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### Media Release

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**Re:** Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest  
4th of July Crackdown on Drunk Driving

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Drunk driving is one of America's deadliest crimes. In fact, during 2004, nearly 13,000 people were killed in highway crashes involving an impaired driver or motorcycle operator with an illegal blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of .08 or higher. The picture for motorcycle operators is particularly bleak. Forty-one percent of the 1,672 motorcycle operators who died in single-vehicle crashes in 2004 had BAC levels of .08 or higher.

"Make no mistake. Our message is simple. No matter what you drive – a passenger car, pickup, sport utility vehicle or motorcycle – if we catch you driving impaired, we will arrest you. No exceptions. No excuses," said Sheriff Richard B. Nugent

The Hernando County Sheriff's Office will be out in force conducting saturation patrols and increasing manpower to get more drunk drivers off the road during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday weekend. Driving with a BAC of .08 or higher is illegal in every state. We want everyone to play it safe and always designate a sober driver or find a different way home if they have been out drinking

This initiative will be county wide. So don't take the chance. Remember, if you are over the limit, you are under arrest.