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**Waller County Sheriff's Office & District Attorney's Office Partnership
for Homebound Waller County Citizens**

Hempstead, TX – Homebound Waller County residents will have another resource to assist with pick-up and delivery of essential items during the next 2 weeks. Sheriff's Reserve Deputies and District Attorney's Reserve Investigators will be available between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. during the week (and Saturday) to assist Waller County residents who are unable to pick up prescribed medication and items, such as medical devices, special dietary needs, and healthcare equipment.

During times of distress and emergency, persons who are confined to their homes may be unable to access basic or special necessities. Relying upon Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Applied Research, Sheriff Glenn Smith and District Attorney Elton Mathis recognize that the social determinants of good public health are life-enhancing resources, such as access to medicine, transportation, food supply, and other basics. According to Sheriff Smith, "promoting quality of life and ensuring public safety are cornerstones of our service, and providing this opportunity to our citizens is part of our mission."

"It is important that our elderly and sick population know that there are resources they can trust to provide basic food and medicine without worrying about theft or being scammed" says DA Mathis. This collaboration is meant to place into motion another county resource that will benefit citizens who would otherwise forego basic necessities.

The following steps will get a Deputy or Investigator to assist you:

1. Order and make payment arrangements with the pharmacy, store, or business that will supply your essential item(s). Personnel will not have change.
2. Contact the Sheriff's Office (979.826.8282) with your name and address.
3. If there is a quarantine or isolation, identify the location where the item(s) may be placed and the number where you may be reached.
4. You may also contact Deputy Chief Manny Zamora at 346.666.4992 or Major Dana Lewis, at 346.818.7840.

The program will operate Monday – Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., until March 27, 2020, and is limited to essential needs from Waller County stores and pharmacies.

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