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**Eastvale**—The following crime incidents have been reported by the Riverside County Sheriff Department and by residents on our Eastvale News Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/EastvaleCommunityNews](http://www.facebook.com/EastvaleCommunityNews)). Our Face-

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## Over 2,000 Arrested During DUI Campaign

STAFF REPORTS

**LA County** - Over 2,000 DUI arrests took place last month during the LA County Sheriff Department's 2013/14 Winter Holiday DUI Mobilization crackdown on drinking drivers. The arrests were made within a 20 day period from sobriety checkpoints, special

saturation patrols, and routine patrols throughout Los Angeles County.

From 12:01 a.m. Friday, Dec. 13, through midnight Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2014, officers representing 100 county law enforcement agencies have arrested 2,268 individuals for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, according

to an LA County Sheriff news release. Sheriff officials also reported that in the 2012/13, about 2,168 DUI arrests occurred during the 19 day holiday campaign.

Law enforcement officials say that they will be conducting more "Avoid the 100" DUI operations during Super Bowl Sunday in February and then again

for St Patrick's Day festivities in March. Police, Sheriff and the CHP encourage motorists to help law enforcement every day by calling 911 to report drunk drivers anytime you encounter an impaired driver.

DUI checkpoints, along with

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## Fourth Body Found At Industry Waste Facility

STAFF REPORTS

**Industry**—A body was found on Tuesday, Dec. 18, at the Athens Waste Collection Facility in Industry. At a little before 9 a.m., Kesha Rena Williams was

discovered in the 14000 block of Valley Boulevard. She is thought to be a homeless woman who frequented the Leimert Park area, and somehow became part of the trash that was collected and transported to the

facility. An autopsy to determine cause of death is still pending.

Williams' discovery is not the first for the Industry Waste Facility. Back in June of 2002, a baby girl was found at the site in trash that was reportedly transported

from somewhere in Azusa. Investigators gave the infant the name of Amanda, before she was buried in the Garden of

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## Four Rewarded For Reporting Crime

STAFF REPORTS

**Diamond Bar**—Four Diamond Bar residents were recently rewarded \$500 each for reporting suspicious activity that lead to the arrest of three suspected burglars.

The financial awards were approved by a committee consisted of a sworn member of

the Sheriff's Department and Diamond Bar City staff under the Report for Reward program that went into effect Nov. 15, 2013.

The Report for Reward program aims to help combat residential and vehicular crimes within city limits by providing members of the public with a monetary incentive of up to

\$500 for information leading to the arrest of individuals who damage or destroy property while attempting or executing a residential or vehicular burglary, according to the City newsletter. The program is open to everyone, but City and Sheriff's employees are not eligible for a reward.

Citizen Barbara DeCarbo

was recognized as the first recipient of the Report for Reward program and was thanked for her services to the city at the Dec. 17 City Council meeting.

At the meeting, DeCarbo described the incident she reported to the Walnut/Diamond

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Johnny Hudson

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## Owner defrauds workers

### DEFRAUD from page 1

raigned this week for defrauding employees out of \$330,000 in wages and keeping the money for themselves from two public works contract.

Mustafa Mohamed Bdaiwi, 41, Irvine, and Antonio Naranjo Jr., 40, Costa Mesa, are charged with 11 felony counts of taking and receiving a portion of a worker's wage on public works project, two felony counts of recording a false and forged instrument, and sentencing enhancements for property loss over \$200,000. If convicted on all counts, they face a maximum sentence of 12 years and four months in state prison. The defendants are each being held on \$330,000 bail and must prove the money is from a legal and legitimate source before posting bond.

At the time of the crime, Bdaiwi is accused of owning a construction company, Malcon Civils Inc. Naranjo Jr. is accused of working for Bdaiwi as his project administrator. In December 2010, Bdaiwi is accused of being awarded a project by the City of Irvine and given contracts to do work at an Irvine elementary school. Bdaiwi and Naranjo Jr. are accused of constructing a wall, which later began to lean over and subsequently needed to be removed due to faulty construction and causing a safety hazard. The defendants are also accused of being awarded a project by the City of Hemet, and upon completion, embezzling the funds meant to be used to pay their workers for the construction.

