

# **NHP: Zero tolerance for driving high on pot**

“Drive high, get a DUI” is the message the Nevada Highway Patrol wants drivers in Nevada to remember as the use of recreational marijuana becomes legal Jan. 1 in the state.

The use of marijuana prior to or in the act of driving continues to be illegal and a serious crime.

If the officer, determines that the driver is under the influence of marijuana or other intoxicating substance, the driver will be required to submit to a blood test.

Nevada law specifies that drivers with 2 nanograms of active THC implies DUI. However, no matter the level of THC, law enforcement officers will base arrests on observed impairment.

Currently Nevada law does not differentiate penalties for marijuana impaired driving from alcohol impaired driving. The penalties are the same regardless of the substance, or combination of substances.