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OPERATION ADDRESSES ILLEGAL ACTIVITY AND HOMELESS ENCAMPMENTS

RIVERSIDE, CA – On Wednesday, October 14, 2026, at approximately 8:00 a.m., members of the Riverside Police Department's Public Safety and Engagement Team (PSET) and Problem-Oriented Policing Team (POP), along with Parks and Neighborhood Specialists (PANS), Riverside County Probation, Riverside County Department of Animal Services, and private contractors, conducted a coordinated enforcement operation on private property along the south end of Hole Lake, northwest of Van Buren Boulevard and Arlington Avenue.

During the operation, personnel contacted 25 adult males and six adult females unlawfully occupying the property. Following an investigation, all 31 individuals were taken into custody for various violations, including trespassing, probation and parole violations, and drug-related offenses.

Riverside County Department of Animal Services also took custody of nine dogs found on the property.

Following the enforcement operation, private contractors conducted a comprehensive cleanup, removing encampment materials, abandoned property, trash, debris, and other items.

The Riverside Police Department and its partner agencies remain committed to addressing trespassing and illegal encampments through coordinated enforcement, community partnerships, and ongoing efforts to improve public safety and quality of life throughout Riverside.

