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DUI checkpoint nets a stolen gun, drugs and money

Riverside, CA -- On Friday, August 24, 2007, the Riverside Police Department conducted a checkpoint for Driving Under the Influence (DUI) at the intersection of Van Buren Boulevard and Garfield Avenue. Several Volunteers and Explorers from the Department were on hand to assist with the effort.

Between the hours of 6 PM and 12 midnight, more than 3145 vehicles drove through the checkpoint. There was one (1) subject arrested for DUI, ninety-seven (97) were cited for licensing, seatbelt and/or insurance violations and eighty-seven (87) vehicles were impounded.

One subject was contacted for being unlicensed. While preparing to tow the vehicle, officers located a large amount of cash, three (3) ounces of Methamphetamine and a stolen firearm. Juan Manuel Vargas, 35, was charged with Felony counts of Possession and Transportation of Controlled Substances For Sales while armed and Receiving Stolen Property.

Additionally, several of the vehicles were also inspected to determine if they were illegally equipped for street racing but no vehicles were cited for having illegal modifications to their engines.

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