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Riverside Police Partner with Local Businesses for Holiday Enforcement Program

RIVERSIDE, CA - Officers and Detectives from the Riverside Police Departments East Neighborhood Police Center (NPC), Officers from the University Neighborhood Enhancement Team (UNET), and Riverside Police Explorers have been conducting a Holiday Enforcement Program to help aid local businesses with the increase in thefts during the holiday season. Detectives partnered with local businesses and worked side-by-side with local security personnel to aid in the prevention of crime as well as apprehend those responsible.

During the 6 day operation approximately \$5,000 in stolen merchandise has been recovered. Officers and detectives have stopped a robbery in progress, recovered a stolen gun, arrested a suspect for unlawful possession of a gun, arrested two suspects for felony warrants and located an elderly man with dementia who had been reported as missing. In all, 44 arrests have been made with 8 of those being for felony violations. In addition, Officers and Explorers have passed out numerous flyers in an attempt to educate the public of ways to avoid being a victim of theft, warning them of dangerous habits that might make them a target.

The program is being conducted throughout the City of Riverside and will continue through January, 2015.

