ORGANIZED RETAIL THEFT VERTICAL PROSECUTION GRANT PROGRAM
Project Summaries (in alphabetical order)

Anaheim City Police Department - $6,104,863

The Anaheim Organized Retail Theft (ORT) High Intensity Investigation Project will create a new dedicated ORT Task Force in response to the drastic 47% spike in ORT crimes occurring in Anaheim over the last 18 months. The Task Force will increase the number and intensity of ORT investigations by 500% (from one dedicated staff to six), conduct a formal retailer outreach initiative to strengthen communications between the police department and retailers, and improve public awareness that Anaheim has a new, intense focus on fighting ORT.

Bakersfield City Police Department - $6,203,009

The project aims to reduce organized retail theft (ORT), and motor vehicle and accessory theft. Through targeted enforcement efforts, collaboration with retailers, existing diversion programs, and the use of advanced surveillance technology, the project will reduce ORT incidents, decrease motor vehicle and accessory thefts, and prevent repeat offenses by juvenile and first-time offenders. The project will leverage existing partnerships and employ data-driven strategies while seeking support for staffing, equipment procurement, and training, ensuring the successful implementation and sustainability of the program.

Beverly Hills City Police Department - $4,534,580

This grant will leverage and expand the City of Beverly Hills' available resources for a regional and statewide benefit. Our goal is to create a dynamic model for other agencies to maximize return on investment for their specific environments. The Real Time Watch Center, utilizing over 35 different technologies, has improved our ability to rapidly respond, apprehend suspects and develop follow-up investigative leads. We have hosted over 60 law enforcement agencies and more than 250 people during our first year of operation. Our success supporting retail flagship stores and brands from around the world can be duplicated by other agencies throughout the state.

Brea City Police Department - $5,941,357

The incidence of retail theft-related crime, motor vehicle theft, and cargo theft are on the rise in the City of Brea. Because of this problem, the City of Brea, in partnership with the Brea City Police Department, seeks to create an Integrated Crime Center which can be used as both an investigative tool to solve reported crimes and a real-time incident monitoring center. The project involves many components including software, office space, video management and storage, automated license plate reader cameras, and unmanned aircraft systems. The goal of the project is to reduce the prevalence of these types of crimes.

Chula Vista City Police Department - $3,037,986

This grant will assist the Chula Vista Police Department to combat vehicle theft and vehicle accessory theft within the city. The City of Chula Vista has a population of over 279,000 people and unfortunately, we experience a high rate of vehicle and accessory theft. Just in the last year, there have been 995 reports of vehicle theft and approximately 180 reports of catalytic converter theft in the city. With the assistance of this grant and the tools we will utilize, we will be able to take a proactive approach at lowering the amount of vehicle and accessory theft occurring. This will provide a positive impact to the community.

Citrus Heights City Police Department - $2,752,138

The Citrus Heights Police Department (CHPD) is seeking funding to install 98 Flock Safety Falcon cameras and 11 Flock Safety Condor PTZ cameras in strategic locations throughout the city to create an enhanced video wall with innovative Live 911 service, and to acquire six mobile security camera trailers to enhance CHPD's capacity to detect, respond to, and investigate instances of organized retail theft, motor vehicle theft, and motor vehicle accessory theft.

Coalinga City Police Department - $1,745,015

The Coalinga Police Department (CPD) seeks grant funding to implement proven organized retail and motor vehicle theft prevention strategies including: installing 36 video surveillance cameras, including nine cameras with License Plate Capture; hiring two new sworn personnel to ensure full utilization of new camera data; procuring four computers and two vehicles to support new personnel; and implementing community outreach programs. These activities will provide critical force multipliers, strengthening the CPD's ability to prevent and respond to property thefts, thus protecting lives and property in the city.
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Costa Mesa City Police Department - $3,518,133

To reduce organized retail theft, vehicle theft and vehicle accessory theft, the Costa Mesa Police Department will use grants funds to implement theft reduction strategies. The proposed program will focus on prevention, apprehension, collaboration, and enhanced law enforcement efforts. These strategies will include increasing directed enforcement, educating the public and retail partners, and acquiring technologies and additional training to increase investigative capabilities.

