



COUNTY OF FRESNO

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The Fresno County District Attorney's Office Encourages Safe St. Patrick's Day Celebrations

This St. Patrick's Day, criminal justice partners throughout Fresno County will be on alert for suspected impaired drivers. The Fresno County District Attorney's Office reminds the community to celebrate the holiday responsibly.

Additional officers will be on patrol March 17 looking for drivers suspected of driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.

Deputy District Attorneys Steven Ueltzen and Christopher Moss, Fresno County's specialty DUI prosecutors, remind you to have a game plan before you celebrate St. Patrick's Day. "Designate a sober driver or make other plans to get home safely," they say.

During the 2019 St. Patrick's Day holiday period, nearly half of all traffic deaths throughout the country involved a drunk driver.

The Fresno County District Attorney's Office wants to warn the community that alcohol is not the only substance that can cause impairment. Cannabis, prescription medications, over-the-counter drugs, and illegal drugs can all lead to a DUI.

If you ever see a suspected drunk driver on the road, call 911.

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