Between Jan. 11, 2011, and Aug. 10, 2011, Bdaiwi and Naranjo Jr. are accused of requiring workers to return a portion of

their wages and threatening to terminate their employment if they did not comply. Over the course of the two projects, the defendants are accused of submitting fraudulent and forged certified payroll records showing the correct amount due to his staff for proper bookkeeping. The defendants are accused of having the employees return some of their wages back to them and keeping that money for their own personal use.

The defendants are being prosecuted by the Orange County District Attorney's Office (OCDA) for embezzling funds from their workers during the construction projects in Irvine and Hemet.

In 2011, the Center for Contract Compliance started an investigation into Bdaiwi and Naranjo Jr. and shortly thereafter contacted the OCDA to further investigate the case.

Deputy District Attorney Donde McCament of the Insurance Fraud Unit is prosecuting this case.



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# Crime recap

## RECAP from page 1

book page is used to inform the community about crimes happening in the City, so we can work together to report suspicious activity to the Sheriff's Department in order to keep crime low. Here is a recap of the local crime last month.

On Dec. 13, 2013, shortly before 7:30 a.m., a home in the 14000 block of Vernal Springs Court in the City of Eastvale erupted into flames. Five engines, including a hook-and-ladder, as well as other fire personnel and numerous Sheriff's Deputies responded to the blaze. Employees of Southern California Edison were also on scene. Later, Sheriff's investigators obtained a search warrant and seized 645 marijuana plants. Upon further discovery, they confirmed that electricity was being bypassed illegally around the meter, which may have been the cause of the fire. This case is still under investigation.

On Dec. 16, 2013, Eastvale Police Officers investigated a series of thefts at the 7100 block of Cornflower Ct., in Eastvale. The investigation revealed that several unknown suspects approached several residences on Cornflower Ct. and opened several unlocked vehicles parked in the driveway of the residences.



PHOTO COURTESY: JOHN MELLIN

*Eastvale Firefighters were on the scene at the burning house off of Vernal Springs Court.*



PHOTO COURTESY: JOHN MELLIN

*A home in the 14000 block of Vernal Springs Court in Eastvale erupted into flames due to electricity was being bypassed illegally around the meter*



PHOTO COURTESY: JENNIFER MADRIGAL

*Police Officers located evidence at a "Twerk for Santa" party that went wrong.*

The unknown suspects stole car audio speakers, amplifiers, an Apple iPod and a miscellaneous amount of currency from the vehicles. The suspects fled the location on foot and subsequently entered an unknown make, color and model sport utility vehicle. A suspect named Cody Ridley, 18, was arrested on Dec. 17, 2013. The case has been forwarded to the district attorney for further action. For more information about this crime, read the story on page 1.

On Dec. 20, 2013, a local resident residing on Elmgrove in Eastvale was cited with an \$1,800 citation for failing to turn down their music after officers gave two warnings. The residents were hosting a "Twerk for Santa" party that had been advertised all over various social media outlets. According to an officer at the scene, the party seemed to be attended by over 100 young high school students and quickly got out of control. The Eastvale Police were

called out after local neighbors reported hearing gun shots that sounded like "fireworks". Officers canvassed the neighborhood with K9's and found at least three small caliber bullet shells near a parked vehicle. A resident on the scene reported seeing car loads of teenage boys fleeing the scene, slowing down and switching passengers in the vehicles. The Eastvale Police Department responded quickly and gathered evidence, questioned neighbors and party goers. One officer told our reporter on the scene that there did not appear to be any injuries as there had not been any blood found on the scene. The party was closed down and cleared out before 1 a.m.

