

A DUI checkpoint and special patrol of the city last Friday night yielded only one drunk driving arrest from around 500 cars checked.

As part of the county's "Avoid the 21" drunk-driving suppression program, San Leandro police set up a sobriety and driver's license checkpoint on the 14800 block of East 14th Street from 8 p.m. to midnight, according to Lt. Rick DeCosta.

They had planned on staying out and checking cars for a few more hours early Saturday, but the rain was so heavy that they broke up the checkpoint and instead sent officers on a special patrol of the city's streets.

It was during the patrol that the suspected drunk driver was pulled over and arrested, according to DeCosta.

During the checkpoint, 490 vehicles were screened and two drivers were asked to perform field sobriety tests, but neither of those drivers were arrested.

Additionally, five traffic citations were issued.

During the patrol, 12 cars were pulled over and one DUI arrest was made.

One other person was arrested for an unrelated crime and two tickets were issued.

This special increased holiday enforcement was funded by an “Avoid the 21” county grant.