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NEWS RELEASE
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Suspects Arrested:

Susana Valente 19yrs. from Farmersville, CA (Arrested for DUI) Nicholas Delapena 32yrs. from Visalia, CA (Arrested for DUI) Joanne Santacruz 50yrs. from Visalia, CA (Arrested for DUI) Praful Patel 44yrs. from Corcoran, CA (Arrested for DUI) Oscar Bonilla-Hernandez 18yrs. from Visalia, CA (Arrested for DUI)

Details:

On 03/02/2012-03/03/2012, between 2100-0300hrs, members of the Visalia Police Department DUI team, Traffic unit, and Patrol division conducted a DUI Saturation Detail within the city limits of Visalia.

During the course of this detail there were (75) vehicles stopped, with (10) FST's given. There were (5) DUI arrests and (40) traffic citations issued for miscellaneous offenses including (3) for unlicensed driving and (1) for driving with a suspended license. (1) arrest for outstanding hit & run warrant and (5) vehicles were towed and stored during the detail.

The DUI Enforcement Team and other units of the Visalia Police Department will be conducting additional details aimed at deterring drinking and driving. 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 the PIO, Sergeant Amy Watkins at 713-4216.

Submitted by: Sergeant C. McLain 03/03/2012