On Dec. 21, 2013 from 7 p.m. – 3 a.m. on Limonite Avenue, west of Hamner Avenue, a DUI/Driver's license safety checkpoint was held with Deputy Kelly Howell as the reporting officer. The Eastvale Police Department completed this checkpoint in or-

der to screen for DUI drivers as well as unlicensed and suspended drivers. Over 1,400 vehicles passed through the checkpoint, with the following results:

- 0 DUI arrests
- 12 Field sobriety tests for DUI of alcohol
- 0 Field sobriety tests for DUI of drugs
- 18 Citations were issued for unlicensed drivers
- 6 Citations were issued for suspended driver's license
- 2 Citations for vehicle code violations
- 5 Vehicles towed

During the checkpoint hours, patrol officers were in the vicinity contacting the public for vehicle code violations. Out of those contacts, no DUI arrests were made, and 26 citations were issued. These numbers are included in the overall operation results listed above.

The checkpoint was conducted with the assistance of the Jurupa Valley Station's K9 Team,

Special Enforcement Team, and volunteers. In addition, the Riverside County Sheriff's Department/Crime Analyst Unit was on scene to assist the Eastvale Police Department in processing the larger than normal volume of citations, towing records, arrest/incident reports and computer checks of various law enforcement databases. Also, the Riverside County Sheriff's Department/Cal-ID staff was on scene assisting the Eastvale Police Department to verify the identity of those subjects arrested by utilizing their mobile identification processing system.

On Dec. 26, 2013, a resident informed us via Facebook that their community cluster mailboxes were stolen in the Orchard neighborhood with cross streets Limonite & Sumner. The entire unit was removed and only the base was left. This case is currently being investigated and residents were informed by USPS that it is their responsibility to replace the unit.

# Over 2,000 arrested

## DUI from page 1

regularly scheduled high visibility DUI enforcement operations, are proven strategies for removing impaired drivers from the road

and heightening awareness of the dangers of driving under the influence of drugs and alcohol, according to the news release. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, sobriety checkpoint programs

can yield considerable cost savings: \$6 for every \$1 spent.

Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino counties. You can contact him at (909) 268-9470, via email at [basictrainingmembers@yahoo.com](mailto:basictrainingmembers@yahoo.com), or visit his website at [www.johnnythetrainer.com](http://www.johnnythetrainer.com).

## Sheriff's Dept. Arrest 78 During Checkpoint

By SARAH ARMIGO

**La Puente** – In one night, the LA County Sheriff's Department, Industry Station arrested 78 people during a DUI/DL checkpoint this past weekend.

The checkpoint was conducted on Dec. 21 from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Hacienda Blvd., north of Nelson Ave. "Checkpoints are placed in locations that have the greatest opportunity for achieving drunk and drugged driving deterrence and provide the greatest safety for officers and the public," according to a LA County Sheriff's news release.

During this checkpoint, 2220 vehicles passed through and 2035 drivers were checked. Eighteen vehicles were stored for one day and seven vehicles were impounded for 30 days.

56 unlicensed drivers were arrested during the checkpoint and 14 drivers with a suspended or revoked license were arrested and sent to court. Two suspects were also arrested for knowingly allowing an unlicensed driver to drive.

One suspect was arrested for driving under the influence of methamphetamine and another

suspect was arrested for the possession of methamphetamine. One suspect was arrested for a felony parole violation warrant and three suspects were also arrested for a traffic warrant.

LA County Sheriff's Officials state that this checkpoint was one of many that have been or will be conducted throughout the year in La Puente.

DUI/Driver's License checkpoints lower DUI deaths and injuries. A major component of these checkpoints is the deterrent effects it has on those who might drive drunk or drugged impaired bring about more awareness and encouraging everyone to use sober designated drivers, according to the Sheriff's Department. Funding for these operations is provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) states that checkpoints have provided the most effective documented results of any of the DUI enforcement strategies, while also yielding considerable cost savings of \$6 for every \$1

spent.

