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**MORE THAN 1,700 MOTORISTS CHARGED WITH DRIVING WHILE IMPAIRED  
DURING “BOOZE IT & LOSE IT” CAMPAIGN**

RALEIGH — Law enforcement officers cracked down on 1,742 North Carolina motorists for driving while impaired during the “Booze It & Lose It: Operation Firecracker” campaign June 29-July 9.

Checkpoints and stepped-up patrols throughout the state marked the high-visibility enforcement effort. In addition to issuing DWI violations, officers arrested 284 fugitives and recovered 94 stolen vehicles.

“Law enforcement officers were out in full force to help ensure that the citizens of North Carolina remained safe over the July 4 holiday,” said Darrell Jernigan, director of the Governor’s Highway Safety Program, “Their efforts to remove impaired drivers from our roads allowed more friends and families to celebrate together.”

Law enforcement officers conducted more than 5,200 checkpoints and stepped-up patrols during the campaign. Counties with the highest number of DWI citations include Mecklenburg (154), Carteret (70) and Durham (69).

In addition to DWI violations, officers last week issued 6,115 safety belt and 858 child passenger safety violations. Among the 55,876 total traffic and criminal citations reported were 18,004 speeding violations and 1,110 drug charges.

	Checkpoints and Patrols	Total DWI	Total Occupant Restraint	Total Criminal Charges	Total Other Traffic Violations	Total Traffic and Criminal Violations
June 29-July 9	5,204	1,742	6,973	4,661	40,772	55,876

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*For information about “Booze It & Lose It” or for information regarding other North Carolina highway safety issues, call GHSP Public Information Officer Beth Horner at 919-733-3083 or visit their Web site at: [www.ncdot.org/secretary/ghsp](http://www.ncdot.org/secretary/ghsp).*

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