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Annual D.U.I. Checkpoint to be hosted by the Peshlakai Family and Madam Chair Eugenia Charles-Newton in New Mexico

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SANTA FE, N.M.. — Law and Order Chairwoman Eugenia Charles-Newton of the 24th Navajo Nation Council will be joined by Darlene Peshlakai of Naschitti, New Mexico, and the Mothers Against Drunk Driving organization for an annual D.U.I. Checkpoint to prevent partons from driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

12 years ago on March 5, 2010, Deshauna and Del Lynn Peshlakai were killed in a car crash caused by a repeat drunk driver in Santa Fe. The Peshlakai family now is dedicated to educating the public, sponsoring rodeos, leading motorcycle bike runs, and hosting an annual basketball tournament - all in the name of combating drunk driving.

In honor of the “Angel Sisters,” New Mexico state and local police will again stop drivers and administer sobriety tests at the intersection of Cerrillos and Cristo’s roads beginning at 5 p.m. Sunday. Madam Chair Charles-Newton will host a press conference at the checkpoint location around 6:00 p.m.

What: Annual D.U.I Checkpoint and Press Conference

Who: Council Delegates, Community Leaders, Local Advocates, and Family Members

When: April 17, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

Where: Southside of Santa Fe, New Mexico

Contact: Alray Nelson, Communications Director at (928) 565-0440

Members of the media are encouraged to attend and a video live stream will be provided through the Facebook page for the Navajo Nation Council: <https://www.facebook.com/navajonationcouncil>.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving is a non-profit organization in the United States, Canada and Brazil that seeks to stop drunk driving, support those affected by drunk driving, prevent underage drinking, and strive for stricter impaired driving policy, whether that impairment is caused by alcohol or any other drug.

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