If you see dangerous driving, please report drunk drivers by calling 9-1-1. You may also prevent or report crime by contacting your local Sheriff's station. Or if you wish to remain Anonymous, call "LA Crime Stoppers" by dialing 800-222-TIPS (8477), texting the letters TIPLA plus your tip to CRIMES (274637), or using the website <http://lacrimestoppers.org>.

The LA County Sheriff's Department has also provided the following tips for drivers to plan ahead and avoid driving under the influence:

- Arrange rides home for your friends, family, co-workers and yourself before the drinking begins
- Identify and provide free non-alcoholic drinks or other promotional items to the Designated Driver
- Party hosts and servers must limit drinks to your guests or patrons. Don't serve more than one or two over several hours.
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# Alamo Car Wash

**ALAMO** from page 1

all over town trying to get all of this done, or you could get it all done at one stop: Alamo Car Wash and Detail Center.

Dan Gerstner and his wife, Sylvia, opened Alamo 18 years ago, and they have run the business with a simple philosophy ever since.

"Our philosophy is to always have satisfied customers. We want them to be satisfied with what we do here, and 99.9 percent of the time, they are," Gerstner said.

Situated in a four-acre complex at the corner of Nogales and Francesca Drive in Walnut, Alamo features a hand car wash, a Mobil gas station and an Xpress Lube oil change center, as well as a number of shops, which the Gerstners rent mostly to automotive-related businesses, but also include restaurants, beauty salons, a dentist's office, a locksmith and a bookkeeping service.

"We even have a shoeshine guy. It's really a one-stop shop," Gerstner said.

The car wash offers full-service hand car washes and detailing, which include waxing, buffing and interior cleaning, as well as an express wash for people on the go.

"We have a new service we started a year ago—the express exterior wash. It only takes five minutes and the customer stays in the car as it goes through the tunnel where it gets hand washed. It's for people who are in a hurry," he explained.

Asked why people should visit Alamo instead of other area car washes, Gerstner said, "I don't know what other car washes do, but I know what we do. We're very picky about service and the little details. And usually, when the car comes out, it's cleaner than it's ever been."

Package washes are popular, Gerstner said, especially the Silver Package Wash. It includes an air freshener, sealer wax, polish wax, rainbow wax, clear coat sealant and Armor-All on the car's tires.

Inside the brightly-decorated car wash, you can watch your car as it goes through the tun-

nel; get a massage in a leather massage chair, listen to the sound of tropical birds chirping, pick up a gift or card in the gift shop.

"If people need something at the last minute, like greeting cards, we have a wide selection they can choose from while they're waiting for their car. We also carry just about any kind of auto accessories you might need," Gerstner said.

Alamo's oil change service is also extremely popular.

"Our quick lube service is very complete. We do the complete maintenance service for the car—transmission, power steering, brake fluid, the cooling system and fuel emissions service—we do the whole maintenance package for your car, and that's why our quick lube service is so popular," Gerstner said. Plus, oil change customers receive a free car wash.

Gerstner admits that Alamo is not the cheapest place to have your car washed or serviced, but maintains that the services they offer make them competitive with just about anybody else.

"We offer a higher level of service than many other places, and that's why we've been so successful. People love their car—their car is like their baby, and it's unbelievable how some of them treat their cars. We see customers who come in twice a week, and their cars look clean, but they still want them washed

here," he explained.

If you want to see the difference in the way Alamo Car Wash and Detail Center can make your car look and run, visit them at 784 N. Nogales Street in Walnut. For more information, including business hours, call them at (626) 965-7922.

## Four residents rewarded

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Bar Sheriff's Station. She said she was home one September afternoon when saw a man walking on the sidewalk in front of her neighbor's home and then walk to the side of the house to the backyard. Knowing that her neighbors weren't home, she called the Police to give them information about the suspicious man and the suspicious vehicle that had been driving back and forth on her street. Sheriff Deputies responded quickly, which resulted in three male suspects being arrested that day.

