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RIVERSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT CONDUCTS UNDERCOVER OPERATION TARGETING STREET LEVEL PROSTITUTION

Riverside, CA – On May 20, 2014, members of the Riverside Police Department's Vice Unit, East NPC POP Officers, UCR & RPD University Neighborhood Enhancement Team (UNET), and the Riverside Police Gang Unit conducted an undercover operation in the area of University Ave. and Comer Ave. in the City of Riverside. The location was targeted due to citizen complaints regarding females loitering in the area with the intent to commit prostitution. The operation focused on males who proposition females for prostitution or loiter for the purposes of prostitution.

While working in an undercover capacity, female officers were solicited for prostitution. As a result, seven suspects were arrested over a five hour period for solicitation for prostitution. The suspects were processed and released on promise to appear, and their vehicles were towed and stored.

This operation was part of an ongoing effort by the Riverside Police Department's Vice Unit to combat street level prostitution in the City of Riverside. 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.

