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MEDIA ADVISORY

Houston Press Conference to Combat Moving Scams

The Houston Police Department's arrest of two men suspected of stealing household goods from citizens across the state sheds light on the severity of these illegal operators posing as moving businesses in Texas.

A new state law that allows for escalating fines and jail time will now make it easier for police and sheriff's departments across Texas to punish those who try to run moving scams. Moving scams are a national problem and the new law is being viewed as a model to combat the problem.

The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TxDMV) and Southwest Movers Association (SMA) are teaming up to educate consumers on the new law and offer tips on how Texans can avoid being scammed. May, which is national moving month, is the start of the summer moving season - the time when Texans are most likely to fall victim to moving scams.

WHEN: 11 a.m., Tuesday, May 1.

WHERE: TxDMV Regional Service Center parking lot, 7721 Washington Ave., Houston, 77007. (In the event of rain, the press conference will be held on the second floor of the Regional Service Center).

SPEAKERS: TxDMV Board Member Johnny Walker; Southwest Movers Association Executive Director John D. Esparza; American Moving and Storage Association President and CEO Linda Bauer Darr; Houston Police Department Assistant Chief John Trevino; TxDMV Enforcement Director Bill Harbeson.

VISUALS: Moving trucks from local SMA member companies will be available on site for demonstrations on best practices and moving tips.

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