



# **HAWTHORNE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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On March 14<sup>th</sup>, the Hawthorne Police Department conducted a DUI/Driver's license checkpoint at 135<sup>th</sup> Street and Prairie Ave.

Five people were arrested for DUI. One was arrested for being intoxicated in public.

45 citations were issued for driving with no/suspended license.

We impounded a total of 50 vehicles.

One person was arrested after he drove out of the cone pattern and led officers in a high-speed pursuit. The suspect drove at times reaching speeds of over 100mph. Fortunately the Hawthorne Police helicopter was airborne at the time and was able to follow the suspect vehicle.

The suspect eventually abandoned his vehicle and tried to hide in a backyard but he was arrested when the Air Unit guided ground units to the exact location where the suspect was hiding. He was arrested for evading arrest and Narcotics trafficking after a large quantity of narcotics was found in the suspect's vehicle.

Arrested: Brandon Ferrell, 23yrs old, out of Los Angeles.