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DUI Checkpoint Nets 6 Arrests

Riverside, CA – Riverside Police Department Traffic Unit conducted a DUI/Driver's License checkpoint on April 15, 2016, at Van Buren Blvd. and Garfield St. between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 1:00 a.m. Checkpoints are placed in locations that have the greatest opportunity for achieving drunk and drugged driving deterrence and provide the greatest safety for officers and the public.

DUI/Driver's License checkpoints have been shown to lower DUI deaths and injuries. A major component of these checkpoints are the deterrent effects it has on those who might drive drunk or drugged impaired, bringing about more awareness and encouraging everyone to use sober designated drivers.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), checkpoints have provided the most effective documented results of any of the DUI enforcement strategies, while also yielding considerable cost savings of \$6 for every \$1 spent. Ninety Percent of California drivers approve of checkpoints.

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Results of the checkpoint:

- 1233 Vehicles Screened
- 4 DUI - Alcohol suspect arrested
- 2 DUI – Drug suspect arrested
- 22 Drivers cited/arrested for operating a vehicle while unlicensed
- 25 Drivers cited/arrested for operating a vehicle while suspended/revoked
- 53 Citations issued
- 27 vehicles towed

As part of the Riverside County Avoid DUI Task Force, the Riverside Police Department will be conducting another DUI/Driver's License Checkpoint in May 2016 and additional DUI saturation Patrol throughout the year in our ongoing commitment to lowering deaths and injuries upon our streets and highways.

This checkpoint was funded by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Report Drunk Drivers – Call 9-1-1!