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## ***MEDIA ALERT***

**LOS ANGELES (May 12, 2008)** - The City of Los Angeles will conduct a sting operation Tuesday, May 13, that may result in the arrest of the owner of Lanzit Tire Company, 1151 East Lanzit Ave., in South Los Angeles. Department of Public Works Bureau of Street Services Enforcement and Investigations Division reports, the owner has failed to comply with previous citations for illegally operating the business under the license of a deceased person. Also, the business has been cited for posing a public health and safety, and hazardous materials threat to surrounding homes and businesses.

Waste tires are a major contributor to illegal dumping, are a known cause of hazardous material fires, and contribute to blight throughout the City, according to the Enforcement and Investigations Division. In the event the owner is not apprehended the operation will contribute to the collection of evidence for a future arrest, if the business continues as an illegal operation.

Staging area for media is 10 a.m., at the intersection of 108<sup>th</sup> Street and Central Avenue, w/o of Central on North side of 108<sup>th</sup> Street, across from County Building. Debriefing is scheduled at 1140 South Broadway Street upon completion, inspection and/or booking. Contact: Senior Investigators Rodney Lucas, cell: (213) 216-6602; or Tom Caraballo, (213) 792-6960.

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