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**Oakland Police Sideshow Detail Officers Make Arrest and Recover Two Firearms**

**Oakland, CA** –The Oakland Police Department continues illegal Sideshow enforcement detail during the weekend. OPD monitor’s potential car clubs or groups that may want to come into Oakland and participate in illegal Sideshow activity. OPD communicates with partnering law enforcement agencies providing updates regarding illegal Sideshow activity that may affect our Bay Area cities.

Officers patrol to identify areas that historically attract Sideshow participants. OPD’s police helicopter (ARGUS) patrols by air and directs ground units to Sideshow caravans, and or groups, to deter and take enforcement action.

Sideshow officers patrol throughout the city of Oakland especially in areas known for Sideshow activity. On Sunday, May 23, 2021, at 4:30 PM Sideshow detail officers observed a vehicle parked in the 10600 block of E Street with two firearms inside. During the preliminary investigation the driver was identified and placed under arrest. Officers recovered the two illegal firearms along with over two pounds of Marijuana.

Oakland Police Chief LeRonne L. Armstrong said, *“I appreciate our City Councilmembers for supporting and restoring funds for a dedicated sideshow detail. Without these additional resources, our city would have experienced significantly more destructive sideshow activity. Sideshow detail officers were able to make a key arrest and recover two illegal firearms.”*



OPD continues working on identifying vehicles that take part in illegal Sideshow activity in Oakland. Once identified, investigators will go to the locations/homes where the vehicles are registered and tow those vehicles with a 30-day impound of the vehicle.

OPD continues to partner with community groups, regional law enforcement agencies, and other city departments for a long-term solution to address illegal sideshows and violent crimes in Oakland.

If you have information about illegal sideshows you can send OPD a tip at our non-emergency email, [sideshowtips@oaklandca.gov](mailto:sideshowtips@oaklandca.gov)

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