

POLICE PRESS RELEASES



3/28/2012

On March 27, 2012, between the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., officers from the Santa Rosa and Petaluma Police Departments conducted an undercover court sting operation at the Sonoma County Courthouse targeting DUI, suspended, and unlicensed drivers. Police officers staked out offenders who had been told by a judge not to drive and followed them from courtrooms to the parking area to be sure they were not driving due to a suspended or revoked license. Twelve offenders were followed outside by officers. While some offenders had alternate means of transportation, 5 got behind the wheel and drove away from the courthouse. Those who chose to drive were stopped by waiting officers.

4 subjects were arrested for driving on a suspended license after leaving the courthouse:

- K d (48 years old). has one current suspension against her driver's license.
- A is (35 years old). has one current suspension against his driver's license.
- J oli (27 years old). i has five current suspensions against his driver's license.
- A s (29 years old). s has two current suspensions against his driver's license.

1 subject was arrested for driving without a driver's license:

- (21 years old).

Four vehicles were towed and impounded for 30 days as a result of the operation.

Funding for this operation was provided by the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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1/18/2012

On January 17, 2012, between the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., officers from the Santa Rosa and Petaluma Police Departments conducted an undercover court sting operation at the Sonoma County Court House targeting DUI, suspended, and unlicensed drivers. Police officers staked out offenders who had been told by a judge not to drive and followed them from courtrooms to the parking area to be sure they were not driving due to a suspended or revoked license. Eighteen offenders were followed outside by officers. While some offenders had alternate means of transportation, nine got behind the wheel and drove away from the court house. Those who chose to drive were stopped by waiting officers.

7 subjects were arrested for driving on a suspended license after leaving the courthouse:

- J , age 49. P h has one current suspension against her driver's license.
- Je age 37. R has one current suspension against her driver's license.
- H a, age 36. na has one current suspension against her driver's license.
- age 52. T has two current suspensions against his driver's license.
- V R , age 33. R a has one current suspension against his driver's license.
- Kr re, age 54. H e has three current suspensions against her driver's license.
- N ly, age 25. D y has four current suspensions against his driver's license.

2 subjects were arrested for driving without a driver's license:

- G co z, age 35
- P z, age 38

9 vehicles were towed and impounded for 30 days as a result of the operation.

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4 SUSPENDED DRIVERS APPREHENDED DURING UNDERCOVER COURT STING Repeat DUI Offenders Caught Driving Away From Court

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
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DUI Campaign UPDATE
Day 5 of 18 – Through Tuesday, December 20, 2011

4 SUSPENDED DRIVERS APPREHENDED DURING UNDERCOVER COURT STING Repeat DUI Offenders Caught Driving Away From Court

Santa Rosa, California – AVOID the 13 Sonoma County DUI Task Force conducted an undercover court sting at the Sonoma County Hall of Justice today between the hours of 8:30am and 12:00pm. Officers from Petaluma Police Department, Santa Rosa Police Department, Sonoma County Sheriff's Office, Sebastopol Police Department, Healdsburg Police Department, Cotati Police Department, and Rohnert Park Department of Public Safety participated in the operation. Officer in plain clothes monitored defendants appearing in court for DUI offenses as well as suspended and unlicensed violations. When defendants left the court, the undercover officers maintained surveillance of them as they walked outside to their vehicle. If the suspended or unlicensed driver got behind the wheel of a vehicle and drove they were apprehended by motor officers waiting nearby. This morning's operation resulted in five drivers being apprehended.

At 9:35am, ****, age 46, from Rohnert Park was stopped after driving away on a suspended license from a previous driving on a suspended license case where he failed to appear. That violation was from a previous DUI conviction. He was issued a citation to appear in court and his vehicle was impounded.

At 9:50am, ****, age 41, from Boyes Hot Springs, was stopped after driving away on a suspended license for two prior DUI offenses. He was issued a citation to appear and his vehicle was impounded for 30 days.

