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On Tuesday April 12, 2011, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m., officers from the Santa Rosa Police Department and the Petaluma Police Department, with the assistance of the Sonoma County Auto Theft Task Force, conducted an undercover court sting operation at the Sonoma County Courthouse targeting DUI, suspended, and unlicensed drivers. Police officers staked out offenders who had been told by a judge not to drive and followed them from courtrooms to the parking area to be sure they were not driving due to a suspended or revoked license. Numerous offenders were followed outside by officers. While some offenders had alternate means of transportation, four got behind the wheel and drove away from the courthouse. Those who chose to drive were stopped by waiting officers.

4 subjects were arrested for driving on a suspended license after leaving the courthouse:

- (52 years old) was arrested while driving on a suspended license. as been arrested for driving on a suspended license 3 times in Sonoma County since January of 2008 and has 4 current suspensions against his driver's license. has been arrested twice since 2008 for DUI.
- (24 years old) was arrested for driving on a suspended license as well as for an outstanding warrant for his arrest from Alameda County. This is the second time in 2011 that has been arrested for driving on a suspended license in Sonoma County. He has one prior DUI arrest in February of 2011.
- (61 years old) was arrested for driving on a suspended license and currently has two valid suspensions to his driver's license. has been arrested 3 times in Sonoma County since 2010 for driving on a suspended driver's license.
- (33 years old) was arrested for driving on a suspended license and has 3 arrests since 2010 for driving on a suspended license. She has two prior DUI arrests in 2004.

3 subjects were arrested for driving with no license issued:

- (20 years old) was arrested after leaving the courthouse for an appearance on a prior traffic offense for driving without a driver's license. was cited to appear in court.
- (22 years old) was arrested after leaving the courthouse for an appearance on a prior assault charge. was cited to appear in court.
- (21 years old) was arrested after leaving the courthouse for an appearance on a prior DUI arrest and has 3 arrests for driving without a license issued to him since 2009. was cited to appear in court and released.

All subjects were cited to appear in court and released at the scene, with the exception of .

All seven vehicles were impounded for 30 days.

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