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The Howard County Department of Police conducted a sobriety checkpoint between Friday, December 22, 2006 and Saturday, December 23, 2006. The checkpoint was established on northbound US Rt. 1 near North Laurel Road, in Laurel, Howard County.

Four (4) drivers were arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol or driving while impaired by alcohol or drugs. Two (2) additional drivers were charged with driving without a license and one (1) driver was charged with transporting two children under age 2 without the use of child safety seats. Approximately 857 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.).

Each holiday season more than 2,000 people are killed in alcohol-related traffic crashes or crashes where safety belts were not used. The Howard County Department of Police encourages all motorists to drive safely throughout this holiday season so that everyone can enjoy the holidays.

The Howard County Department of Police will continue to use sobriety checkpoints and saturation patrols in the future as a means of combating drunk and drugged drivers.

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