DeCarbo then asked the community to please get to know their neighbors and get involved. The City Council agreed and Mayor Carol Herrera added that with 16,000 residential units in the city, it is impossible to have a deputy patrol each one.

The City website also states that one of the best ways to safeguard your neighborhood against burglaries is to get to know your neighbors and

watch out for each other's property. "The more eyes you have looking for suspicious or criminal activity, the better protected you and your neighbors will be against burglaries." It also says to make sure to also trust your instincts, and immediately call the Sheriff's Station if something does not look or feel right.

Suspicious activity that should always be reported includes unfamiliar persons on foot, bicycle, or vehicle driving through residential streets below the speed limit or lingering in an area, seemingly without a purpose. City officials say that when calling the Sheriff's Station (909) 595-2264 (9-1-1 if the burglary is in progress or it is an emergency), try to provide as much as information as you can about what you are observing, such as description of the individuals, and the car color, make, model and, if possible, a license plate number.

The City also asks to consider joining or starting a Neighborhood Watch group in your area by calling Community Relations Deputy Aaron Scheller at (909)

839-7079.

The Report for Reward program was established after being approved by the Diamond Bar City Council – by way of Ordinance No. 08(2013) – during its regular meeting of October 1, 2013.

To encourage wider participation in the Report for Reward program, City staff and Sheriff's deputies in late November 2013 met with Diamond Bar employees the United States Postal Service and the City's contract street sweeping company to inform them of the program and guide them on how to detect suspicious behavior while out in the field, according to the newsletter. Additional meetings are planned with other City vendors and area service providers in the coming weeks. Community groups who would like a presentation on the Report for Reward program may contact City Hall at 909.839.7000.

For more information about the program, including answers to frequently-asked questions, please visit the City website at [diamondbarca.gov/RFR](http://diamondbarca.gov/RFR).

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# Fourth body found at Industry facility

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Angeles in Calimesa. The case remains a cold file to this date.

In an ongoing investigation, another baby girl was found at the Athens facility a year ago,

on December 10, 2012. The infant's death has been ruled a homicide, and although no arrests have been made, this is reportedly still an active case. Authorities are looking for information about this baby, known as Jane Doe #83. If you have

information, please contact Sheriff's Homicide at (323) 890-5500.

The third body was a more recent discovery, in July of this year. Mark Christopher David arrived in a dumpster picked up in the Hollywood area. He

appeared to have died from an accidental drug overdose.

Just like Erin Lynn Cruz, 27, a homicide victim who was found mechanically separated at a water pollution control plant in

Carson on October 26 of this year, these waste management facilities are an unfortunate way to discover that someone's life ended and came to rest as trash.



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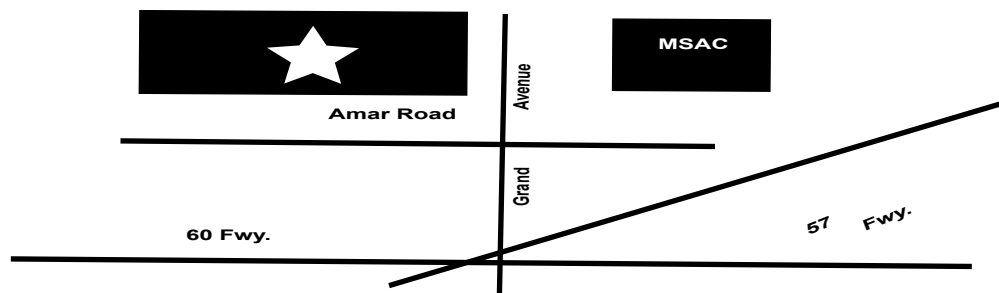




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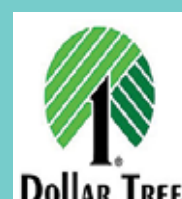
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