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**Prosecutor Offers *ArriveSafe* Program over Thanksgiving**  
*"The life you save may be your own!"*

**DAYTON, OH** (November 24, 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 again be offering free cab rides home for Montgomery County residents this Thanksgiving holiday weekend.

Since Prosecuting Attorney Mat Heck, Jr. started the program in December 2007, *ArriveSafe* has provided over 4,500 free cabs rides for Montgomery County residents. Removing just one impaired driver from the streets may save a life – maybe even your own!

This year, Montgomery County has had 199 alcohol related traffic crashes. Sadly, 20 of those involved fatalities. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports that 43% of all traffic fatalities and 26% of all pedestrian fatalities involve alcohol. The fact remains that every single one of those crashes was completely avoidable – if only the driver had not made the BAD CHOICE to drive while impaired.

*ArriveSafe* will be offering free cab rides home for Montgomery County residents from 6pm Wednesday, November 25th and ending at 6am on Sunday, November 29th, 2015.

Prosecutor Heck said, "This Thanksgiving holiday weekend, there really is no excuse for drinking and driving. 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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