

**'Click It Or Ticket' Nets 8,842 Occupant Protection Charges
40,992 total traffic and criminal violations during first two-weeks of campaign**

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RALEIGH-More than 8,800 drivers and passengers were cited for safety belt and child passenger safety violations during the spring "Click It or Ticket" campaign, which began May 23 and runs through June 12. Law enforcement officers across the state held 3,738 checkpoints and saturation patrols in a one-week period. "Given these numbers, I think it's accurate to say that law enforcement is delivering a strong safety message to motorists during this campaign," said Darrell Jernigan, Director of the Governor's Highway Safety Program. "It is our hope that all drivers and passengers will continue to buckle up and officers will continue to be on watch for violators."

Mecklenburg County for the second week, leads with the highest number of safety belt citations for the week with a total of 917 violations. Wake (668), Robeson (356) and Caldwell (334) Counties had elevated violations this week.

Besides cracking down on safety belt and child passenger safety violators, officers state-wide charged 1,141 motorists with DWI, issued 10,706 speeding tickets and discovered 709 drug charges, 51 stolen vehicles, and 12 fugitives from justice.

'CLICK IT OR TICKET' STATEWIDE TOTALS

	DWI	Occupant Protection		Traffic Violations		Criminal Violations		Totals	Other Offenses*	
	Driving While Impaired Violations	Seat Belt Violations	Child Passenger Safety Violations	Speeding	Total Traffic Violations	Drug Violations	Total Criminal Violations	Total Traffic & Criminal Violations	Stolen Vehicles Recovered	Fugitives Arrested
Total Checkpoints and Patrols										
3,587 (May 23-29)	1,115	8,698	746	9,890	26,954	796	1,956	39,469	65	17
3,738 (May 30-Jun 5)	1,141	8,029	813	10,706	29,121	709	1,888	40,992	51	12
Cumulative Totals May 23 - June 5, 2005										
7,325 (May 23-Jun 5)	2,256	16,727	1,559	20,596	56,075	1,505	3,844	80,461	116	29

*These columns are not counted into overall total of violations.
Data compiled by the North Carolina State Highway Patrol.

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