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Visalia Police Department DUI Court Sting Operation

Visalia – December 13, 2011, between 7 a.m. and 12 p.m., officers from the Visalia Police Department conducted an undercover court sting operation at the Tulare Superior Court. The operation targeted individuals who chose to drive with a suspended or revoked license as a result of a driving under the influence arrest. Police officers conducted a stakeout to identify individuals who had been advised by a judge not to drive. Officers followed summoned individuals from the courtrooms to the parking area to be sure they were not driving. 14 individuals were followed outside by officers. While some individuals had alternate means of transportation, one citizen got behind the wheel and drove away from the courthouse. The offender was stopped by awaiting officers.

Suspect Arrested:

Trinidad Mora, 27 years of age from Dinuba. (Arrested for driving with a suspended driver's license)

The DUI Enforcement Team and other units of the Visalia Police Department will be conducting additional details aimed at deterring individuals from driving with a suspended driver's license. Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

If you have any questions, contact Sergeant Amy Watkins at 713-4216.

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