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Media Release

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Re: “DRIVE SOBER OR GET PULLED OVER” National Campaign

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The number of citizens who drive under the influence typically increases during holiday weekends, which sometimes results in crashes with property damage, injuries, and/or death. In an effort to prevent serious injury crashes related to drivers who are under the influence, the Hernando County Sheriff's Office will be participating in the “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” National Campaign.

This Friday, October 28, 2011 from 5:00 pm through Sunday, October 30, 2011 until 5:00 am, additional patrol deputies, traffic units, and reserve deputies will be utilizing marked and unmarked patrol vehicles to enforce a ZERO tolerance for drivers who are driving while under the influence of alcohol or narcotics.

All Hernando County Deputies involved in this National Campaign will be encouraged to take a ZERO tolerance stance during any DUI stop and will make an arrest when probable cause exists.

“The Halloween weekend should be celebrated responsibly so positive memories can be made,” said Sheriff Al Nienhuis. “I encourage everyone attending Halloween parties to designate a sober driver. Don't risk getting a DUI, or even worse, being involved in a vehicle crash that results in injury or death. We don't want our citizens to experience any *real* horrors this Halloween weekend”