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Online sales postings lead to illegal fireworks citations in Hesperia

Caleb Aguilera, Daily Press

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These people were issued citations for possession of illegal fireworks. [Photo courtesy of the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department]

HESPERIA — Authorities issued citations to three men for possession of illegal fireworks on Thursday.

San Bernardino County Fire Department investigators issued citations to Christian Perez and Ernest Vasquez, of Victorville, and Carl Willis, of Apple Valley, for possession of illegal fireworks. These citations came after County Fire and the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Hesperia Station's Gang Team's recent effort to reduce the sale and use of illegal fireworks in the city.

"These operations targeted citizens who posted fireworks for sale on social media websites," said sheriff's officials. "Deputies met the citizens at various locations to buy the fireworks as part of the sting operations."

All of the fireworks confiscated by County Fire are illegal in Hesperia, as well as throughout the state.

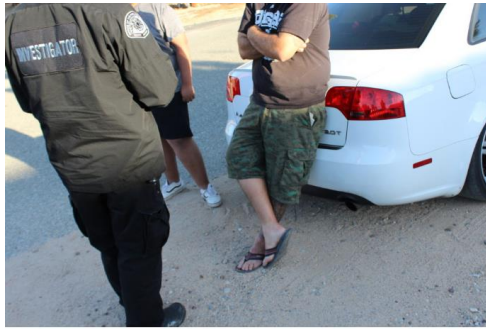
"With the upcoming Fourth of July holiday, the Hesperia Sheriff's Station wants to remind the citizens of Hesperia that fireworks, including 'safe and sane,' are illegal within the city limits," sheriff's officials said.

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Hesperia Gang Team continues to crack down on the sale of Fireworks

Staff Writer, VVNG

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(Photo Courtesy of Hesperia Sheriff's Station Gang Team)

HESPERIA, Calif. — During the last three weeks, the Hesperia Station's Gang Team conducted several operations to reduce the sales and use of illegal fireworks in the City of Hesperia. With the assistance of the **San Bernardino County Fire Department**, three citizens from the High Desert area were issued citations for the possession of illegal fireworks.

These operations targeted citizens who posted fireworks for sale on social media websites. Deputies met the citizens at various locations to buy the fireworks as part of the sting operations. The suspects were contacted and subsequently cite-released at the scene.

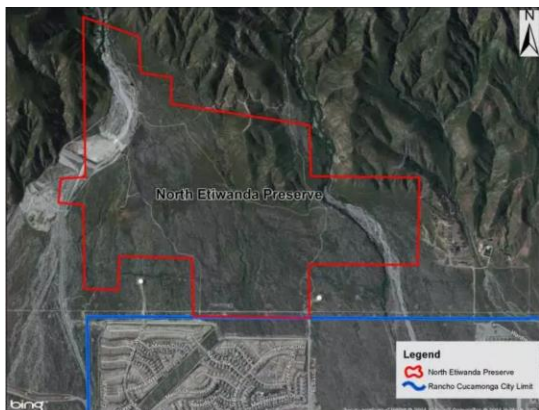
San Bernardino County Fire Investigators issued citations to Christian Perez and Ernest Vasquez from Victorville, and Carl Willis from Apple Valley for the illegal fireworks. All of the fireworks, which are illegal in the State of California as well as the City of Hesperia, were confiscated by the Fire Department.

<https://www.vvng.com/hesperia-gang-team-cracks-down-on-the-sale-of-fireworks/>

Don't visit North Etiwanda Preserve expecting to watch July 4th fireworks this year

Sandra Emerson, Daily Bulletin

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The North Etiwanda Preserve will be closed from sunset Tuesday, July 3 until sunrise Thursday, July 5 due to increased fire danger on the Fourth of July. (Courtesy of the Rancho Cucamonga Fire Protection District)

Two popular wilderness areas near Rancho Cucamonga will be temporarily closed due to increased fire danger on the Fourth of July.

The North Etiwanda Preserve and Snowdrop/Santina Road will be closed from sunset Tuesday, July 3, to sunrise Thursday, July 5, according to a news release from the Rancho Cucamonga Fire Protection District.

Snowdrop/Santina Road is at the base of the foothills, just north of Rancho Cucamonga's city limits but within the Fire District's jurisdiction.

It has become a popular place for the public to watch fireworks across the valley below, according to an email from Kelley Donaldson, spokeswoman for the Fire District.

"With dry vegetation in this area and increased risk of fire danger, it is best to limit the activity in order to prevent the ignition of a wildfire," Donaldson said.

Violators face a \$1,000 fine.

The fire protection district is working with the **San Bernardino County Fire** Department on the North Etiwanda Preserve closure, which is in addition to other rules and regulations set for the area.

To view the rules and regulations visit <http://www.specialdistricts.org/index.aspx?page=413> or San Bernardino County's Special Districts Department, at 157 W. Fifth St., San Bernardino.

Fire and law enforcement personnel will be patrolling the closure areas and the rest of Rancho Cucamonga. The use of all fireworks is illegal in the city.

For more information call the district at 909-477-2770.

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