



Elk Grove Police Department

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STREET RACING VEHICLES TO BE CRUSHED

ELK GROVE, CA – On Thursday, June 12, 2008, two vehicles that were impounded during illegal street racing enforcement will be destroyed pursuant to a court order. The vehicles will be crushed at Pick-N-Pull, 3445 Sunrise Blvd., Rancho Cordova, at 10:00 a.m. as part of the statewide crackdown (Drag-Net taskforce) on illegal street racing.

The Drag-Net taskforce is an enforcement and education program funded by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. The goal of the program is to reduce the number of people killed and injured in illegal street racing collisions.

The unnecessary deaths associated with illegal street racing continue to climb. There have been several people killed in Northern California as the result of illegal street racing collisions in this past year alone.

The Elk Grove Police Department is the northern California coordinator of the Drag-Net program which includes members of the California Highway Patrol, Citrus Heights PD, Folsom PD, Sacramento PD, Sacramento County Sheriff's Department (Rancho Cordova) and the Roseville PD.

The racing vehicles that will be crushed had stolen engines and/or stolen transmissions in them. The theft of vehicles commonly used in illegal racing has supplied racers with stolen engines and transmissions for years. Through Drag-Net, police departments across the state are being trained in how to identify the stolen components and prepare cases for criminal prosecution.

There will be officers from the statewide Dagnet taskforce available to answer questions in reference to illegal parts and racing modifications prior to their destruction. In addition, the registered owners of the vehicle to be crushed have been invited to attend the event.

For more information regarding this even or Drag-Net, please contact Sergeant Michael Iannone (916) 478-8148. Members of the media are encouraged to attend this event and all interviews will be accommodated.

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