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**DISTRICT ATTORNEY ANNOUNCES**  
**NO-REFUSAL OPERATIONS FOR MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND**

GALVESTON, TX – Galveston County Criminal District Attorney Jack Roady announced today that law enforcement agencies across Galveston County will be working together to conduct No Refusal Operations for the upcoming Memorial Day Weekend, May 22 through May 25.

“Someone in Texas is hurt or killed about every 20 minutes in a crash involving alcohol,” Roady said. “It’s even more important to raise awareness of this issue on major holidays such as Memorial Day, when families will be traveling with children. Texas law allows much harsher penalties for those who drive drunk with a child passenger. A person convicted for the felony of driving while intoxicated with a child younger than 15 years of age faces up to two years in a State Jail facility.”

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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