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Subject: Fortuna Police conducted Special DUI Enforcement Crackdown
Thursday, July 15, 2010 in Fortuna

FORTUNA, CA – Officers from the Fortuna Police Department were deployed in Fortuna on a special saturation patrol during the night of July 15th 2010 to crack down on drunk driving as part of the city's ongoing effort to improve traffic safety, save lives and prevent injuries. Funding for the patrol was through a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

On the night of Thursday, July 15, 2010, during the special saturation patrol, in Fortuna, officers conducted several traffic enforcement stops and driver evaluations. As a result of these enforcement efforts officers arrested a driver for suspicion of driving under the influence, child endangerment and falsified vehicle registration. This driver was booked into the Humboldt County Correctional Facility, the child was released to a responsible adult and the vehicle was towed. Additionally a passenger was arrested for possession of suspected controlled substance, drug paraphernalia and an outstanding arrest warrant. The passenger was also booked in the Humboldt County Correctional Facility.

The Fortuna Police Department will continue these enforcement efforts and urges drivers to be responsible and not to drive under the influence. "Be safe and designate a sober driver if under the influence of alcohol and or drugs. If you don't the Fortuna PD will designate an officer to drive you safely to jail."

If you see a suspected impaired driver, call 9-1-1.

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