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San Diego Police Prevent Weekend Intersection Takeover, Recover Firearm

San Diego – On Saturday, April 27, the San Diego Police Department (SDPD) was informed that a sideshow takeover was planned within the city. SDPD's Traffic and Northeastern Divisions responded and prevented the group from carrying out their plan.

The group attempted to 'take over' the intersection of Ocean View Blvd. and Gloria St. in Lincoln Park neighborhood but was unsuccessful. The same group attempted to perform another sideshow at Cedar St. and Grove St. in South Park but again were quickly dispersed.

Officers detained a vehicle suspected of being part of the illegal event. During the detention, a loaded, unregistered firearm was discovered inside the vehicle. One of the vehicle's occupants was arrested and booked into San Diego County Central Jail for illegal possession.

These dangerous acts often result in injury or death, property damage, hit-and-run collisions, and fraud and present serious dangers to the public. Involved drivers and spectators may face criminal prosecution for participating in these sideshows. If someone is killed as a result of these incidents, drivers could be faced with murder charges.

The San Diego Police Department does not condone these illegal, inherently dangerous stunts on our streets. These activities have caused injuries and death throughout the county, the state, and the nation. Those involved in these criminal acts will face arrest and prosecution to the fullest extent of the law.

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