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### **Illegal Sideshow Results in Felony Child Endangerment Arrest**

**San Diego** – A San Diego man was arrested and charged with child endangerment for bringing his children to an illegal sideshow. The sideshow took place on July 12th at 9:30 p.m. in the College Grove Shopping Center in the 3400 block of College Avenue. Dozens of vehicles participated in the sideshow, which included multiple vehicles performing burnouts and “donuts” on private property.

San Diego Police Department officers arrived and saw one of the drivers performing illegal stunt driving. The vehicle collided with a planter box in the parking lot and came dangerously close to hitting the spectators. Officers stopped the vehicle and learned that the driver’s 5 and 6-year-old children were in the backseat. The children were not restrained in child car safety seats. The driver was identified as 31-year-old Jonathan Mendoza.

Mendoza was booked into San Diego County Jail for reckless driving, DUI, and felony child endangerment.

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