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**\$1.44 Million in State Grants to Target
Illegal Street Racing and DUI Drivers**

WHAT: A press conference to kick-off a major education and enforcement campaign targeting Illegal Street Racing and DUI drivers. This program will be a collaborative effort between the Riverside, Ontario and Irwindale Police Departments.

WHERE: Riverside Police Department, Magnolia Station, 10540 Magnolia Avenue #B, Riverside, CA 92505

WHEN: Thursday, November 8, 2007, 10:00 AM

WHO:

- Christopher J. Murphy, Director, California Office of Traffic Safety
- Assemblyman John Benoit
- Assistant Chief John DeLaRosa, Riverside Police Department
- Chief Sol Benudiz, Irwindale Police Department
- Chief Jim Doyle, Ontario Police Department
- Trais Hand, convicted illegal street racer who caused the death of a wheelchair-bound mother of two
- John DeLeon, brother of the victim

WHY: Illegal street racing and DUI driving is a growing problem. Innocent victims are dying on streets across the State. Citations for illegal modifications have grown exponentially in the past few years. To combat the problem, the California Office of Traffic Safety has given grants to the police departments of Riverside, Ontario and Irwindale to provide training to local law enforcement throughout southern California. Grants have also been issued to fight DUI driving.

VISUALS:

- Hand's crashed car and the victim's wheelchair will be on display.
- Irwindale Police Department's educational DUI trailer.
- Modified vehicles used for training purposes by the Bureau of Automotive Repair and a souped up 67 Chevy Camaro. The adult owner is also a former racer.

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