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SYNOPSIS:

The Costa Mesa Police Department conducted a sobriety checkpoint on Friday March 13, 2009, at northbound Harbor Boulevard south of Gisler Avenue. 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.

During the hours of operation, 1,349 vehicles drove through the checkpoint, 364 were stopped, and 34 drivers were screened for driving under the influence. There were 4 DUI arrests. In addition, 5 drivers were cited for no license and 5 drivers were cited for driving on suspended licenses, one driver was arrested for a warrant and 1 arrest was made for drunk in public. A total of 10 citations were issued for miscellaneous vehicle code violations and 10 vehicles were impounded.

The Costa Mesa Police Department will be teaming up with Mothers Against Drunk Driving (M.A.D.D.) for another checkpoint on the 24th of March at 19th Street and Pomona Avenue and there will also be an increased number of officers patrolling adjacent streets in an effort to stop impaired drivers from avoiding the checkpoint.

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

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