

Portsmouth Police Department

Press Release

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Reference: Portsmouth Sobriety Checkpoint

On Saturday, July 31st uniformed Portsmouth Police Officers conducted a sobriety checkpoint on the northbound side of the Spaulding Turnpike near Farm Lane. Between 10:00 PM and 2:00 AM on August 1st 428 drivers had brief contact with officers trained in the detection of impaired drivers before continuing northbound. Four people were arrested for Possession of Marijuana and one person was arrested for Driving While Intoxicated.

The following four people are charged with Possession of a Controlled Drug (marijuana), a misdemeanor crime:

**Christina Foote 3-10-89 of 18 Main Street in Durham, NH
James Mathieu 12-30-90 of 591 Sixth Street in Dover, NH
Timothy Smith 1-15-91 of 4 Revolutionary Way in Nottingham, NH
Jared Brown 1-5-91 of 4 Tennyson Avenue in Dover, NH**

Also Shelby Walton (7-13-91) of 115 Old Dover Road in Rochester, NH was charged with Driving While Intoxicated, a misdemeanor.

Each was released on personal recognizance bail and will be arraigned in the Portsmouth District Court on September 13th, 2010.

Someday, we hope to report zero DUI arrests as the result of our efforts; until then, we will continue to aggressively patrol our streets in an effort to apprehend drunk drivers throughout the seacoast.

Expect more DUI Hunter Patrols, Saturation Patrols and Sobriety Checkpoints throughout 2010. If you're going to drink, please designate a sober driver or make

alternative arrangements. Don't let a drunk driving incident destroy your life or someone else's. If you drink and drive, you put yourself and the public at great risk.

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