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ISP CONDUCTS TWO ENFORCEMENT DETAILS ON CHICAGO EXPRESSWAY MOST AFFECTED BY VIOLENCE

Stolen car, weapons, and drugs seized during ISP enforcement details

CHICAGO – The Illinois State Police (ISP) conducted two successful enforcement saturation details at the end of March, focusing on the Chicagoland expressway most affected by violence, Interstate 94, the Dan Ryan Expressway. ISP increased the number of troopers on the expressway as a deterrent to help reduce crime and protect the motoring public.

“These details carry a strong message that ISP is out there and will not tolerate crime on the expressways,” said Troop 3 Captain David Keltner. “We will continue to use all our resources to combat violent crime, including automated license plate readers, air operations, forensic services, investigators, and information sharing. ISP will remain vigilant to curbing crime on the interstates.”

On March 24, 2023, ISP saturated the Dan Ryan with an additional 40 troopers for its ‘Light Up the Night’ detail. Most of these troopers recently graduated from the ISP Academy, Cadet Class 138 and Cadet Class 139. Troopers made a total of 151 traffic stops resulting in 43 citations, 117 written warnings, and three Driving Under the Influence arrests.

During the detail, a Statewide Anti-Violence Enforcement North (SAVE North) trooper located a vehicle wanted for a homicide in Riverdale. A vehicular pursuit ensued, eventually turning into a foot pursuit. ‘Light Up the Night’ detail troopers assisted the SAVE North trooper in taking the offender into custody. A handgun and extended magazine were recovered during the arrest.

On March 26, 2023, 21 troopers from Troop 3, Troop 5, Troop 15, and agents from ISP Zone 1 Division of Criminal Investigation conducted a joint enforcement detail called ‘Operation Tracker.’ In total, troopers conducted 42 traffic stops, resulting in 14 citations, 34 written warnings, and four criminal arrests with eight criminal charges being filed.

There were several notable arrests during this detail. During a traffic stop, a trooper located a loaded handgun and cannabis. In a separate incident, a trooper initiated a traffic stop on a stolen vehicle and the driver was charged with Criminal Trespass to a Motor Vehicle and an unrelated warrant. Another traffic stop resulted in the seizure of more than 270 grams of cannabis and more than 10 grams of cocaine. The driver was charged with Manufacture/Delivery of Cannabis and Possession of a Controlled Substance.

Due to the success of ‘Operation Tracker’ getting criminals off the interstates, ISP will conduct details monthly.

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