure to appear for bench trial on February 20, 2015.



Ryan Fryer, 26, of Conshohocken, Pa., is wanted on a DUI 2nd offense and a parole violation. He also has a second felony warrant forgery parole violation.



Spencer Kinyanjui, 36, of Pottstown, Pa., is wanted on a DUI charge, failure to appear for his bench trial on January 12, 2015. He had also been picked up for driving with a suspended driver's license.



Philip John Saurman, Jr., 27, of Ambler, Pa., was charged with the highest DUI rate of .16 and possession of marijuana. He also has a felony charge of manufacturing with the intent to deliver.

"We have been successful with and will continue to use social media postings to seek DUI offenders and to get tips on where these people are hiding," Bono said. "It is always our hope that they would avoid the drama and turn themselves in."

For more information on the Trooper Kenton Iwaniec Memorial Fund please visit http://www.trooperiwaniac.org/Kenton_Iwaniec/Memorial_Fund.html.

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