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Denver Police Warn Against the Dangers and Consequences of Street Racing

Denver – March 10, 2021 – Today, the Denver Police Department is reminding drivers and passengers of the dangers of speed contests and illegal drag racing events. Drag racing continues to be a safety concern for motorists, as high speeds increase the likelihood of injury and death in crashes. Additionally, large gatherings where these occur, can result in other crimes and violence. There are several legal consequences of drag racing, including the impounding of vehicles.

One such example occurred on Friday, January 22, 2021, when a Denver Police officer assigned to Traffic Operations was conducting proactive patrol on I-25. There he observed two motorists who appeared to be taking part in a speed contest (drag racing). After clocking one of the motorists travelling at 105 miles per hour, the officer initiated a traffic stop. The motorist, 21-year-old Erika Duran Cabrera, was cited for drag racing and her vehicle was detained under Denver's [Public Nuisance Abatement Ordinance](#). A video of this incident can be viewed [here](#).

Drag racing is extremely dangerous and has very serious consequences. Those who engage in drag racing risk losing up to 12 points on their driver's license, fines up to \$999 and having their vehicle impounded.

The Denver Police Department continually monitors for street racing events, and for several months has dedicated resources – now including its helicopter – to disrupting the gatherings, while enforcing traffic and criminal offenses. Recently during proactive enforcement, officers stopped a driver for violating the law and recovered three guns, body armor and a large amount of narcotics.

“The goal of the Denver Police Department is deterrence of these dangerous behaviors,” said Chief Paul M. Pazen. “There is no winning in drag racing in Denver, only losing – losing points on your driver’s license, losing money towards fines, losing your vehicle, and worse – losing one’s life.”

If someone witnesses street racing or knows of any planned events to organize illegal street racing, they are encouraged to report it online at [ReportStreetRacing.com](#). Also, if they are in Denver and want to report street racing or reckless driving by phone, they can call 720-913-2000 or call/text 911.

For more information on Denver's drag racing ordinance, visit <https://bit.ly/3l4jnHo>.