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Riverbank Police Department Continues Crackdown on Impaired Drivers with DUI Checkpoint

Riverbank, CA – The Riverbank Police Department will be conducting DUI/Drivers License checkpoints in the month of July. The first scheduled DUI/Drivers License checkpoint will be held on Saturday, July 2nd and another on July 9th.

The checkpoints will be held at undisclosed locations within the city limits. The department is continuing its efforts at lowering the number of persons killed and injured in alcohol involved crashes locally and through the County's Avoid DUI Task Force Campaign with this DUI/Drivers License checkpoint. Personnel will be checking drivers to identify offenders and get them off the street, as well as heightening awareness to the dangers of impaired driving.

The summer months are a dangerous time of the year and your odds of being involved in an alcohol involved collision can be high. In 2008 law enforcement statewide reported that 7,801 people were injured or killed during the three summer months of June, July and August.

A major component of the checkpoints, beyond taking dangerous drivers off the road, is to increase awareness of the consequences of impaired driving and to encourage using sober designated drivers. A DUI checkpoint is a proven effective method for achieving this goal. By publicizing these enforcement and education efforts, Riverbank Police Department believes motorists are deterred from drinking and driving.

Riverbank Police Department will also be partnering in this summer Avoid the 12 – a DUI Campaign where all law enforcement agencies will put additional officers out on checkpoints and DUI saturation patrols during the Independence Day holiday and during the end of August/Labor Day nationwide anti-DUI effort, *Over the Limit, Under Arrest!*

Law Enforcement encourages everyone to Report Drunk Drivers, Call 911! Funding for this operation is provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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