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RIVERSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT CONDUCTS UNDERCOVER OPERATION TARGETING STREET LEVEL PROSTITUTION

Riverside, CA – On November 19, 2013, members of the Riverside Police Department’s Vice Unit and Gang Unit, along with assistance from California Alcohol Beverage Control and the University Neighborhood Enhancement Team conducted an undercover operation in the areas of University and Cranford Ave., and University and Comer Ave. in the City of Riverside. Both locations were targeted due to complaints from business owners and citizens regarding females loitering in the area for prostitution. The operation targeted males who pick up females for prostitution, or loiter for the purposes of prostitution.

During the operation, female officers worked in an undercover capacity and were solicited for prostitution. Eight suspects were arrested over a seven hour period for solicitation for prostitution or loitering for the purposes of prostitution. Once the suspects were arrested, they were processed and released on their promise to appear. Vehicles were also towed and stored.

Adults arrested for solicitation for prostitution or loitering for the purposes of prostitution could face up to a \$600 fine, up to 36 months of probation, or jail time, and must enroll in an AIDS Education Program. This is a continuing effort by the Riverside Police Department’s Vice Unit to combat street level prostitution.

