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## **CHP RELEASES RESULTS FROM RECENT CRIME SUPPRESSION OPERATION IN AND AROUND OAKLAND AND ALAMEDA COUNTY**

**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:** An increase in state law enforcement personnel to address the ongoing public safety crisis within Alameda County yields positive results in a short period of time – including 71 arrests, the recovery of 145 stolen vehicles, and four firearms.

**SACRAMENTO**, Calif. – The California Highway Patrol (CHP) is releasing results from a recent multi-day enforcement campaign, which temporarily sent 120 officers and investigators into Oakland and the surrounding area to proactively address a significant increase in vehicular theft, retail theft, and other criminal activity in the greater East Bay.

CHP personnel assigned to specialty units throughout the Bay Area, including auto theft investigators, commercial enforcement, cargo theft investigators, drug detection K-9 handlers, and retail theft investigators, combined their efforts to saturate areas of the East Bay known for criminal activity. Recent saturation efforts, coupled with additional enforcement action, by the CHP resulted in 71 arrests, the recovery of 145 stolen vehicles, the seizure of illicit drugs, the recovery of \$60,000 worth of stolen electronics, and the seizure of four firearms, including an unregistered “ghost gun”.

**WHAT GOVERNOR NEWSOM SAID:** “Through coordinated efforts with local partners and increased deployment, CHP is making a difference and making Oakland and the East Bay safer. With 71 arrests, 145 stolen cars recovered, and illegal firearms and drugs seized, we're sending a clear message: crime will not go unchecked in Oakland and East Bay neighborhoods. I'm grateful for the men and women of the CHP who are assisting in the local-led effort to turn the tide.”

**WHAT CHP COMMISSIONER SEAN DURYEE SAID:** “The CHP is committed to our mission of saving lives and making California a safer place to live and work. Moving forward, our officers will continue to work alongside our law enforcement partners and conduct proactive operations that help improve the quality of life for the residents, business owners, and visitors.”



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***B-roll footage of CHP's operations is available for download and use by the [here](#).***

The CHP remains present in Oakland and will continue to deploy officers for additional unannounced targeted surge operations in high crime areas in the East Bay to aggressively seek out and apprehend those engaged in illegal behavior.

In addition to conducting these proactive operations, the CHP continues to have an expanded presence in Oakland focused on high visibility enforcement to deter, investigate, and respond to criminal activity.

Working together with key stakeholders, including the California Department of Justice, Alameda County District Attorney's Office, and the Oakland Police Department, the CHP will help ensure those committing crimes are identified, apprehended, and held accountable.

The mission of the CHP is to provide the highest level of Safety, Service, and Security.