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## **VALLEJO POLICE DEPARTMENT RESPONDS TO JULY 11TH SIDESHOW ACTIVITY**

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**VALLEJO** - On July 11, 2020, at approximately 12:34am, Vallejo Patrol Officers responded to a large sideshow located in South Vallejo at the intersection of Lemon Street and Sonoma Boulevard. Officers observed a large crowd of approximately 300 participants and a number of vehicles engaged in sideshow activity.

Upon arriving into the area, several shots were fired by spectators while officers were on scene. A member of the crowd also threw explosive fireworks at one of the officers. In addition, a sideshow spectator was also run over by a fleeing vehicle. The victim, a woman, suffered non life-threatening injuries to both of her legs and was transported to a nearby hospital. The investigation into the hit-and-run is ongoing.

At approximately 2:35am, officers received reports of sideshow activity in the area of Lake Herman Road. A male victim was sitting in his vehicle, when a suspect drove alongside him, asked him a question and began shooting at the victim's vehicle. The victim did not report any physical injuries and the investigation in this case is ongoing.

The crowd and related vehicles involved in the sideshow(s) also moved to several locations throughout the City, further inundating our police services. Patrol officers responded by using the appropriate techniques and force options to shut down the activities.

The Vallejo Police Department impounded eight vehicles and made one arrest. Patrol officers also issued three citations for various vehicle code violations. The Vallejo Police Department appreciates the allied agencies who responded and provided assistance – The California Highway Patrol, Benicia PD, American Canyon PD and the Solano Sheriff's Office. The Department also appreciates our dispatchers, who responded to a number of sideshow related calls during the evening.

"We appreciate the coordinated efforts of our officers, dispatchers and allied agencies who responded to the sideshow activity," Chief Shawny Williams said. "Sideshows are inherently dangerous and disruptive to our residents, visitors and businesses. We want sideshow participants and spectators to refrain from this activity in Vallejo."

Anyone with information on the vehicle shooting is encouraged to contact the Vallejo Police Department - Crime Tip Line at 1-800 488-9383. For additional information, please contact Vallejo Police Department's Public Information Officer, Brittany K. Jackson by phone at (707) 651-7147 or by email at

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