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## Prosecutor Offers *ArriveSafe* Program over Christmas and New Year's Weekends

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

**DAYTON, OH** (12/20/2018) - Montgomery County Prosecuting Attorney Mat Heck, Jr. announced today that with continuing support from Heidelberg Distributing Company and AAA Miami Valley, *ArriveSafe* will 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 *ArriveSafe* in December 2007, the program has provided over 6,700 free cabs rides for Montgomery County residents.

Statewide, there have been over 1,000 fatal traffic crashes this year, nearly 40% of which were alcohol-related traffic crashes. All of those fatalities were completely avoidable – if only a driver had not made the decision to get behind the wheel while impaired.

*ArriveSafe* will be offering free cab rides home for Montgomery County residents over the Christmas holiday weekend, from 6:00 p.m. Friday, December 21, 2018, through 6:00 a.m. Wednesday, December 26, 2018. The program will also be active over the New Year's holiday weekend, from 6:00 p.m. Friday, December 28, 2018, through 6:00 a.m. Wednesday, January 2, 2019.

Prosecutor Heck added, "This holiday season, there is no excuse for driving while impaired. Make that call - 449-9999 and request a free ride home. We will pay the ride, up to \$50! Remember, the life you save may be your own."

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