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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 27 through May 30.

“Holiday weekends mean more drivers – and more families – on the road, especially as Memorial Day Weekend opens the summer season in Galveston County,” Roady said. “Galveston County law enforcement agencies are joining other agencies across the region in stepping up prevention measures against intoxicated drivers. Our ultimate goal is to reduce the number of intoxication related crashes, injuries and deaths on Texas roads and keep our residents and visitors safe.”

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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