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Subject: **2019 - 2020 Oregon Impact/ODOT DUII Grant for Silverton Police**

As part of the Oregon Impact/ODOT DUII Grant, the Silverton Police Department has been conducting extra DUII – Impaired Driving patrols. For December 2019, the Silverton Police Department made (7) DUII arrests. The subjects arrested in December provided BAC levels of [refusal, .08, .19, .27, .21, .00 (drug) and .19]. A person can be impaired if under the influence of intoxicating liquor, cannabis, a controlled substance, an inhalant or any combination thereof. A blood alcohol content (BAC) of .08 or higher is considered intoxicated. For a driver under the age of 21 any amount of alcohol in the bloodstream constitutes a failure of the sobriety test.

As we continue our increased DUII patrols for 2020, we continue to remind everyone to find alternatives to drinking and driving. An arrest for DUII can cost thousands of dollars in fines and attorney fees. It can also result in your license being suspended and your vehicle being impounded. Worse, you could cause serious injury or death to someone else.

Please help us this year, and make the decision to drive sober or call for a ride from someone who has not been drinking. This will help save lives and protect those around you. If anyone has any specific questions regarding driving under the influence or the Oregon Impact DUII Grant please feel free to contact the department directly at 503-873-5326.