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Press Release

Today's Date:	04/25/2008
Date Occurred:	04/25/2008
Submitted By:	Officer Rod Neal
Phone:	707.449.5200
Type of Crime/Incident:	DUI / Driver's License Checkpoint / Saturation Patrol
Location:	City of Vacaville
Suspects:	# 1– Merrill Mateo Navarro 27 year old Vacaville Resident # 2- Emilio Ludovico Jr. 27 year old Vacaville Resident # 3- Victor Barrientos 23 year old Vacaville Resident # 4- Antonio Andrade 22 year old Fairfield Resident # 5- Jessica Belmonte 22 year old Fairfield Resident

Narrative:

On Friday evening the Traffic Section of the Vacaville Police Department conducted a DUI / Drivers License Checkpoint and a Saturation patrol focusing on impaired and hazardous drivers. The checkpoint was conducted on Allison Drive at Travis Way and additional officers saturated the city. The results were 26 hazardous citations issued, 10 vehicles towed incident to drivers driving without a driver's license or on a suspended license or DUI arrests, other arrest and 3 DUI arrest.

Married couple, Emilio and Merrill Navarro was contacted when they traversed through the checkpoint. They had their 4 year old son with them. One of the screening officers detected a strong odor of marijuana emitting from the vehicle. The couple was directed to pull to the screening area for further investigation. During a search of the vehicle officers located a loaded .45 caliber handgun with an altered serial number inside the center console, marijuana packaged for sale in the backseat where the 4 year old was seated, and over \$1200.00 cash. The Vacaville Police Departments narcotics team was called out and a search warrant was served on the couple's home. Narcotics detectives located an additional firearm and marijuana at the couple's home.

Emilio Navarro was booked into the Solano County Jail for possession of marijuana for sale, transportation of marijuana, being armed in the commission of a felony, possession of a firearm with altered serial number, and child endangerment. Merrill Navarro was booked into the Solano County Jail for possession of marijuana for sale, being armed in the commission of a felony, and child endangerment. Child Protective Service was called and took custody of the couples 4 year old.



Victor Barrientos was contacted after he was involved in a hit and run collision in the 500 and 700 blk of Markham Ave. Officers responded to the scene and saw that S-Barrientos had fled the scene after he hit two parked cars and a third car head on. S-Barrientos was driving S/B on Markham Ave and hit two parked vehicles. He continued S/B and collided with a third N/B vehicle head on. S-Barrientos fled the scene prior to officer's arrival. He was later apprehended by K9 Sir behind the Lucky store on Monte Vista Avenue. S-Barrientos was transported to Vaca Valley Hospital for dog bite wounds and later booked into the Solano County Jail for hit and run, DUI, resisting arrest, and driving without a license. The driver of the N/B vehicle was not seriously injured.

Antonio Andrade was contacted during a traffic stop by one of the saturation patrol officers. He was found to be under the influence. He was arrested for DUI and driving on a suspended license.

Jessica Belmonte was contacted during a traffic stop by one of the saturation patrol officers. She was found to be under the influence. She was arrested for DUI and driving on a suspended license.

The Vacaville Police Department conducts random DUI checkpoints and DUI saturation patrols throughout the city. If arrested for DUI, your vehicle will be towed and stored or impounded. You face substantial fines, loss of your driving privilege and possible incarceration. Please designate a driver or arrange another means of transportation. Choose to Stay Alive; Don't Drink and Drive!

