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**Driver From Weekend Sideshow Takeover Arrested for Child Endangerment,  
DUI, and Possession of a Ghost Gun**

San Diego – A man is in custody and his vehicle was impounded after he took part in an intersection takeover event on Saturday night. On August 13th, at approximately 10 p.m., the San Diego Police Department’s Traffic Division, in coordination with the California Highway Patrol’s El Cajon Office, became aware of a sideshow “takeover” being planned within the county. Officers from both agencies monitored these activities and identified six locations.

Participants targeted the intersections of Camino Ruiz and Carroll Canyon Road, Lakehurst Avenue and Clairemont Drive, Mission Bay Drive and Garnet Avenue, University Avenue and Normal Street, and Roselle Street and Sorrento Valley Boulevard, all in the City of San Diego. The 400 block of Anita Street was targeted in Chula Vista.

A white 2010 Dodge Charger was observed performing burnouts at the intersection of Garnet Avenue and Mission Bay Drive. This is a heavily traveled intersection that serves as a main road into Pacific Beach. As the Dodge Charger was leaving the area, SDPD’s helicopter followed the vehicle to the next takeover location at University Avenue and Normal Street, in Hillcrest.

Officers stopped and detained 18-year-old Mauricio Santos Alvarado. One of his two passengers was a minor. Alvarado was performing illegal and extremely dangerous maneuvers. Officers discovered that Alvarado and his passengers were also in possession of open alcoholic beverage containers. He was evaluated at the scene for driving under the influence.

The car Alvarado used was impounded for 30 days. Officers discovered a loaded, non-serialized pistol, commonly referred to as a “ghost gun” on the driver’s floorboard. Alvarado was arrested at the scene for felony child endangerment, felony possession of a non-serialized or registered and loaded handgun, reckless driving upon a highway, exhibition of speed, and for driving as a minor with a blood alcohol concentration above .01%.

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