



WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Sheriff Pat Garrett**

Media Release

Results from Today's Traffic Safety Mission in Aloha

October 12, 2017 – The Washington County Sheriff's Office Traffic Safety Unit and patrol deputies collaborated on a non-traditional traffic enforcement mission today in Aloha.

On Thursday, October 12, 2017, Washington County Sheriff's Office deputies assigned to patrol and to the Traffic Safety Unit collaborated on a non-traditional enforcement mission in Aloha. Deputies focused on educating the public on Oregon's hands-free law, which prohibits the use of an electronic device both while driving and also while stopped in traffic.

Plainclothes deputies were used as "spotters" for this mission. The "spotters" stood on sidewalks at various intersections and alerted uniformed deputies to violations they observed.

During the five-hour mission, deputies made 104 traffic stops. Of those stops, 73 stops were for violations of the hands-free law. Eleven citations were issued and 62 warnings were given.



Other enforcement action included:

- Three citations and four warnings for failure to wear or improper use of seatbelts;
- Two warnings for failure to obey a traffic control device;
- Six citations for driving while suspended;
- Two citations for operating without driving privileges;
- One citation for speeding;
- Three warnings for expired vehicle registration;
- Two citations and three warnings for vehicle insurance violations;
- Four warnings for vehicle equipment violations;
- Four warnings for lane use violations;

Deputies want to remind the motoring public that drivers cannot hold cell phones in their hands, nor can they use cell phones while stopped in traffic.