



# NEWS RELEASE

## HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF POLICE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT SECTION

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### **POLICE ARREST 10 AT SOBRIETY CHECKPOINT**

The Howard County Department of Police conducted a Sobriety Checkpoint between Friday, December 14, 2007 and Saturday, December 15, 2007. The Checkpoint was established on eastbound MD Rt. 175 at Columbia Gateway Drive in Columbia, Howard County.

Approximately 878 vehicles passed through the checkpoint, which was manned by Howard County Police Officers, with support from members of the Howard County Chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving (M.A.D.D.). Twenty (20) vehicles were pulled over for further examination and ten (10) drivers were arrested and charged with Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol or Driving While Impaired by Alcohol or Drugs.

Citizens are reminded that each holiday season more than 2,000 people are killed in alcohol-related traffic crashes and/or crashes where safety belts were not used. The Howard County Department of Police encourages all motorists to drive safely.

The Howard County Department of Police will continue to use Sobriety Checkpoints and Saturation Patrols in the future as a means of combating Drinking and Drugged Drivers.

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