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“Impaired drivers, drug offenders, arrested over holiday weekend”

Westminster, Carroll County, Maryland, July 6, 2009 ---- Carroll County Sheriff's Deputies were out in extra force during the fourth of July weekend to protect motorists from drunk, drugged, and aggressive drivers.

Since Friday evening, Sheriff's Deputies arrested six motorists for driving while impaired on Carroll County roadways. Five of the persons were arrested for Driving Under the Influence of alcohol, with Blood Alcohol Concentrations (BAC) averaging .11; the legal limit in Maryland is .08. A sixth person was arrested for driving under the influence of illegal narcotics. A 28-year-old Westminster woman registered the highest reading at .22 (BAC). A 17-year-old juvenile from Westminster was also taken into custody and charged with an alcohol violation after being stopped for excessive speed. He was later released to his parents. Additional arrests included four motorists who were in possession of personal use quantities of suspected heroin, oxycodone, marijuana, and associated paraphernalia.

Four of the DUI arrests were made using funds from the Mid Western Region Traffic Safety Program Grant sponsored by the Carroll County Health Department.

The Carroll County Sheriff's Office encourages people to drive safely, drink responsibly; or designate a sober driver, before consuming any alcoholic beverages.