



NEWS RELEASE

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Off-Road Enforcement Operation

Date of Incident: 7/03/11
Time of Incident: 1:00 to 9:00 pm
Location of Incident: Santa Ana Riverbed near Riverside Ave., Colton Ca.

Summary: The Santa Ana riverbed area near Riverside Avenue in Colton has long been a location where people gather and illegally operate off-road vehicles. At times, there have been hundreds of people and dozens of vehicles participating, creating very hazardous conditions. Attempts at enforcement in the past were difficult due to the remoteness of the area, terrain, capabilities of off-road vehicles, and the innumerable escape routes violators could take to avoid law enforcement.

In the past several weeks, San Bernardino County has installed numerous barriers that greatly reduced the amount of locations off-road vehicles could use to illegally access the riverbed. Additionally, County Code Enforcement Officers have been regularly patrolling the area and citing violators.

On 7/3/11, between 1:00 and 9:00 pm, the Colton Police Department conducted an off-road enforcement operation in the riverbed using all-terrain vehicles and dirt bikes. Thirty-nine citations were issued to violators for operating motor vehicles on property without written permission. A first offense carries a fine of \$250. Subsequent violations earn increased fine amounts up to \$1,000.

The Colton Police Department will continue its off-road enforcement efforts. Questions may be directed to SGT. Mike Hadden at (909) 370-5000.
