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SYNOPSIS:

The Costa Mesa Police Department and the California Highway Patrol (Santa Ana Office) conducted a sobriety/CDL checkpoint on Friday, May 25, 2007 at northbound Newport Blvd and Flower Street. Funding for this program is provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency and is part of a National enforcement campaign.

2,617 cars drove through the checkpoint and 557 cars were screened. Police conducted 20 DUI investigations and arrested 4 people for driving under the influence. 6 vehicles were towed as the result of this checkpoint. Residents in the adjacent neighborhood flocked to the location making note that drivers in area needed the attention this checkpoint focused.

Police will conduct another checkpoint on June 29th, 2007 at northbound Newport Blvd and Flower Street. The Costa Mesa Police Department will be teaming up with Mothers Against Drunk Driving (M.A.D.D.) and the California Highway Patrol (Santa Ana Office) for the checkpoint. During the checkpoint, there will also be an increased number of officers patrolling adjacent streets in an effort to stop impaired drivers avoiding the checkpoint.

Please remember to make the right choice and avoid driving after drinking.

Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest

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