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## **DA's Office and Douglas County Sheriff's Office Announce Holiday DUI Crackdown**

**Castle Rock, CO** –As holiday celebrations continue through the New Year, District Attorney George Brauchler and Douglas County Sheriff Darren Weekly have a strong message to residents and visitors -don't drink and drive.

The Sheriff's Office will be increasing patrols through the New Year, specifically targeting impaired drivers. "If you choose to drive while impaired in Douglas County, expect to be found and prosecuted severely," said 23<sup>rd</sup> Judicial District Attorney George Brauchler. "We take DUI offenses seriously and will hold offenders accountable. We also have plenty of room in our jail," said Brauchler.

Douglas County Sheriff Darren Weekly echoed that warning. "Impaired driving will not be tolerated in Douglas County," said Weekly. "Our Traffic Unit and Patrol Deputies are leading the state in holding offenders accountable. If someone refuses a chemical test, we will seek a warrant and go the extra mile to get the evidence needed to keep impaired drivers off our streets. Thanks to the 23<sup>rd</sup> Judicial District Attorney's Office, offenders face real consequences. No excuses. No exceptions. We will keep our roads safe."

Since the 23<sup>rd</sup> Judicial District was established in January of 2025, 681 drunk drivers have been caught and prosecuted - with a 94% conviction rate that includes jail time. Second-time DUI offenders face mandatory jail time and significant fines.

“Don’t expect a slap on the wrist here,” said Brauchler. “We take protecting our citizens very seriously. The message is, enjoy the holiday season, but if alcohol is part of your plans make a safe choice and don’t get behind the wheel.”

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