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DISTRICT ATTORNEY ANNOUNCES
NO-REFUSAL OPERATIONS FOR MARDI GRAS WEEKENDS

GALVESTON, TX – Galveston County Criminal District Attorney Jack Roady announced today that his office will be working with law enforcement agencies across Galveston County in sponsoring No-Refusal operations during both weekends of Mardi Gras – beginning Friday, February 6th through Sunday, February 8th, and again on Friday, February 13th, through Sunday, February 15th.

“This year, Mardi Gras events in the County are expected to draw over 300,000 visitors,” Roady said. “We want everyone to be able to enjoy the festivities in safety, and that means law enforcement will be working extra hard to keep drunk drivers off the road.”

In Texas, anyone driving with a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of .08 grams per deciliter or higher is considered legally impaired. Under the No Refusal program, police officers may seek blood search warrants for offenders who are arrested for DWI and refuse the officer’s request for blood alcohol testing. Blood samples collected can be used as evidence in the DWI cases.

A DWI arrest and conviction in Texas can cost \$17,000 or more: fees include car towing and impoundment, bail, attorney fees, court costs, hearing and fees to regain and retain a driver’s license, DWI fines, probation costs, fees for extended proof of insurance, plus insurance rate hikes.

Local judges will be available to make probable cause determinations and authorize the blood search warrants. Prosecutors and nurses will also work through the night to assist police officers with these investigations.

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