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**HALLOWEEN ‘BOOZE IT & LOSE IT’ YIELDS 729 DWI ARRESTS DURING STATEWIDE CAMPAIGN**

**RALEIGH** — The Governor’s Highway Safety Program announced today that state and local law enforcement officers cited 729 motorists for driving while impaired during a Halloween “Booze It & Lose It” campaign, which ran Oct. 27-31. A total of 18,700 traffic and criminal citations were issued statewide.

“I commend our state and local law enforcement officers for their continued efforts in keeping motorists safe,” said Darrell Jernigan, director of the GHSP. “Their increased visibility over the past week reinforces the message that drinking and driving is not acceptable in North Carolina.”

During the campaign, officers statewide conducted more than 1,864 sobriety checkpoints and dedicated patrols. Counties with the highest number of DWI citations include Pitt (81), Mecklenburg (68) and Wake (53).

Officers also issued 1,521 safety belt and 194 child passenger safety violations, 5,931 speeding violations and 331 drug charges. In addition, they apprehended 115 fugitives from justice and recovered 39 stolen vehicles.

**Halloween 2006 “Booze It & Lose It” Totals**

Total Checkpoints & Patrols	Driving While Impaired Violations	Safety Belt Violations	Child Passenger Safety Violations	Stolen Vehicles Recovered	Fugitives Arrested	Drug Violations	Total Criminal Violations	Speeding	Total Traffic & Criminal Violations
Oct 27-31 <b>1,864</b>	729	1,521	194	39	115	331	1,695	5,931	18,700

For county-by-county citation totals, visit the GHSP Web site at: [www.ncdot.org/secretary/ghsp](http://www.ncdot.org/secretary/ghsp).

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