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Van Zandt County Citizens:

The current Covid 19 crisis requires all of us to make sacrifices in order to ensure the safety of those in our community. It is my job as your Criminal District Attorney to prosecute people who injure or endanger members of our community. This includes those who endanger us by failing to comply with the orders in place due to this virus. It is my duty to prosecute those offenders.

Offenses that injure or endanger our most vulnerable and offenses that occur at times when we are all vulnerable are more heinous, and the law recognizes that justice demands increased punishment for those offenses. It is my duty to seek those punishments.

It is my sincere desire that every citizen of this county abide by the orders of the Governor and our County Judge so we can keep this disease from taking further hold in our County. But please know this: I will fulfill my duty. To those who violate the Governor's Executive Order or the County Judge's Declaration, you will be charged, you will be prosecuted, and upon conviction, you will be punished for each violation.

For those who choose this time of crisis to commit other crimes, you deserve the enhanced punishment ranges you will face.

The Governor's Executive Order may be found at [https://gov.texas.gov/uploads/files/press/EO-GA-14 Statewide Essential Service and Activity COVID-19 IMAGE 03-31-2020.pdf](https://gov.texas.gov/uploads/files/press/EO-GA-14_Statewide_Essential_Service_and_Activity_COVID-19_IMAGE_03-31-2020.pdf).

The County Judge's Declaration may be found at www.vanzandtcounty.org.

The Department of Homeland Security list of Essential Businesses may be found at <https://www.cisa.gov/publication/guidance-essential-critical-infrastructure-workforce>.

For questions concerning whether your business is an essential business or to report a violation of either order you may email covidquestions@vanzandtcounty.org.