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Multi-Jurisdictional Drag Racing Initiative Leads To Jail Time For Anne Arundel County Man

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(PIKESVILLE, Md.) – The recent sentencing of an Anne Arundel County man found guilty on charges related to illegal street racing in Baltimore County highlights the seriousness with which law enforcement takes combatting the issue in Maryland.

Matthew Lee Broseker, 25, of Glen Burnie, on Wednesday was found guilty in Baltimore County District Court of participating in a speed contest, failing to display a registration card, spinning wheels and driving an uninsured motor vehicle. He was sentenced to 10 days in jail at the Baltimore County Detention Center and fined \$1,000 as part of his punishment.

Charges against Broseker came after Maryland state troopers from the Golden Ring Barrack and Baltimore County officers joined forces in August to carry out a joint initiative that focused enforcement efforts on aggressive driving and illegal street racing in Baltimore County.

Traffic enforcement efforts by Maryland state troopers and Baltimore County officers during the operation resulted in more than 60 traffic stops that led to three arrests of impaired drivers. The enforcement efforts took place from Aug. 17 to 18, 2018. During that period, troopers and officers arrested three impaired drivers, cited two additional drivers for suspended licenses and cited two other street racers with multiple citations. Overall, the initiative yielded 65 traffic stops which led to troopers and officers issuing 97 citations, 33 warnings and 23 safety equipment repair orders.

The joint initiative took place in the area of Interstate 70 and Interstate 695. Through investigation troopers and officers learned about two illegal street races, one taking place on I-70. The race had a crowd of what investigators estimated to be 50 to 60 people. Participants shut down westbound I-70 for approximately 15 minutes while the illegal street racing was going on.

Troopers and officers were able to strategically position themselves ahead of the street racing activity. At some point participants were alerted to the police presence and started to flee from the racing area on I-70. The joint team was able to stop two street racers and both illegal street racers were charged appropriately.

The Maryland State Police Golden Ring Barrack and the Baltimore County Police Department will continue their efforts to put a stop to illegal street racing and deter others from being a part of such illegal activity. Future initiatives are planned to continue to combat the issue.

The Maryland State Police continue to support the Maryland Department of Transportation's campaign "Toward Zero Deaths." These high visibility enforcement efforts reduce the number of aggressive driving, motor vehicle crashes in which speed, alcohol and other driving violations are contributing factors to crashes on Maryland roads. Troopers will continue these initiatives on a regular basis.

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