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## Prosecutor Heck Announces the *ArriveSafe* Program for the 2021 Christmas and New Years Weekends

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

**DAYTON, OH (12/22/2021)** – Today, Montgomery County Prosecuting Attorney Mat Heck, Jr. announced that the *ArriveSafe* program will be offered over the Christmas and New Years holiday weekends, thanks to continued support from Heidelberg Distributing/Budweiser and Key-Ads.

Prosecutor Heck said, "Law enforcement across the state are increasing patrols in an effort to reduce the dramatic increase in fatal traffic crashes. A combination of distracted drivers, drug and alcohol impaired drivers, and excessive speed have caused the state to experience more than 1,300 traffic fatalities this year, which is over 100 more than last year. Don't become a statistic. Either have a sober designated driver or make a call to *ArriveSafe*. We will get you home safely."

*ArriveSafe* returned over the Thanksgiving weekend, and 175 rides were given. The program now offers Uber rides, but works the same as in the past. The person requesting an *ArriveSafe* ride calls 937-449-9999 and gives the operator their name, a cellphone number, and their pick-up and drop-off locations. The operator will dispatch an Uber driver to get them home safely. The caller doesn't need to have an Uber account or the Uber app on their phone – they will receive text messages with information about their Uber ride.

*ArriveSafe* will be offering free cab rides home for Montgomery County residents over Christmas from 6:00 p.m. Friday, December 24, 2021, through 6:00 a.m. Sunday, December 26, 2021, and again over New Years, from 6:00 p.m. Friday, December 31, 2021 through 6:00 a.m. Sunday, January 2, 2022.

Prosecutor Heck added, "Don't risk spending your Thanksgiving weekend in jail or worse, in the emergency room! Call *ArriveSafe* for a free ride home."

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