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“Put the Phone Away or Pay” – Campaign

The Kearney Police Department recently participated in the national “*Put the Phone Away or Pay*” high-visibility enforcement campaign that ran April 7th - 14th. The campaign focused on raising awareness of the dangers of Distracted Driving in Nebraska.

Officers conducted an additional 25.75 hours of traffic patrol specifically focused on distracted driving. During this selective enforcement there were 21 speeding citations issued, 11 arrests for Driving Under the Influence, 1 open container of alcohol, 2 fugitives were apprehended, 4 reckless driving citations, and 1 felony arrest. In total 63 citations were issued with 440 total contacts during the campaign.

While the high-visibility enforcement mobilization has concluded, Kearney Police Department wants motorists to remember the dangers of texting and distracted driving. Next time you think about checking your phone when you’re driving, remember: “One second of distraction can lead to a lifetime of regret”.

Participation in this campaign is funded through a grant from the Nebraska Office of Highway Safety.

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We are sending this News Release as a service to the news media and citizens of Kearney.