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# San Diego Police, Highway Patrol Impound 13 Vehicles Used in Sideshow Takeovers

**San Diego** – Just days after [preventing two dangerous sideshow takeover events](#), the San Diego Police Department (SDPD), along with California Highway Patrol (CHP), are working to find individuals behind several large sideshow events that put community members in harm's way. The joint investigation identified more than 23 vehicles and multiple individuals participating in these illegal events.

On April 30 and May 2, officers from SDPD's Traffic, Northeastern and Northern Divisions and CHP's San Diego and El Cajon Offices, seized 13 vehicles through court orders. Two people were arrested for felony vandalism, reckless driving and speeding.

Those arrested were involved in the following sideshow takeovers:

- Feb. 24, 2023 – Approximately 200 people attended a sideshow takeover at several intersections in San Diego County including Mira Mesa, La Jolla Village, Kearny Mesa, Spring Valley, Downtown San Diego, Barrio Logan, and Otay Mesa. Damage to the roadways was estimated at nearly \$24,000.
- March 10, 2024 – Nearly 200 people hosted an unpermitted car meet in the Target parking lot located on Mira Mesa Blvd., resulting in more than \$15,000 in property damage.

Investigators are searching for more vehicles and further criminal charges are pending for multiple individuals. These sideshows put innocent community members at risk of death or serious injury, while causing thousands of dollars in damage to roadways and private property. Those responsible for these reckless events will be arrested and fully prosecuted.

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