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## Prosecutor Offers *ArriveSafe* Program Over Christmas, New Years Weekends

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

**DAYTON, OH** (December 21, 2017) - Montgomery County Prosecuting Attorney Mat Heck, Jr. is pleased to announce that with continued support from Heidelberg Distributing Company and AAA Miami Valley, the *ArriveSafe* program will be providing free cab rides home for Montgomery County residents over the upcoming Christmas and New Years holiday weekends.

Since Prosecutor Heck began the *ArriveSafe* Program in December 2007, over 6,100 free cabs rides have been provided to Montgomery County residents.

This year in Montgomery County, there have been just nine alcohol-related fatal traffic crashes, a significant reduction from 2016, when there were 20.

Prosecutor Heck added, "Nine alcohol-related traffic fatalities is still too many, especially since each and every one of those fatalities were completely avoidable – if only the driver has made the smart decision and chose to get home safely, by having a designated driver, using a taxi, or a ride-sharing service such as Uber or Lyft."

*ArriveSafe* will be offering free cab rides home for Montgomery County residents from 6:00 p.m. Friday, December 22, 2017 through 6:00 a.m. Tuesday, December 26, 2017, and from 6:00 p.m. Friday, December 29, 2017 through 6:00 a.m. Tuesday, January 2, 2018.

Prosecutor Heck added, "You decide – do you want to go home safely in the back of a cab for free, or go to jail, handcuffed in the back of a police cruiser, which may cost you thousands of dollars? A simple decision."

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