

Drive against DWI nets 7 cases

Fort Bend County law enforcement officials arrested seven people for driving while intoxicated during the special drive launched by district attorney on the eve of the New Year's Day.

The drive known as "no refusal holiday" for drunk drivers was a success, Fort Bend County District Attorney John Healey said.

The suspected drunk drivers, who refused to take a breath test or blood test, were forced to give blood after obtaining a warrant from a judge.

A special unit was set up in

the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office where a nurse drew blood from the suspects and an assistant district attorney helped prepare the warrants.

Of the seven cases, two took the breath test and two others voluntarily gave blood samples, Healey said.

Three others declined to give blood. District Judges Jim Shoemake and Bradley Elliott issued the warrants.

All five drivers' blood samples showed the alcohol content of their blood was higher than the legal limit, Healey said. "I am pleased with the

cooperation of the law enforcement and the judges who issued the warrants after reviewing the evidence," he said.

Ironically as the assistant district attorney in charge of the operation was driving to the sheriff's office, southbound on U.S. 59 near the Grand Parkway, one vehicle entered the freeway from the Williams Way exit and proceeded northbound on the southbound lane.

It is not known what happened to the driver.