



INDIO POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESS RELEASE

"Our Community... Our Commitment"

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Subject: **Indio Police Holding DUI Enforcement Operations**

Anonymous Information: **Coachella Valley Crime Stoppers 342-STOP (7867)**
"See Something Say Something"

On behalf of Chief Mike Washburn, Police Officers from the Indio Police Department will be out on patrol on Friday, December 11, 2020, from 8:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m., looking for drivers suspected of driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, The Indio Police Department is committed to keeping the public safe when they need to run essential errands.

The Indio Police Department reminds the public that impaired driving is not just from alcohol. Some prescription medications or over-the-counter drugs may interfere with driving. Always follow directions for use and read warning labels about driving or "operating heavy machinery," which includes driving a car. While medicinal and recreational marijuana are legal, driving under the influence of marijuana is illegal.

If you plan on drinking or taking medications that may impact your ability to drive safely, plan on staying at home. Driving sober is your safest bet.

Drivers caught driving impaired and charged with DUI will pay a stiff price: an average of \$13,500 in fines and penalties, as well as a suspended license.

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