Daly City City Police Department - $8,033,830 (Multi-Agency Proposal)

The Daly City Police Department (DCPD) is partnering with San Bruno and San Mateo Police Departments. Together, these agencies will launch a coordinated and strategic effort to address and prevent retail and vehicle/accessory theft in the region. Community Service Officers, an Organized Retail Theft (ORT) Task Force, DCPD Motor Vehicle Theft (MVT) and Motor Vehicle Accessory Theft (MVAT) Operations, Community Awareness

Campaigns, and technologies such as Starchase, C3 investigative tools, and automatic license plate readers will enhance efforts to protect and serve. The initiative will reduce ORT, MVT, and MVAT in partnering jurisdictions, improving the safety and security of residents and retailers alike.

Delano City Police Department - $633,761

The City of Delano and the Delano Police Department (DPD) seek funding to install 25 Flock cameras at retail locations throughout the city. The DPD will also purchase two patrol vehicles equipped with license plate readers and one drone including the hiring, training, and certifying the drone operator. By implementing these proven theft prevention technologies, the proposed project will improve real-time surveillance and response capabilities, resulting in increased deterrence of organized retail and auto theft and higher arrest rates. These investments will strengthen the city's ability to combat organized retail and auto theft, creating a safer Delano.

Fremont City Police Department - $2,453,985

The Fremont Police Department is highly motivated to implement an operational Real-Time Information Center. Our strong foundation includes an extensive camera network, a real-time data integration platform, an upstart Drone as a First Responder program, a specialized technology detective, and a supportive city council. With a newly assigned Organized Retail Theft (ORT) detective and numerous technology assets, we look forward to applying intelligence-led and data-driven methods to serve our community in preventing and reducing ORT. We are pursuing funds to help us execute this plan to support our officers, community, and the region.

Fresno City Police Department - $23,663,194 (Multi-Agency Proposal)

The Fresno Police Department, Clovis Police Department, Fresno County Probation Department, and Fresno County District Attorney's Office will establish the Fresno Metropolitan Area Organized Retail Task Force. This collaborative task force in the Central Valley aims to combat and prevent organized retail theft (ORT), vehicle thefts and catalytic converter thefts through enforcement, education, training, and the implementation of advanced technology. By dedicating and focusing on the most prevalent offenders, the task force endeavors to effectively combat ORT and auto theft, safeguard the community, and reduce the financial and societal impact of these crimes.

Garden Grove City Police Department - $1,302,231

The Garden Grove Organized Retail Theft Grant's purpose includes programs that assist law enforcement agencies with deterring motor vehicle or motor vehicle accessory theft and assist with investigations of motor vehicle and motor vehicle accessory theft. The Garden Grove Police Department is seeking funds for Flock Safety License Plate Readers to be placed throughout the city and for monthly directed enforcement operations to combat vehicle theft and vehicle accessory theft.

Hemet City Police Department - $2,500,065

The Hemet Police Department (PD) will conduct a 4-year wholistic initiative to prevent organized retail theft (ORT). The PD will create a public education/deterrence campaign, train retailers on principles of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design, establish an anti-ORT task force comprised of law enforcement officers and retail representatives, install 25 more community cameras in key locations, use gateway technology so the PD can view footage from retailers' private cameras, assign a full time Investigator and Crime Analyst, and provide evidence to the District Attorney's office while pursing pretrial diversion solutions whenever possible.

Irvine City Police Department - $5,403,369

The Irvine Police Department requests funding to establish a Real-Time Crime Center (RTCC). A RTCC has numerous benefits to law enforcement and community safety. It has been shown to increase apprehension of criminal suspects and reduce the occurrence of future criminal activity. The RTCC will be dedicated to reducing and preventing crime with a focus on current crime trends including organized retail theft, motor vehicle theft, and motor vehicle accessory theft. RTCCs combine state-of-the-art technology, historical data, real-time data, crime series intelligence, analysis, and collaboration to make a substantial impact on these pressing issues.

Los Angeles City Police Department - $15,650,000

The Los Angles City Police Department's Project Blue Light will use funds to prevent, mitigate, and investigate organized retail theft (ORT), motor vehicle theft (MVT), and cargo theft (CT). Project Blue Light is an evidence-based strategy that is built on the department's collaborations with businesses across the city. It will achieve three goals: reduce crimes, especially ORT, MVT, and CT, through prevention and intervention by implementing Project Blue Light; solve more ORT, MVT, and CT crimes by improving police investigations through Project Blue Light; and increase cooperation between business owners, communities, and the police.

