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## BPD Conducts Labor Day Weekend Exhibition Driving Operation

The Birmingham Police Department conducted an exhibition driving operation over the Labor Day Weekend. Officers focused on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue West area.

BPD officers with our Crime Suppression Team, City Wide Task Force, And Narcotics Unit conducted directed patrols in the 800 Block of 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue West.

The operation led to three arrests, three vehicles towed, and one illegally possessed firearm seized.

## **Details:**

On **Saturday, September 2, 2023**, at around 10:45 p.m., Officers received a report of exhibition driving taking place in the 800 Block of 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue West.

Officers observed a group of people flee from the area of the Advance Auto Parts (821 3rd Avenue West) parking lot. Officers then observed an abandoned 2017 Grey Dodge Challenger. Officers learned the vehicle had been stolen out of the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office jurisdiction. Officers towed the recovered stolen vehicle.

On **Saturday, September 2, 2023**, at around 10:55 p.m., officers arrested an adult male after he was observed in the Advance Auto Parts parking lot after the business was closed. Officers recovered a firearm from the suspect he illegally possessed.

He was arrested for **Certain Persons Forbidden to Possess a Firearm**; he was booked into the Birmingham City Jail. Warrant pending. The suspect's 1977 Cadillac Deville was impounded.

On **Saturday, September 2, 2023**, at around 11:10 p.m., officers arrested Travontae Todd, 26, of Hoover, Alabama for outstanding **City of Birmingham Warrants**. He was arrested at Burger King (801 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue West) after officers made contact with spectators of exhibition driving.

On **Sunday, September 3, 2023**, at around 2:25 a.m., officers arrested Demetrius Kelley, 31, of Bessemer, Alabama for outstanding **City of Birmingham Warrants**. He was arrested at Burger King after he was observed on the property while the business was closed. Officers impounded his 2020 Dodge Charger.

BPD would like to thank the community for their efforts in calling 911 to report illegal exhibition driving.