



News from the Shelby County Sheriff's Office

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Metro DUI Squad Issues 144 Violations in Safety Initiative

The Metro DUI Squad conducted a county-wide traffic safety initiative last Friday evening, **February 20**. The squad is comprised of officers with the Shelby County Sheriff's Office and Germantown Police Department.

Officers, including Sheriff's Office Reserve Deputies assigned to the squad, watched for drivers who might be impaired by alcohol and drugs. The DUI Officers also looked for people speeding, driving recklessly and not wearing seat belts. Here are the results of the safety initiative:

Regular/Courtesy Violations: 139

- Speeding 40
- Seat Belts 38
- Vehicle Equipment Violations 21
- State Registration 13
- No Driver's License 7
- Disregarding a Stop Light 6
- Other Shelby County Moving Violations 6
- Financial Responsibility Law 5
- Other Shelby County Non-Moving Violations 1
- Child Restraint 1
- Failure to Yield 1

Arrests: 5

- Driving on a Suspended/Revoked/Cancelled License 5
- **Driving Under the Influence 1**

Last weekend's Metro DUI enforcement initiative was funded by a grant from the Governor's Highway Safety Office. The grant enables law enforcement officers across Tennessee to work additional hours to spot and arrest drivers under the influence of alcohol and drugs.

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