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Mother's Day Weekend leads to twelve impaired driving arrests

Mother's Day weekend is not a time to drink and drive. This weekend officers arrested 12 individuals for operating a vehicle while intoxicated.

The first occurred around 5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 12th when officers contacted Jonathan Scheidt (1-19-90) as they were dispatched to a wreck in the parking lot of a liquor store in the 3000 block of Gilbert Drive. Scheidt was contacted by officers and arrested for Operating a vehicle while intoxicated.

The second occurred at 4:15 a.m. on Saturday, May 13th as officers contacted Demarcus Oguin (10-14-88). Oguin was contacted during a traffic stop for operating a vehicle with no headlights. He was arrested and charged with one count of operating a vehicle while intoxicated and driving under suspension.

The third arrest came after officers contacted Charles Blake (9-16-83) at 4:45 a.m. on Saturday, May 13th. Blake was contacted during a traffic stop for speeding. As officers approached, he attempted to flee on foot. He was eventually arrested and charged with one count of operating a vehicle while intoxicated, resisting, and driving under suspension.

The fourth arrest came after officers contacted Marc Owens (7-8-93) at 5:41 a.m. on Saturday, May 13th. Owens was contacted during a traffic stop for speeding and found to be impaired. He was arrested and charged with one count of operating a vehicle while intoxicated.

The fifth arrest came after officers contacted Kevin Gonzales-Diaz (7-9-98) at 6:40 a.m. on Saturday, May 13th. Gonzales-Diaz was contacted during a traffic stop for reportedly running a red light and was found to be impaired. He was arrested and charged with one count of operating a vehicle while intoxicated.

The sixth arrest came after officers contacted Taylor Adams (6-30-95) at 7:45 p.m. on Saturday, May 13th. Adams was contacted as officers were dispatched to a wreck in the 6300 block of Hearne Avenue. As officers approached, she was reportedly intoxicated. She also had a child in the vehicle. She was arrested and charged with one count of operating a vehicle while intoxicated, Child Desertion, and multiple traffic violations.

The Seventh arrest came after officers contacted Earnest King (6-20-64) at 11:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 13th. King was contacted as officers were dispatched to a wreck at Curtis Lane and Woodland Way. As officers approached, he was reportedly intoxicated. He was arrested and charged with one count of operating a vehicle while intoxicated, and warrants from a previous DWI.

The eighth arrest came after officers contacted Wayne Rhines (9-23-62) at 1:00 a.m. on Sunday, May 14th. Rhines was contacted as officers were dispatched to a wreck in which Rhines reportedly struck a pedestrian in a parking lot. As officers approached, he was reportedly intoxicated. He was arrested and charged with one count of operating a vehicle while intoxicated, and Negligent Injury.

The ninth arrest came after officers contacted John Sweatt (9-20-69) at 11:40 p.m. on Sunday, May 14th. Sweatt was contacted during a traffic stop for reportedly running a red light and was found to be impaired. He was arrested and charged with one count of operating a vehicle while intoxicated and for having an open alcoholic beverage container.

The tenth arrest came after officers contacted Nicholas Rodney (3-8-76) at 1:00 a.m. on Monday, May 15th. Rodney was contacted as officers responded to a report of a vehicle striking seven vehicles in the 600 block of Harrison. Officers arrived and took the man into custody. Rodney was arrested and charged with one count of operating a vehicle while intoxicated. This investigation is ongoing.

The eleventh arrest came after officers contacted Ian Thomas (5-24-93) at 3:40 a.m. on Monday, May 15th. Thomas was contacted during a call to assist a motorist as a passerby saw a man asleep behind the wheel of a vehicle at Youree Drive and East Bert Kouns Industrial Loop. He was arrested and charged with one count of operating a vehicle while intoxicated and for having an open alcoholic beverage container.

The Twelfth arrest came after officers contacted Markus Arnold (11-8-81) at 4:00 a.m. on Monday, May 15th. Arnold was contacted as officers were dispatched to a wreck at Interstate 20 and Fairfield Avenue. As officers approached, he was reportedly intoxicated. He was arrested and charged with one count of operating a vehicle while intoxicated.

One person is killed, on average, about every 45 minutes in a drunk-driving crash, totaling more than 11,000 lives lost each year.

The Shreveport Police Department wants to encourage our community to always drink responsibly. Remember, you drink, you drive, you lose.