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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **37 DUII Arrests Made in April**

Beaverton, Oregon- During the early morning hours of May 9th, 2024, Beaverton Police Department officers were dispatched to the report of a vehicle which had struck a construction trailer and then flipped onto its roof near the intersection of SW Scholls Ferry Road and SW Murray Blvd.

Once officers arrived, they located the vehicle, a 2010 Ford Escape (pictured) and the driver (sole occupant), 37-year-old Jayla Kang Cowan of Aloha, Oregon. Kang Cowan was uninjured.

Witnesses indicated Kang Cowan was driving her vehicle westbound on SW Scholls Ferry Road through the intersection at SW Murray Blvd when she traveled through caution tape and around traffic cones into a closed-off area. Her Ford Escape then reportedly hit a detached fork to a backhoe before traveling up the back of a construction trailer, causing her vehicle to overturn before it finally came to rest.

Beaverton Police Officers arrested Kan Cowan for DUII and her vehicle was towed away from the scene.

According to the Center for Disease Control, 32 people in the United States are killed every day in crashes involving an alcohol-impaired driver—this is one death every 45 minutes. Drinking and driving do not mix.

The Beaverton Police Department is participating in a yearlong National Traffic Safety Campaign in 2024. The focus of this campaign is taking impaired drivers off our streets and keeping Beaverton a safe city to travel and live. Officers participated in targeted patrols for impaired drivers throughout April and made 37 total DUII arrests. Of the 37 DUII arrests in April, eight drivers refused to take a breath test and a warrant for a blood draw was granted.

This May and throughout the rest of 2024, officers will continue their efforts to take impaired drivers off the streets of our no-refusal city. This High Visibility Enforcement (HVE) detail was paid for by grant funds from Oregon Impact and ODOT.

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