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### **Media Release**

#### ***14 DUI Arrests Made Over The New Years Weekend***

In a twelve-hour period between 7:00 pm last evening until 7:00 am New Years Day 2011, troopers from the Nevada Highway Patrol arrested 14 motorists for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs. 2 DUI arrests were in the Carson City area, 2 near Fernley, and the remaining 10 were in the greater Reno-Sparks area. One of the alcohol-related arrests involved a motor vehicle collision on Interstate 80 near the Virginia Street interchange around 10:43 pm last evening. The injuries sustained in that collision were believed to be minor in nature.

One year ago the DUI arrests for the same twelve-hour period were slightly higher at 18. 4 arrests were made in the Carson City area, 1 each in the Fernley, Fallon, Hawthorne and Lake Tahoe areas and 10 in the Reno-Sparks area. Last year we also responded to one alcohol-related crash; a non-injury accident near Fernley.

Several overtime shifts for this weekend's DUI saturation patrols were funded by grants from the Nevada Office of Traffic Safety and the Northern Nevada DUI Task Force.

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