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The Vacaville Police Department's Traffic Unit conducted a DUI/Drivers License checkpoint on December 21, 2012 at eastbound Mason Street between Depot Street and Peabody Road. The checkpoint took place between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 1:00 a.m. Checkpoints are placed in locations that have the greatest opportunity for achieving drunk and drugged driving deterrence and provide the greatest safety for officers and the public.

A total of 632 drivers were screened as they passed through the DUI/Drivers License Checkpoint. Eleven drivers were evaluated for driving while under the influence of alcohol, however all were determined to be below the legal limit of .08 percent. Four drivers were cited and released for driving without a driver's license.

S-Jeffrey Bolger, 36, of Rocklin was contacted driving through the checkpoint. S-Bolger had two no bail misdemeanor warrants out of Concord for his arrest. One was for hit and run and the second was for possession of a controlled substance. S-Bolger was placed under arrest and during a search a small amount of suspected methamphetamine weighing approximately ½ gram was found in his possession. In addition to his warrants, S-Bolger was also charged with possession of a controlled substance and booked into Solano County Jail.

12-21-12 Checkpoint Statistics:

- 632 Vehicles Screened
- No DUI-Alcohol suspects arrested
- No DUI-Drug impaired suspects arrested
- 1 - Suspect arrested for illegal drugs (possession/transportation/sales)
- 4 - Drivers cited/arrested for operating a vehicle unlicensed or while suspended/revoked
- 1 - Arrested on other Criminal Charges
- 4 - Citations issued
- 2 - Vehicles towed

DUI/Driver's License checkpoints lower DUI deaths and injuries. A major component of these checkpoints is the deterrent effects it has on those who might drive drunk or drugged-impaired and bringing about more awareness and encouraging everyone to use sober designated drivers.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), checkpoints have provided the most effective documented results of any of the DUI enforcement strategies, while also yielding considerable cost savings of \$6 for every \$1 spent.

The checkpoint was funded by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Report Drunk Drivers – Call 9-1-1!