



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

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### **Metro DUI Squad Issues 102 Violations in Safety Initiative**

Officers with the Metro DUI Squad conducted a safety initiative last Saturday night, March 28, which led to the arrest of several people and more than 90 traffic citations. 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: 93**

- Seat Belt Violations 41
- State Registration 19
- Speeding 13
- Vehicle Equipment Violations 9
- No Driver's License 7
- Financial Responsibility 4

#### **Arrests: 9**

- Driving on a Suspended/Revoked/Cancelled License 9

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. The Sheriff's Office SWAT Team assisted the Metro D.U.I. Squad in the safety initiative. SWAT Deputies issued 31 of the traffic tickets, 8 courtesy citations and arrested 8 of the 9 people who were driving on a suspended, revoked or cancelled driver's license.

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