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## **DA Investigators Make Arrests for Stolen Property and Narcotics in Unincorporated Kern County Thanks To Measure K Funding**

(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 60,000. In a Stolen Property Operation on December 7, 2023, DA Investigators successfully recovered multiple high-value equipment reported stolen from the 4400 Block of Ashworth Road.

After a follow-up investigation, investigators executed a search warrant and located the stolen items including a forklift valued at approximately \$60,000 and an implement trailer valued at approximately \$5,000. During the search of the property, narcotics were also located. The items confirmed to be stolen were successfully returned to the rightful owners.

Two people were arrested and safely taken into custody. Daniel Gonzalez of Bakersfield was arrested for being in possession of stolen property. Christine Paulson of Bakersfield was arrested for possession of a controlled substance and paraphernalia.

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 theft of this type of specialized equipment can have a profound impact on businesses that rely upon it. Measure K’s “Justice For Kern” initiative is designed to deploy increased law enforcement resources to unincorporated Kern County, and DA Investigators are committed to doing our part to reduce property crime in all areas of Kern County.”

