

NEWS RELEASE

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Driving Under the Influence Checkpoint

Members of the North Penn DUI Task Force conducted a Driving While Under the Influence Checkpoint on Harleysville Pike at Moyer Road in Franconia Township on Friday, June 12, 2009 from 10:30 p.m. until 2:30 a.m.

Police officers from Franconia Township, Lower Salford Township, Hatfield Township, and the Upper Perkiomen Police District stopped vehicles during that period to provide information on the "Click It or Ticket" Seat Belt Campaign and to raise awareness of the consequences of driving under the influence of drugs and alcohol.

The following activities took place during the evening:

- Nine drivers were arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances.
- Six other drivers were not permitted to drive from the checkpoint because officers detected alcohol in their system.

The following persons were arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances:

- Kaitlyn Otto, 21, of Souderton
- David Bishop, 37, of Doylestown
- Christina Valentine, 40, of Schwenksville

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- Michael Jackman, 43, of Doylestown
- Damien Walker, 27, of Gilbertsville
- Thomas Pursell, 44, of Collegeville
- Joseph Granieri, 51, of Collegeville
- Marianne Green, 55, of Sellersville

All were taken to the Towamencin Township Regional Fast Track Processing Center and then each was released to a responsible, sober adult. Charges will be filed with District Court in Souderton on each arrested person.

The North Penn DUI Task Force is comprised of police departments from the Indian Valley and North Penn regions. Members of the Telford Volunteer Fire Company and the Harleysville Area Emergency Medical Services assisted police at the checkpoint.

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