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Thousands of Dollars' Worth of Stolen Property Retrieved by DA Investigators Thanks to Measure K "Justice for Kern" Initiative

(Bakersfield) – Kern County District Attorney (DA) Investigators funded under the DA's Measure K "Justice For Kern" Initiative conducted a successful operation resulting in the recovery of stolen equipment valued in excess of \$35,000.

On January 17, 2024, DA Investigators successfully recovered a tractor and trailer stolen from The Home Depot, in addition to a dirt bike. During the search of the property located in the 1100 Block of Pearl Street, a large amount of narcotics was also found. One person was arrested and safely taken into custody. Gilberto Valtierra (38 years old) of Bakersfield was arrested for being in possession of stolen property and possession of a controlled substance for the purposes of sales.

Investigators were assisted by the Kern County Sheriff's Office Rural Crimes Unit. Funding for the operation was supported by Measure K, which has been implemented under the DA's "Justice For Kern" Program, which increases law enforcement presence and follow-up investigations in unincorporated areas of Kern County.



District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented; "The "Justice for Kern" initiative allows for increased law enforcement resources, enhancing our presence and working towards reducing crime in unincorporated Kern County. This office is committed to having justice prevail in every corner of our county."

