



JOE LESTER
Sheriff

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SUBJ: **PRESS RELEASE by Sheriff Joe Lester**
CCSO encourages safety over Memorial Day weekend

The Memorial Day weekend is just two days away.

Cleveland County Sheriff Joe Lester and his deputies encourage everyone to enjoy the holiday weekend but please be safe especially on roads and lakes.

Deputies ask that people wear seat belts as they travel to their destination and no drinking and driving.

Also, watch the speed limit. Deputies won't hesitate to stop and cite motorists caught not obeying the speed limit.

This is a popular holiday weekend for crowds to gather at area lakes.

As people visit the lake, remember to wear life preservers while boating or swimming. Even the strongest swimmer can get into trouble in the water and drown.

Sheriff Lester said his deputies will arrest and jail anyone caught breaking the law and putting others in danger.

"I hope everybody has a good time with their family and friends over the Memorial Day weekend but please be cautious and keep safe," Lester said. "If you disregard the law, you will find yourself in trouble and spending the long-weekend in jail."

Any questions regarding this press release and/or information can be addressed to Meghan McCormick, Cleveland County Sheriff's Office, community liaison/public information officer. McCormick can be reached at (405) 701-8847.