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### Truancy Reduction Program

RIVERSIDE, CA – On Thursday, November 14, 2013, Riverside Police Department and Alvard Unified School District (AUSD) personnel conducted a “Truancy Reduction Program.” The project sought to encourage school attendance in the Alvard Unified School District to reduce the frequency of juvenile delinquent behavior, by students who are unsupervised during their absence from school.

Police officers and AUSD personnel contacted sixteen habitual truants at their homes. The juveniles and their parents were educated on the importance of being in school. Police Officers also located several truant juveniles in city parks and local shopping centers. Officers cited twelve students for daytime loitering in violation of the Riverside Municipal Code. Truant students were taken to their schools.

#### **Enforcement Section:**

##### ***RMC 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, alleys, parks, playgrounds, 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.