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RIVERSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT CONDUCTS UNDERCOVER OPERATION TARGETING STREET LEVEL PROSTITUTION

RIVERSIDE, CA – Riverside, CA – On January 24, 2014, members of the Riverside Police Department’s Vice Unit, NPC POP Officers, Riverside Police Gang Unit, and assistance from California Alcohol Beverage Control conducted an undercover operation in the areas of University Ave. and Fairmount Blvd., and Magnolia Ave. and Park Sierra Dr. 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. Seven suspects were arrested over an eight hour period for solicitation for prostitution. Once the suspects were arrested, they were processed and released on their promise to appear. Vehicles were also towed and stored. An eighth suspect was arrested for interfering and obstructing officers. He was booked at Robert Presley Detention Center.



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.

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