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MULTIPLE ARRESTS MADE IN UNDERCOVER NARCOTICS OPERATION

RIVERSIDE, CA – Beginning in the early part of March 2018, the Riverside Police Department's Narcotics Unit began an undercover narcotics operation throughout various areas in the city of Riverside. This operation was a result of numerous complaints and tips received from residents, business owners, and community groups regarding illegal drug activity affecting their communities. Over the next couple months, the Narcotics Unit would use undercovers to purchase illegal drugs from street level dealers in the Downtown Entertainment District, Magnolia Center, La Sierra, and Magnolia Avenue corridor.

Detectives and Officers were able to purchase narcotics from 26 different suspects on 29 separate occasions. Some of these suspects sold drugs to the undercovers multiple times. Once the undercover portion of the operation concluded, the cases were sent to the Riverside County District Attorney's Office for review. Arrest warrants were issued on May 23, 2018, for these 26 suspected drug dealers. During the operation, some of these suspects were arrested and booked into jail for unrelated warrants and charges. Late last week, Detectives and Officers conducted a warrant sweep for the remaining outstanding suspects and all but 3 of them were located and arrested. As a result of this operation, 23 of the 26 suspected drug dealers have been booked into jail and are still in custody facing charges related to narcotics violations. At least half of these suspects will also face additional charges for violations of probation, parole,

or Post-Release Community Supervision programs they were on while out continuing in their criminal activities.

The success of this narcotics buy program would not have been possible without the assistance of other investigative units within the police department including the Vice Unit, Post-Release Accountability & Compliance Team (PACT), University Neighborhood Enhancement Team (UNET), Problem-Oriented Policing Teams (POP) from the four neighborhood policing centers, and the guidance from the Riverside County District Attorney's Office.

The Riverside Police Department is committed to the ongoing safety and security of its community members in Riverside. The strong partnerships between the residents, business owners, city government, and public safety departments will continue to grow as we work together to remove criminal behavior and activity from our neighborhoods.

Anyone with information regarding this undercover operation should contact Detective Chris Williams at (951) 353-7220 or cjwilliams@riversideca.gov.

Below is the list of suspects arrested as a result of this operation. All arrested persons are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Abbigail Stephens	48-years-old of Riverside
Anthony Pearch	30-years-old of Riverside
Antwan Garrett	26-year-old transient of Riverside
Arturo Gonzalez	24-year-old transient of El Monte
Brandon Hood	28-years-old of Riverside
Calvin Lewis	38-years-old of Riverside
Daniel Henson	32-years-old of Riverside
Eduardo Luna	38-years-old of Riverside
Jacob Kennedy	27-years-old of Riverside
Jason Gonzalez	42-year-old transient of Riverside
Jean Bledsoe	34-years-old of Riverside
John Padilla	57-years-old of Corona
Joseph Jones	31-year-old transient of Riverside
Kelly Campos	45-years-old of Apple Valley
Nicholas Vasquez	24-years-old of Pomona
Rachel Cauldermoore	22-years-old of Riverside
Roger Lively	57-year-old transient of Riverside
Rosemarie Herappe	31-years-old of Rubidoux
Salvador Hernandez Jr.	36-year-old transient of Riverside
Shauna Winn	37-years-old of Riverside
Shawn Lussier	26-year-old transient of Riverside
Stephan Duryee	35-years-old of Riverside
Victotia Penyamin	34-years-old of Riverside

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ABBIGAIL STEPHANS – 48-years-old of Riverside	DANIEL HENSON – 32-years-old of Riverside
ANTHONY PEARCE – 30-years-old of Riverside	EDUARDO LUNA – 38-years-old of Riverside
ANTWAN GARRETT – 26-year-old transient of Riverside	JACOB KENNEDY – 27-years-old of Riverside
ARTURO GONZALEZ – 24-year-old transient of El Monte	JEAN BLEDSOE – 34-years-old of Riverside
BRANDON HOOD – 28-years-old of Riverside	JOHN PADILLA – 57-years-old of Corona
CALVIN LEWIS – 38-years-old of Riverside	JOSEPH JONES – 31-year-old transient of Riverside

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KELLY CAMPOS – 45-years-old of Apple Valley	SHAUNA WINN – 37-years-old of Riverside
NICHOLAS VASQUEZ – 24-years-old of Pomona	SHAWN LUSSIER – 26-year-old transient of Riverside
RACHEL CAULDERMOORE – 22-years-old of Riverside	STEPHAN DURYEE – 35-years-old of Riverside
ROGER LIVELY – 57-year-old transient of Riverside	VICTOTIA PENYAMIN – 34-years-old of Riverside
ROSEMARIE HERAPPE – 31-years-old of Rubidoux	JASON GONZALEZ – 42-year-old transient of Riverside
SALVADOR HERNANDEZ JR. – 36-year-old transient of Riverside	

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