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Increased Patrol Effort in Boulder Hill Yields Two Guns Off the Street

In response to recent gang-related violence, Kendall County Sheriff Dwight Baird had ordered an increase in patrol presence for the Boulder Hill subdivision. This includes extra patrols, targeted enforcement, use of unmarked and semi-marked patrol vehicles, and working with other agencies including the Oswego Police Department, the Montgomery Police Department, and the Illinois State Police Kendall County Criminal Intelligence Team. This team effort has already yielded positive results including the seizure of two handguns on June 30, 2017.

During an investigative stop in Boulder Hill, patrol deputies seized a loaded handgun inside of a vehicle driven by Kevin Cook Sr. a 54 year old man from the 0-99 block of Sonora Drive, Montgomery. On that same date, Kendall County Criminal Intelligence Team members seized another handgun after stopping Antonio Blackburn a 22 year old man from 0-99 block of Old Post Road in Oswego for a traffic violation in Boulder Hill. In both incidents, the drivers of the vehicles were charged with unlawful use of a firearm. Sheriff Baird said “there are now two less guns on the street that pose a threat to the citizens we serve. We will continue our efforts to thwart violence of any kind within Kendall County.”

The public is encouraged to remain vigilant and to report all suspicious activities by calling 911. If you have information about a crime and wish to remain anonymous, you can contact the Kendall County Crime Stoppers at 630-553-5999. Crime Stoppers will pay up to $1000 for information leading to an arrest.