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Alcohol Screening Can Make Our Roads Safer

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Sgt. Brett Moore said the lower standard for administering breath tests gives officers another tool in their belt to stop drunk drivers.

"Police miss a lot of impaired drivers," he said, noting that people can be quite good at masking their impairment.

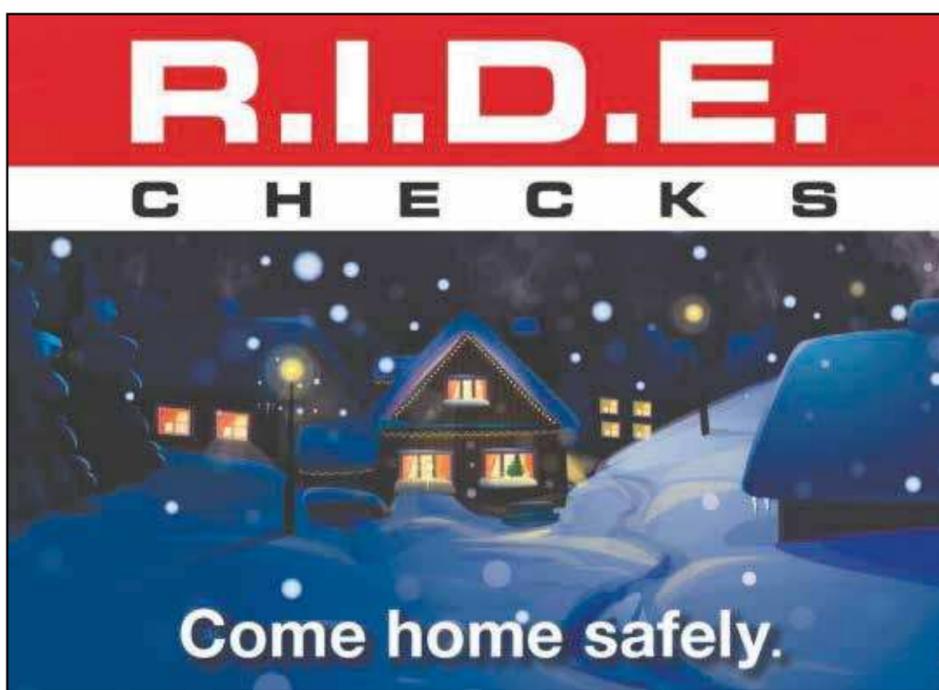
"It's just a really good, strong message that there's a real high likelihood that if you get stopped by police, you're going to get asked to submit to a breath test."

The new law has also been welcomed by Mothers Against Drunk Driving Canada, which said mandatory alcohol screening has a proven track record of making roads safer.

Under the new rules, maximum penalties for many alcohol-impaired driving offences are being bumped up to 10 years from five, which the federal government and police forces alike hope will act as a deterrent.

But Engel said that whether it has an effect remains to be seen.

"To date, it's not apparent that



any of the measures, which are already quite punitive, are having any deterrent effect," he said.

Provincial police in Ontario

noted that between the beginning of 2018 and the middle of November, its officers had laid more than 7,300 impaired driv-

ing charges. According to federal statistics, an average of almost four people die in Canada daily due to impaired driving.

Sajjan Kumar Convicted Of Murder, Conspiracy

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The court convicted the Congress leader under various counts of Indian Penal Code (IPC) including murder, criminal conspiracy, delivering provocative speeches instigating violence against Sikhs, mischief by fire or explosive substance with intent to destroy house and injuring or defiling place of worship with intent to insult the religion of any class.

The CBI had filed an appeal challenging the acquittal of Sajjan Kumar and said that the trial court "erred in acquitting Sajjan Kumar as it was he who had instigated the mob during the riots".

In October, the High Court reserved its order on the pleas challenging that trial court judgement on Sajjan Kumar but convicted the other five in the killing of five people in Delhi Cantonment area



Sikhs shout slogans as they participate in a cycle rally protesting the 1984 anti-Sikh riots in New Delhi. More than 3000 Sikhs were killed in the riots that followed the assassination of former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi by her Sikh bodyguards in 1984. (File: AP Photo/Altaf Qadri)

following Indira Gandhi's killing.

The HC Division Bench upheld the trial court April 30, 2013 judgement convicting five other

accused -- former councillor Balwan Khokhar, former legislator Mahender Yadav, Krishan Khokhar, Girdhari Lal and Retired

Captain Bhagmal -- for their involvement in the case.

The five have filed appeals against their conviction.

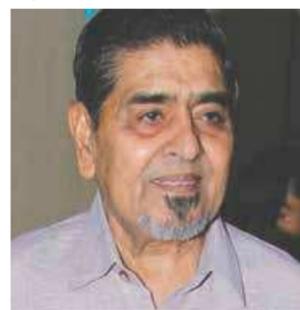
Khokhar, Bhagmal and Lal, who were sentenced to life imprisonment, are currently in jail while the HC has asked Yadav and Krishan to surrender by December 31 and not to leave Delhi.

The HC enhanced the punishment of Yadav and Krishan to 10 years in jail and slapped a fine of Rs 1 lakh on each convict.

Sajjan Kumar and the others were charged with the killing of five Sikhs -- Kehar Singh, Gurpreet Singh, Raghuvender Singh, Narender Pal Singh and Kuldeep Singh, who were members from the same family -- by a mob in Delhi Cantonment's Raj Nagar area on October 31, 1984.

The HC said the accused had been brought to justice primarily on account of the courage and perseverance of three witnesses: Jagdish Kaur, whose husband, son and three cousins were the five who were killed; Jagshar Singh, another cousin of Jagdish Kaur, and Nirpreet Kaur, who saw the Gurudwara being burnt down and her father being burnt to death.

Action Urged On Tytler, Kamal Nath



Jagdish Tytler

CHANDIGARH: Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) president Sukhbir Singh Badal on Wednesday asked Congress President Rahul Gandhi to expel Jagdish Tytler from the party and remove Kamal Nath from the post of chief minister of Madhya Pradesh as their names figured in cases related to the 1984 anti-Sikh riots.

"Will he take action against these Congress leaders for the killings of thousands of innocent Sikhs or wait for them to be sentenced by courts before taking action against them?" Badal asked.

Badal said Rahul should explain his silence and also clarify why he tried to mislead the people by claiming that no Congress leader was involved in the 1984 Sikh massacres.

"It seems Rahul is afraid to take action against the genocide perpetrators because he feels .. they will spill the beans and give details about how his father Rajiv Gandhi supervised the mass murder of Sikhs," he said.

The SAD president said the Election Commission must step in and take action against the Congress party.

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