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## Don't Drink and Drive

(Fort Worth, TX) – Make sure you and your loved ones stay safe this holiday season. Don't drink and drive.

Tarrant County is year-round No Refusal, which means that drivers pulled over for suspected impaired driving who refuse to take a routine breath test will be subject to a court-ordered blood test.

"There is no reason in this day and time to get behind the wheel while intoxicated," Tarrant County Criminal District Attorney Sharen Wilson said. "Plan ahead.

"Call a friend or take an Uber, Lyft or taxi," she said. "If you don't, and you drive while intoxicated, we will get your blood and prosecute you. We are committed to keeping our community safe by keeping impaired drivers off the road."

Driving While Intoxicated is one of the most committed crimes in Tarrant County. As of early December, there were 5,028 pending DWI cases in Tarrant County.

A first offense of DWI is a Class B misdemeanor, which comes with a fine of as much as \$2,000 and up to 180 days in jail.