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Distracted Driving Enforcement Operation Results

Kerman, Calif. – On Wednesday, August 13, 2025, the Kerman Police Department conducted a traffic enforcement operation focused on distracted driving.

During the traffic enforcement detail, officers initiated thirty-three (33) vehicle stops resulting in twenty-one (21) citations for hands-free cell phone violations, speeding violations, seatbelt/child seat violations, and stop light and stop sign violations. Additionally, two drivers were unlicensed, another was driving with a suspended license, and four vehicles were towed.

Despite repeated efforts to warn drivers about the hands-free cell phone law, some drivers continue to use their phones while driving. Our ultimate goal is to change behaviors that help make our roads safer.

California has had distracted driving laws on the books since 2008. Under current law, drivers are not allowed to hold their phones or other electronic devices while driving. This includes talking, texting, or using an app.

Using a handheld cell phone while driving is punishable by a fine. Violating the hands-free law for a second time within 36 months of a prior conviction for the same offense will result in a point being added to a driver's record.

If you have an important phone call or need to program directions, pull over to a safe parking spot. Before driving, either silence your phone or put it out of reach.

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