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### **“Arrive Alive” During Christmas & New Year’s Holidays** ***Summit County Prosecutor Continues Campaign to Help Keep*** ***Drunk Drivers Off The Road***

AKRON, Ohio (Thursday, December 20, 2018) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh is today relaunching an anti-drunk driving campaign to help keep Summit County roads safe during the Christmas and New Year’s holidays by providing free rides for people who’ve had too much alcohol to drink. The campaign coincides with National Impaired Driving Prevention Month.

“Last year, more than 10,000 people died in alcohol-related crashes in the United States. That’s nearly a third of all traffic fatalities. We must do more to keep drunk and impaired drivers off the road. My hope is with the past success of Arrive Alive we will do just that during the Christmas and New Year’s holidays,” said Prosecutor Walsh.

**WHAT:** FREE Cab Rides Home for Summit County Residents for the Christmas & New Year’s Holidays (up to \$65)

**WHEN:** From 6pm Friday December 21 to 6am Wednesday December 26

**AND**

From 6pm Monday December 31 to 6am Tuesday January 1, 2019

**HOW:** Call 330.475.7888

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Arrive Alive provides free rides home up to a \$65 dollar fare for anyone in Summit County who has had too much to drink while celebrating the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

"Everyday lives are needlessly lost and irreparably altered by crashes involving alcohol. These horrible tragedies are avoidable. I hope people commit to making responsible decisions when driving to make sure the holiday season is safe for everyone. I would also like to thank our sponsors: The law firms of Slater & Zurz, Kisling Nestico & Redick, Elk & Elk, and Bevan and Associates, as well as the participating taxi companies, Rides 4 Less Taxi, City Yellow Cab, Be Right There Taxi, and TRJ Transportation for their support in this effort."

Arrive Alive was launched during the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday weekend. Approximately 25 people used the service. The program was re-launched during the Thanksgiving holiday, where 80 people used the service over the four-day holiday weekend. Also during the Thanksgiving holiday, the Summit County OVI Task Force conducted two separate OVI checkpoints where not a single driver was arrested for driving under the influence.

Summit County residents who need a ride home because they've had too much to drink can call 330.475.7888. The program runs from 6pm on Friday December 21, 2018 through 6am Wednesday December 25, 2018 AND 6pm Monday December 31 to 6am Tuesday January 1, 2019.