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### **Street racing venue crackdown**

Riverside, CA -- More than 100 police officers from Riverside and allied agencies conducted a surprise operation to deter street racing activity at the Canyon Crossing shopping center, 6187 Valley Springs Parkway, at the eastern edge of the city of Riverside, late Friday night. Street racing activity has been a persistent Friday night problem at the location for several weeks.

Police in more than 50 marked units surrounded the parking lot at 11 p.m., Friday night, March 28, halting racing and exhibition of speed activities and conducting a field inspection of more than 150 vehicles found at the scene. As of 2 a.m., Saturday, the combined police agencies reported approximately 100 citations for various vehicle code violations and 48 citations for illegal engine modifications common to street racing. Twenty vehicles were impounded and towed – one found with a stolen engine and transmission, 14 for altered engine or transmission identification information, and four for drivers without a license.



There were three arrests at the scene, one for drunk in public, one for resisting an officer and one for exhibition of speed.

“We want to send a powerful message that street racing will not be tolerated,” said Sgt. Skip Showalter of the Riverside Police Traffic Division and the Riverside County Regional Street Racing Task Force.

In addition to the Riverside Police Department, were officers from the multi-agency Riverside Auto-Theft Interdiction Detail (RAID), Riverside County Sheriff’s Moreno Valley Police Department, California Highway Patrol, Ontario Police Department, Irwindale Police Department, Fontana Police Department, Baldwin Park Police Department and the Mount San Jacinto Community College Police Department.

