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**Prosecutor Offers *ArriveSafe* Program
Over July 4th Holiday Weekend**

"The life you save may be your own!"

DAYTON, OH (June 30, 2016) - Montgomery County Prosecuting Attorney Mat Heck, Jr. is pleased to announce that with support from Heidelberg Distributing Company and AAA Miami Valley, the *ArriveSafe* program will be providing free cab rides home for Montgomery County residents this July 4th holiday weekend.

Since Prosecutor Heck began *ArriveSafe* in 2007, nearly 5,200 free cabs rides have been provided to Montgomery County residents. Removing just one impaired driver from the streets may save a life – maybe even your own.

Last year in Ohio, there were 1,110 lives lost in traffic crashes. About 30% of those deaths were in alcohol-related traffic crashes. Montgomery County had 23 alcohol-related traffic crash deaths. All of those injuries and deaths were completely preventable – if the driver had simply made the smart decision to not drive while impaired.

ArriveSafe will be offering free cab rides home for Montgomery County residents from 6 p.m. Friday, July 1, 2016 through 6 a.m. Tuesday, July 5, 2016.

Prosecutor Heck added, "Enjoy this July 4th holiday weekend, but celebrate responsibly. Arrange for safe transportation with a designated, sober driver or call *ArriveSafe* at 449-9999 and request a free cab ride home. We will pay the fare up to \$50."

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