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## The Visalia Police Department Announce Results of DUI Court Sting Operation

On 4/25/18, officers from the Visalia Police Department conducted an undercover 'Court Sting' operation at the Visalia Courthouse targeting suspected DUI drivers whose licenses where suspended/revoked or who were unlicensed drivers.

Police officers staked out offenders who had been told by a judge not to drive and/or who had been told of their license suspension. Offenders were followed by officers from courtrooms to their vehicles to ensure that they were not driving. While most offenders complied with the law and had alternate means of transportation, 4 individuals in court for DUI, proceeded to get behind the wheel and drive away from the court house.

Those who chose to drive were stopped by waiting officers, issued a citation and had their vehicles impounded.

Those arrested today could face additional jail time and long driver license suspensions. They can also be required to pay attorney fees and court costs in addition to lost time at work and the potential loss of job or job prospects.

DUI Court Sting stakeout operations and regularly scheduled DUI enforcement serve as a proven deterrent. They assist with the goal of keeping impaired drivers from the road and heightening awareness among the public of the dangers of driving under the influence of drugs and alcohol.

This special DUI operation was funded by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Please help Visalia PD every day of the week: Report Drunk Drivers – Call 9-1-1!



