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## **RIVERSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT CONDUCTS UNDERCOVER OPERATION TARGETING STREET LEVEL PROSTITUTION**

Riverside, CA – On April 21, 2016, 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 area of Comer and University Ave. in the City of Riverside. The operation specifically targeted males soliciting females for prostitution and male clients loitering for the purposes of prostitution.

During the operation, female officers working in an undercover capacity were solicited for prostitution. Five suspects were arrested over an eight hour period for solicitation for prostitution. Once the suspects were arrested, they were cited and released on their promise to appear. The suspect’s vehicles were also towed and stored.

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

