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Visalia Police Department Announce Results of DUI Court Sting Operation

On 1/31/18 between the hours of 7:00 AM and 12:00 PM, officers from the Visalia Police Department conducted an undercover 'Court Sting' operation at the Visalia courthouse targeting drivers whose licenses were 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. [2] offenders were followed by officers from courtrooms to their vehicles to ensure that they were not driving. While some offenders complied with the law and had alternate means of transportation, [2] individuals in court for DUI proceeded to get behind the wheel and drove away from the court house.

Those who chose to drive were stopped by waiting officers, cited back into court and had their vehicles towed and stored.

- (2) Suspended/Revoked,
- (0) Never Licensed
- (2) vehicles towed/impound
- (0) Other crimes committed {ie - possession/resisting/etc}

Those cited today could face additional jail time, long driver license suspensions, along with other financial hits including attorney fees, court costs, lost time at work, and the potential loss of job or job prospects. When family, friends and co-workers find out, violators can also face tremendous personal embarrassment and humiliation.

DUI Court Sting stakeout operations, along with regularly scheduled high visibility DUI enforcement, serve as a proven deterrent 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!

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