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## Prosecutor Announces *ArriveSafe* Program for Independence Day Weekend

*"The life you save may be your own!"*

**DAYTON, OH** (July 2, 2015) - Montgomery County Prosecuting Attorney Mat Heck, Jr. announced today that with support from Heidelberg Distributing Company and AAA Miami Valley, his *ArriveSafe* program will be offering free cab rides home for Montgomery County residents this Independence Day weekend.

Since Prosecuting Attorney Mat Heck, Jr. started *ArriveSafe* in December 2007, *ArriveSafe* has provided nearly 4,500 free cabs rides for Montgomery County residents, at no cost to taxpayers. Prosecutor Heck said, "Every single alcohol-related traffic crash and fatality is completely avoidable if the driver simply makes the responsible choice to not get behind the wheel after drinking."

Last year in Ohio over the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday weekend, there were 2,256 traffic crashes that killed 12 people. Half of those deaths were alcohol-related. Nearly 30% of all fatal traffic crashes statewide last year were alcohol-related, taking 297 lives.

*ArriveSafe* will be offering free cab rides home for Montgomery County residents from 12:00 noon Friday, July 3, 2015 through 6 a.m. Sunday, July 5, 2015.

Prosecutor Heck said, "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. The life you save may be your own!"

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