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Prosecutor Walsh Reminds People to “Arrive Alive” During St. Patrick’s Day Holiday

Summit County Prosecutor Urges People Not to Rely on the “Luck of the Irish” to Get Home Safely During the holiday

AKRON, Ohio (Tuesday, March 15, 2022) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh, alongside Summit County Sheriff Kandy Fatheree, announced today the return of the “Arrive Alive” campaign for the St. Patrick’s Day holiday. The anti-drunk driving campaign will help keep Summit County roads safe during St. Patrick’s Day by providing FREE or reduced fare rides home, anywhere in Summit County.

WHAT: FREE Rides HOME for Summit County Residents for the St. Patrick’s Day Holiday

WHEN: From 6am Thursday March 17, 2022 to 6am Saturday March 19, 2022

HOW: 400 one-time use LYFT Codes for FREE or Reduced Fare Ride home (up to \$20) – USE CODE **SUMMITGREEN22**

“My mission as Summit County Prosecutor is to make our streets safer. Arrive Alive does just that. Nearly 3,000 people have used Arrive Alive to get home safely and not get behind the wheel impaired. A fun night out should not end in tragedy. The life you save might be your own,” said Prosecutor Walsh. “I would like to thank Summit County Sheriff Kandy Fatheree for helping sponsor our program during the St. Patrick’s Day holiday.”

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“Arrive Alive is a key element in my office’s mission to keep Summit County safe. I am so pleased to work with Prosecutor Walsh on this very important campaign,” said Sheriff Fatheree. “My deputies work every day to keep our residents safe. When out on patrol, and especially during the St. Patrick’s Day holiday, the men and women of the Summit County Sheriff’s Office are vigilant in keeping impaired and drunk drivers off the road.”

At today’s news conference Sandi and Scott Churby shared the story of their 27-year-old son Clinton, who was killed by a drunk driver along I-76 on October 28, 2020. Sandi Churby said “not a day or even an hour goes by that I don’t think of my son and his tragic loss. I think of what he could have become and the family of his own that he never got to have. There are zero reasons why anyone would need to get in their car after drinking and drive themselves home. Please think of others on the road. Think of the families, both yours and theirs, which are affected by your decisions.”

In October of 2021, 64-year-old Larry Dean Miller was sentenced to seven-to-10 ½ years in prison for causing the deadly crash.

Summit County residents who need a ride home because they decide to drink alcohol during the St. Patrick’s Day holiday can use a LYFT code for a FREE or reduced fare ride home (up to \$20). The codes are only good for the specific period-of-time outlined in the flyer and this news release.

The LYFT code for riders to use is **SUMMITGREEN22**.

Arrive Alive was launched in Summit County during the July 4th, 2018, holiday weekend. Since then, nearly 3,000 people have used the service.