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DISTRICT ATTORNEY ANNOUNCES NO-REFUSAL OPERATIONS FOR FOURTH OF JULY 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 Fourth of July Weekend, July 1 through July 4.

“The Fourth of July holiday weekend is a peak travel and tourist time for Galveston County, so DWI enforcement will be a priority,” Roady said. “This Fourth of July weekend, our No Refusal operations will get an extra boost thanks to enhanced operations by State Troopers with the Texas Department of Public Safety. They will be joining the rest of law enforcement officers throughout Galveston County to wage the battle against drunk drivers.”

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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