



## **News from the Shelby County Sheriff's Office**

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### **Deputies Issue 127 Violations During Holiday Safety Initiative**

Shelby County Deputies and officers with the Metro D.U. I. Squad issued 127 violations during a New Year's Eve traffic safety initiative. Deputies with the Shelby County Sheriff's Office and Germantown Police Department comprise the Metro D.U.I. Squad.

Fourteen additional officers targeted motorists who violated traffic laws, especially drivers who might be impaired by drugs or alcohol. Officers conducted traffic checkpoints at several intersections, especially those in southeast Shelby County. That area of the county has recently experienced a rise in home burglaries and vehicle break-ins.

"The safety initiative not only helped us keep motorists safe but reassured residents in southeast Shelby County that we are aware of their concerns about crime," said Shelby County Sheriff Mark H. Luttrell, Jr.

Here is a breakdown of the **127** violations:

#### **Arrests: 10**

- 9 Suspended, Cancelled or Revoked License
- 1 D.U.I. (Impaired Driver)

#### **Traffic Violations: 117**

- 108 Regular Citations
- 9 Warning Tickets

The traffic enforcement initiative, funded by the Governor's Highway Safety Office, lasted for six hours. The Governor's Highway Safety Office pays overtime to law enforcement agencies across the state to conduct safety programs to spot and arrest impaired drivers. Shelby County Deputies will remain on the lookout throughout the holiday weekend for drivers who may be impaired by alcohol or drugs.

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