



# NEWS RELEASE



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### For Immediate Release:

**Today's Date:** August 31, 2006  
**Prepared By:** Sergeant Keith Faulk  
**Release #:** 2006-174  
**Incident Date:** Labor Day - Monday, September 4, 2006  
**Incident Location:** SR 26, City of Melrose

### Media Advisory:

The Alachua County Sheriff's Office will be conducting a traffic safety check point in the Melrose area on Labor Day, Monday, September 4, 2006, to address vehicle safety equipment deficiencies.

Motorists are urged to routinely check their vehicle's safety equipment to ensure compliance and reduce your chances of being involved in a crash. This check should include the following:

- Take a "walk around" your vehicle to allow you the opportunity to visually observe your tires. Routinely check your tire pressure with a quality tire pressure gauge.
- Check your turn signals, headlights and brake lights.
- Check your horn and windshield wipers.
- Check all of your fluid levels.
- If you have a child restraint seat in your vehicles, check it each time before use.

In addition to your check, make sure you put a copy of your valid insurance and vehicle registration in your vehicle. Citations for equipment violations are \$77.50.

Drivers who enter the checkpoint are urged to slow down and follow the deputy's instructions.

Anyone who would like more information on traffic safety can contact the ACSO's Traffic Safety Bureau at 367-4110.