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Prosecutor Offers *ArriveSafe* Program

"The life you save may be your own!"

DAYTON, OH (December 22, 2015) - Montgomery County Prosecuting Attorney Mat Heck, Jr. is pleased to announce that with support from Heidelberg Distributing Company and AAA Miami Valley, *ArriveSafe* will once again be offering free cab rides home for Montgomery County residents over the Christmas and New Year's holiday weekends.

Since Prosecuting Attorney Mat Heck, Jr. started the program in December 2007, *ArriveSafe* has provided nearly 4,700 free cabs rides for Montgomery County residents. Removing just one impaired driver from the streets may save a life – maybe even your own!

In 2014, the Ohio State Highway Patrol arrested 744 drivers for OVI in Montgomery County. This year, there have been 50 fatal traffic crashes in Montgomery County, including 20 that were alcohol related. Every one of those fatal crashes was avoidable – if only the driver had not made the CHOICE to drive while impaired by drugs or alcohol.

ArriveSafe will be offering free cab rides home for Montgomery County residents from 12:00 Noon on Thursday, December 24th and ending at 6am on Sunday, December 27th and again from 12:00 Noon on Thursday, December 31st and ending at 6am on Sunday, January 3rd.

Prosecutor Heck added, "This holiday season, there simply is no excuse for driving while impaired. You decide: do you want to go home in the back of a cab, or handcuffed in the back of a cruiser? Plan ahead and get home safely."

"It's simple to make a responsible choice – have a designated, sober driver or call *ArriveSafe* at 449-9999 and request a free ride home. We will pay the cab fare up to \$50."

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