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## News Release

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### DRIVE SOBER OR GET PULLED OVER CAMPAIGN

Sheriff Greg Champagne is joining other local law enforcement agencies in participating in the statewide ***Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over*** campaign. Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over is a high-visibility national enforcement campaign that begins on Thursday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> – Monday, July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020. It is funded by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, through the Louisiana Highway Safety Commission.

Over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday period in 2018, 193 people died in motor vehicle traffic crashes. 40% of those fatalities occurred in alcohol-impaired crashes. This compares to 2018 when 38% of the July 4 holiday period fatalities occurred in alcohol-impaired-driving crashes. 71% of those who died in alcohol-impaired crashes were in a crash involving at least one driver or motorcyclist with a B.A.C. of .15 or higher.

During the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday, the St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office will have increased officers on the road, aimed to reduce drunk driving.

"By joining this nationwide effort, we hope to make the streets of St. Charles Parish safer for everyone", said Sheriff Champagne.