At 10:06am, ****, age 26, from Willits was stopped after driving away on a suspended license for failing to appear in court for driving without a license. His vehicle was impounded for 30 days. He was issued a citation to appear in court.

At 10:45am, ****, age 45, from Sonoma was seen driving away on a suspended license for 3 prior DUI's. He was appearing in court for two pending driving on a suspended license violations. He was issued another citation for driving on a suspended license and his vehicle was impounded for 30 days.



4/12/2011

On Tuesday April 12, 2011, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m., officers from the Santa Rosa Police Department and the Petaluma Police Department, with the assistance of the Sonoma County Auto Theft Task Force, conducted an undercover court sting operation at the Sonoma County Courthouse targeting DUI, suspended, and unlicensed drivers. Police officers staked out offenders who had been told by a judge not to drive and followed them from courtrooms to the parking area to be sure they were not driving due to a suspended or revoked license. Numerous offenders were followed outside by officers. While some offenders had alternate means of transportation, four got behind the wheel and drove away from the courthouse. Those who chose to drive were stopped by waiting officers.

4 subjects were arrested for driving on a suspended license after leaving the courthouse:

- (52 years old) was arrested while driving on a suspended license. as been arrested for driving on a suspended license 3 times in Sonoma County since January of 2008 and has 4 current suspensions against his driver's license. has been arrested twice since 2008 for DUI.
- (24 years old) was arrested for driving on a suspended license as well as for an outstanding warrant for his arrest from Alameda County. This is the second time in 2011 that has been arrested for driving on a suspended license in Sonoma County. He has one prior DUI arrest in February of 2011.
- (61 years old) was arrested for driving on a suspended license and currently has two valid suspensions to his driver's license. has been arrested 3 times in Sonoma County since 2010 for driving on a suspended driver's license.
- (33 years old) was arrested for driving on a suspended license and has 3 arrests since 2010 for driving on a suspended license. She has two prior DUI arrests in 2004.

3 subjects were arrested for driving with no license issued:

- (20 years old) was arrested after leaving the courthouse for an appearance on a prior traffic offense for driving without a driver's license. was cited to appear in court.
- (22 years old) was arrested after leaving the courthouse for an appearance on a prior assault charge. was cited to appear in court.
- (21 years old) was arrested after leaving the courthouse for an appearance on a prior DUI arrest and has 3 arrests for driving without a license issued to him since 2009. was cited to appear in court and released.

All subjects were cited to appear in court and released at the scene, with the exception of .

All seven vehicles were impounded for 30 days.

Funding for this operation was provided by the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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11/24/2010

On November 23, 2010, between the hours of 8:00 a.m., and 12:00 p.m., officers from the Santa Rosa Police Department conducted an undercover court sting operation at the Sonoma County Courthouse targeting DUI, suspended, and unlicensed drivers. Police officers staked out offenders who had been told by a judge not to drive and followed them from courtrooms to the parking area to be sure they were not driving due to a suspended or revoked license. Ten offenders were followed outside by officers. While some offenders had alternate means of transportation, four got behind the wheel and drove away from the courthouse. Those who chose to drive were stopped by waiting officers.

3 subjects were arrested for driving on a suspended license after leaving the courthouse:

- (23 years old) has been arrested for driving on a suspended license 4 times in Sonoma County since January of 2008.
- (40 years old) has been arrested for driving on a suspended license 4 times since February of 2008 and was in court on November 23rd for violating the terms of his court ordered probation.
- (26 years old) has been arrested for driving on a suspended license 3 times in Sonoma County since 2007.

1 subject was arrested for driving with no license issued:

- (20 years old) was arrested after leaving the courthouse for an appearance on a prior theft charge. does not have a driver's license.

2 of the subjects were also cited for driving while being uninsured,

All 4 subjects were cited to appear in court and released at the scene,

All 4 vehicles were impounded for 30 days.

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