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### 30 D.U.I. arrests made during "Operation Lucky Charms"

*State and local law enforcement officers issue more than 700 traffic citations during three-day enforcement operation*

(SAVANNAH) The Port Wentworth Police Department, Pooler Police Department, Georgia State Patrol and the Governor's Office of Highway Safety H.E.A.T. units wrapped up their 10<sup>th</sup> annual "Operation Lucky Charms" traffic enforcement early Sunday morning.

Local and state law enforcement officers made 30 D.U.I. arrests and issued more than 700 citations for various violations including no seat belts, children under 8 not riding in an approved safety seat, speeding, and distracted driving during the three-day enforcement operation.

"It is disappointing so many people ignored our warning and put their life and the lives of others at risk by making the foolish decision to get behind the wheel after drinking," G.O.H.S. Law Enforcement Services Director Roger Hayes said. "We want to thank the officers at Port Wentworth, Pooler, our H.E.A.T. units and the Georgia State Patrol for taking these drunk and drugged drivers off the road during the St. Patrick's Day weekend. This enforcement effort saved lives and allowed so many who traveled to this area to enjoy their celebration, and hopefully make plans to return next year."

In addition to the 30 D.U.I. arrests, officers made 25 drug arrests, seven felony arrests, one fugitive arrest and recovered a stolen vehicle.

#### THUNDER TASK FORCE "OPERATION LUCKY CHARMS" St. Patrick's Day Enforcement

VIOLATION TYPE	CITATIONS	WARNINGS	TOTAL
Seat Belt	185	3	188
Child Safety Seat	36	1	37
Speeding	84	0	84
Distracted Driving	90	0	90
Suspended License	23	0	23
Other Traffic Offenses	280	52	332

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