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## **“NO REFUSAL” IN EFFECT FOR THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY WEEKEND**

(Tarrant County, TX) — This long weekend of Thanksgiving, Tarrant County law enforcement agencies are working in partnership to crack down on intoxicated drivers by instituting a “No Refusal” policy. Under this program, drivers pulled over for suspected impaired driving who refuse to take a routine breath test will instead be subject to a court-ordered blood test.

“There were 1,624 DWI-related crashes in Tarrant County last year,” said Criminal District Attorney, Sharen Wilson. “That’s four or more crashes in our community every day. The way we will ultimately eradicate the problem of drunk driving is by educating drivers about the realities of the offense, and holding the offenders responsible for their decisions. Community action like the No Refusal weekends demonstrate our commitment to arresting and prosecuting those who take all of our lives in their hands when they choose to drink and drive.”

Sheriffs and police officers from departments around the county will be posted starting Wednesday night, with access to expedited judicial warrants and centralized blood-draw locations.

The “No Refusal” policy will be in effect until 5:30am on Monday, November 30th.

