

MEDIA RELEASE

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Kern County doubles down on safety in recreational areas through Operation Safe Park

Kern County Park Rangers will conduct directed law enforcement at Panorama and Heritage Parks, beginning Thursday, May 13, through Saturday, May 15, in a focused effort to mitigate illegal activity at these two recreational areas in Kern County.

Law enforcement operations will be elevated at both Panorama Park and Heritage Park throughout this period, with a focus on maximum enforcement of county ordinance, parking, traffic, and California Penal Code violations, particularly between the hours of 10 p.m. and 2 a.m.

Operation Safe Park was previously conducted at Panorama Park on Thursday, April 22, through Saturday, April 24. During that directed enforcement period, Rangers made two felony arrests for possession of narcotics and possession of narcotics for sales, four misdemeanor arrests for being under the influence of alcohol and drugs, and issued 104 citations for drug use, being in the park after posted closing hours, and having a vehicle parked in a posted no parking zone along Panorama Drive.

Both Panorama Park and Heritage Park are closed to the public from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. every day. Parking along the length of Panorama Park on the north side of Panorama Drive between the hours of 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. is also prohibited.

Operation Safe Park will be expanded to include directed law enforcement activities in other recreational areas across Kern County. The next scheduled operation will take place Thursday, June 24 through Friday, June 25, at Lamont, Rexland, and Greenfield Parks. Please be advised more information is to follow.

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