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## **Riverside Police DUI Checkpoint Nets 4 Arrests**

The Riverside Police Department conducted a DUI/Driver's License Checkpoint on Friday, May 18, 2012, as part of Riverside's commitment to public safety. This checkpoint was one of many that have been or will be conducted throughout the year in the City of Riverside. The location of Friday's checkpoint was on Market Street and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. The goal of the DUI Checkpoint was removing unlicensed or impaired drivers and to bring awareness to the public of the dangers of driving under the influence of drugs and alcohol. At the conclusion of the night, one of the drivers arrested for DUI had ran a red light in front of officers working the checkpoint and then crashed into a parked car.

RSO/CAL-ID was also on hand to assist with the identification of subjects that did not have a driver's license or official identification. Several were processed at the checkpoint with their assistance to ensure a better means of identification in the future.

In addition to enforcing traffic laws the Department's personnel assisted several families with the proper installation of their child safety seats to ensure the safety of the little ones passing through the checkpoint.

**Results:**

- 1090 vehicles passed through the checkpoint
- 1090 drivers were contacted with 77 being screened
- 2 DUI suspects were arrested
- 1 subject was arrested for the felony possession of a dagger
- 1 subject was arrested for delaying/obstructing a police officer
- 54 citations were issued
- 4 vehicles were impounded
- 16 unlicensed and suspended drivers were sent to court

The checkpoint was funded by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Report Drunk Drivers – Call 9-1-1!

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