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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Governor's Office of Highway Safety Awards Seat Belt Safety Grant to *The Camden County Sheriff's Office***

Woodbine, Georgia The Camden County Sheriff's Office is pleased to announce it has received a \$26,000.00 grant from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS). The grant, which will continue through September of 2017, will help finance the purchase of a transport trailer that will contain a static display of a Camden County Sheriff's Office patrol car which was forced off the highway and rolled over nine times. The crash occurred as deputies were attempting to arrest a North Carolina murder suspect. The Deputy survived the crash because he was wearing a seat belt. The transport trailer will be equipped with video equipment allowing presentation of the patrol car videos of the tremendous crash that occurred, and additional videos stressing the importance of seat belt usage.

"The Governor's Office of Highway Safety is committed to keeping everyone safe on our roads and highways, from the smallest precious cargo to the most seasoned drivers," said GOHS Director Harris Blackwood.

**Sheriff Jim Proctor said. "I would like to thank the Governor's Office of Highway Safety for awarding the grant to The Camden County Sheriff's Office. This mobile display will demonstrate to people of all ages the importance of wearing a seat belt. Seat belts do save lives."**

The Camden County Sheriff's Office has always promoted traffic safety. The increase of traffic fatalities in Georgia requires law enforcement to not only issue traffic citations, but also educate the citizens through programs designed to accomplish highway safety.

***For more information on the Seat Belt Safety Program, contact Sgt. Chris Fedd (912) 510-5100 or [cbfedd@co.camden.ga.us](mailto:cbfedd@co.camden.ga.us). For more information on GOHS and its highway safety programs visit [www.gahighwaysafety.org](http://www.gahighwaysafety.org).***

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