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Riverside Police DUI Checkpoint Nets 5 Arrests

The Riverside Police Department conducted a DUI/Driver's License Checkpoint on Friday, July 22, 2011, as part of Riverside's commitment to public safety. This checkpoint was one of many that have been or will be conducted throughout the year in the city of Riverside. The location of Friday's checkpoint was on Van Buren Boulevard at Challen Avenue. The goal of the DUI Checkpoint was removing impaired drivers and to bring awareness to the public of the dangers of driving under the influence of drugs and alcohol.

In addition to enforcing traffic laws the Department's personnel assisted seven families with the proper installation of their child safety seats. On two occasions, car seats were found to be extremely unsafe and new car seats were purchased prior to transporting the children home.

Results:

- 1500 vehicles passed through the checkpoint.
- 1500 drivers were screened.
- 5 DUI suspects were arrested.
- 73 citations were issued.
- 32 vehicles were impounded.
- 34 unlicensed and suspended drivers were sent to court.

At the conclusion of the event, checkpoint personnel located a Hit and Run suspect fleeing the scene of a collision. Upon contact with the driver, he was discovered to be under the influence of an alcoholic beverage. The driver was charged with the Hit and Run and DUI.

The 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!

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