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**OAKLAND POLICE ARREST LOCAL MOTEL OPERATOR FOR SOLICITING ACTS OF PROSTITUTION FROM UNDERCOVER OFFICER**

**OAKLAND, August 16**—The Oakland Police Department announced the arrests of 75 “Johns,” pimps, and prostitutes resulting from a prostitution decoy operation that took place last Thursday night in the Fruitvale District. The arrests also included the arrest of an operator of a local motel located at the corner of 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue and International Blvd. Undercover male and female officers, posing as Johns and prostitutes, were placed in areas of known prostitution activity. Unassuming clients were arrested as they solicited the female officers for sex acts. While, simultaneously, prostitutes were arrested for soliciting male officers various sex acts. In addition to the arrests, 51 cars were towed.

According to Oakland Police Lieutenant Mike Yoell, “This is the second large-scale operation we’ve conducted and it was very successful. Although they’re sporadic, these operations are highly effective and send the message to pimps, ‘Johns,’ and prostitutes that not only is getting arrested for soliciting acts of prostitution, and related crimes, an inconvenience because we tow your car, but that the Oakland Police Department will not tolerate such activities. We’ve recovered evidence ranging from drug paraphernalia to guns. The numbers speak for themselves. These operations will continue indefinitely.”

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