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Two Arrested For DUI

Desert Hot Springs, Calif. – Desert Hot Springs Police Department arrested two drivers
on suspicion of Driving while Under the Influence (DUI) while conducting a DUI
enforcement patrol on July 24 and July 26.

While the state’s stay-at-home order is limiting how often people are out, the Desert
Hot Springs Police Department is committed to keeping the public safe when they do
need to run essential errands.

“Driving under the influence is dangerous, illegal and puts a further strain on resources
in the middle of a pandemic,” Chief Jim Henson said. “We are still out there and will
not hesitate to stop drivers who drive impaired.”

Drivers charged with DUI face an average of $13,500 in fines and penalties, as well as
a suspended license.

The Desert Hot Springs Police Department reminds the public that impaired driving is
not just from alcohol. Some prescription medications or over-the-counter drugs may
interfere with driving. Always follow directions for use and read warning labels about
driving or “operating heavy machinery,” which includes driving a car. While medicinal
and recreational marijuana are legal, driving under the influence of marijuana is
illegal.

The Desert Hot Springs Police Department will be holding another DUI enforcement
patrol throughout the year to keep our roadways safe.

Funding for this DUI Patrol was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic
Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.