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KANE COUNTY SAO PLANS ST. PATRICK'S DAY ANTI-DUI INITIATIVE

Kane County State's Attorney Jamie L. Mosser announces that Kane County police agencies will work with the State's Attorney's Office on an impaired driving abatement initiative beginning at 11 p.m. on Saturday, March 16 and ending at 3 a.m. on Sunday, March 17.

The initiative, called a No-Refusal operation, is designed to assist police efforts to obtain a search warrant for individuals who refuse to submit to chemical testing after a DUI arrest. Kane County Assistant State's Attorneys are on hand to assist police officers through the search warrant process to compel a DUI suspect to submit to a lawfully requested blood, breath or urine test as required by Illinois law.

Illinois courts have held that a person has no right to refuse chemical testing when probable cause exists. Anyone who declines to submit to chemical testing after being presented with a search warrant should expect to face additional charges.

SA Mosser said:

"When a person decides to drink to excess and get behind the wheel of a car, it places everyone at risk. People will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day on Saturday, which unfortunately means that more people are likely to take unnecessary risks. Designated drivers, taxis, Uber and Lyft are excellent alternatives. We partner with police to obtain search warrants so we can get the evidence to prosecute anyone who chooses to compromise public safety. My thanks to all in law enforcement who will be patrolling that night. I hope they all get home safe."

The operation will be the 36th No-Refusal since the Kane County State's Attorney's Office began the program in 2008.