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Truancy Enforcement Project

Riverside, Ca. – On Wednesday, December 14th, 2011, school resource officers and detectives from the Riverside Police Department's Neighborhood Policing Centers Investigation Units conducted a citywide "Truancy Enforcement Project." The project sought to discourage truancy in both the Riverside Unified and Alvord School Districts. The project is designed to demonstrate that truancy will not be ignored. The project also aims to reduce the frequency of daytime crimes by students who are unsupervised during their truancy from school.

During the operation, officers and detectives contacted forty-eight students in order to determine if they were in violation of Riverside Municipal Code Section 9.10.010 Daytime Loitering by Minors.

"It is unlawful for any minor under the age of eighteen years, who is subject to compulsory education or to compulsory continuation education to loiter, idle, wander, or be in or upon the public streets, highways, roads, alley, parks, playground, or other public grounds, public places, vacant buildings, or any unsupervised place during the operating school hours of the juvenile offender's school on days when the juvenile offender's school is in session."

Twenty-eight students were cited for the daytime loitering violation and three juveniles were arrested for misdemeanor and infraction offenses. During the course of the operation one suspect was contacted in the Orange Crest area and found to be in possession of a loaded stolen firearm. He has been identified as Roscoe WILSON, 20-years, from Moreno Valley; he was booked for possession of a firearm and possession of stolen property.

