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## **Court Sting Operation**

**RIVERSIDE, CA** – On Wednesday, April 19, 2017, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m., officers from the Riverside Police Department Traffic Unit conducted an undercover “Court Sting” operation at the Riverside County Superior Court, located in downtown Riverside. This operation targeted suspected drivers who were unlicensed or their license status was suspended or revoked.

Police Officers staked out offenders who had been told by a judge not to drive and/or who had been told of their license suspension. Over 30 offenders were followed by officers from the courtrooms to their vehicles parked on city streets to ensure they were not driving. While some offenders complied with the law and had alternative means of transportation, 2 individuals in court for DUI related suspensions got behind the wheel and drove away from the court house on nearby city streets.

Those who chose to drive were stopped by waiting officers. Those stopped for driving while suspended were cited back into court, and their vehicles were impounded for 30 days.

Those cited could face additional jail time, a longer time without a driver’s license and financial costs that include attorney fees, court costs and lost time at work.

Court Sting operations, along with regular patrols, serve as a proven deterrent with the goal of keeping suspended-revoked drivers from the road and heightening awareness among the public.

