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## FOREWORD

The purpose of this handbook is to provide interpretive information and guidance to law enforcement agencies using the Vehicle Theft Information System (VTIS).

The objective is to develop the ability to interpret and analyze the VTIS reports in order to achieve maximum utilization of the VTIS.

The reports produced by VTIS can provide a considerable amount of valuable vehicle theft and recovery related information to administrators and vehicle theft investigators at every jurisdictional level throughout the state. These reports can be tailored to meet the needs of the individual user. The real value of the VTIS reports and the information they contain is dependent directly upon the ways in which they are interpreted and analyzed.

The VTIS reports are not designed to replace the analytical function but rather to support it with high-grade information in a usable form. Any inquiries or comments relating to the VTIS program or this handbook should be directed to the California Highway Patrol, Field Support Section, Vehicle Theft Unit, P.O. Box 942898, Sacramento, California, 94298-0001, or by calling (916) 843-3470.

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