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Eight Suspects with Outstanding DUI Warrants Caught in ‘AVOID the 38’ DUI Task Force Sweep

SANTA ANA, Calif. (August 20, 2014) – On Monday, August 18th, deputies from the Orange County Sheriff’s Department dispersed into neighborhoods with dozens of outstanding arrest warrants in search of high risk DUI offenders. Deputies served the warrants and arrested eight offenders who either failed to show up for a court date or violated terms of their probation in an outstanding DUI case.

“The best bet for anyone with a missed DUI court date is to go to court on their own,” said Deputy Shane Stewart of the Orange County Sheriff’s Department Traffic Bureau. “If you don’t, that warrant isn’t going away. We're going to come find you and take you to jail.” Those caught often face additional jail time for failing to appear in court or for violating probation.

Special DUI Warrant Service Operations along with regularly scheduled ‘High Visibility’ DUI enforcement has a deterrent effect on those who disregard driving safety and abuse alcohol and drugs. The Orange County Sheriff’s Department places a high priority on lowering deaths and injury, with the goal of removing impaired drivers and heightening awareness of the dangers of driving under the influence of drugs and alcohol.

Funding for the “Avoid” program is provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Report Drunk Drivers; Call 9-1-1!

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