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department - $15,650,000

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) will utilize funds from this grant to create a fully staffed and equipped investigative unit with the ability to specifically focus on organized retail theft, cargo theft, and automobile/automobile accessory theft with an innovative and judicious approach. The goal of the LASD is to reduce and prevent these types of crimes within our policing areas, and to improve the quality of life for the residents and businesses we serve.

Modesto City Police Department - $6,003,419

The Modesto Police Department has developed a program to combat organized retail theft, motor vehicle theft, and motor vehicle accessory theft. The Modesto's Retail and Motor Vehicle Theft Program implements a 5-pronged approach: community outreach;

collaboration with retailers; leveraging of equipment and technology; use of social media; and directed enforcement. Modesto's plan capitalizes on experience, capacity, relationships with key stakeholders including allied agencies and the District Attorney's Office, strong ties with the community, and the ability to identify current and emerging trends to rapidly deploy resources.

National City City Police Department - $935,100

The National City Police Department will use grant funds to reduce organized retail theft, vehicle theft, and vehicle accessory theft. The goal is to reduce property crime in National City. With the funding, the department will be able to enter into a service contract agreement with Flock Safety, Inc. to utilize their technology which will include automatic license plate readers, live video, integrations (automotive vehicle locating, computer aided dispatch, and more) that alerts the National City Police Department when incidents occur.

Newark City Police Department - $986,444

The Newark Vehicle and Accessory Theft Prevention Program will leverage technology and community partnerships to provide comprehensive, evidence-based public safety services to prevent vehicle and accessory theft. Efforts will include an increased use of community cameras and automated license plate readers, District Attorney's Office collaboration, a catalytic converter identification system with outreach prioritized to victims, and a social media campaign to raise program awareness. The program aims to increase the number of cases sent for prosecution, reduce vehicle and accessory theft, and improve community satisfaction of public safety services.

Orange County Sheriff's Department - $15,127,350

The Orange County (OC) Sheriff's Department proposes implementing a Real-Time Operations Center to increase awareness by encouraging residents to take action to reduce the opportunity for thieves. The goal is to install cameras on the most commonly used roads to analyze theft patterns and implement a catalytic converter etching program to combat the rise of thefts and deter criminals by strengthening the capability for apprehension. The OC Sheriff will coordinate with government officials in operational areas, the District Attorney's Office, and community organizations to allow law enforcement to identify thieves and provide admissible evidence for prosecution.

Palm Springs City Police Department - $4,559,233

PSPD proposes a comprehensive crime prevention model designed to address theft in retail establishments, theft of vehicles and catalytic converters. Our model incorporates a range of activities, services, and interventions aimed at reducing crime and enhancing community safety while not focusing solely on the criminal justice system. PSPD views apprehension as a short-term strategy. Prevention through problem-solving and situational crime prevention is a long-term approach with a proven track record of

sustained reductions in crime. PSPD seeks to prevent crime through enhanced prevention strategies, enhanced community policing, and collaboration.

Palo Alto City Police Department - $5,176,812

The Palo Alto Organized Retail Theft and Motor Vehicle Recovery Project will utilize data driven and field-tested strategies to deter organized retail and vehicle theft and arrest those responsible. The project focuses on two primary components- targeted ORT operations and technology modernization. The Palo Alto Police Department is requesting staffing costs for 10 hours a day of targeted ORT operations at key "hot-spot" locations and the installation of Starchase technology on 25 Palo Alto Police Department patrol vehicles, as well as minor computer equipment, software, and operational costs.

Riverside County Sheriff's Office - $2,219,710

The Riverside County Sheriff's Office and the Jurupa Valley Station's Organized Theft Prevention (OTP) Project will address the increasing organized motor vehicle and retail theft within Jurupa Valley. The project includes installing 60 Flock Cameras, each equipped with License Plate Capture Technology, and creating a Small Business Retail Theft Prevention Campaign. The force multiplier capabilities of the OTP Project will improve operational efficiency and strengthen the department's abilities to investigate, apprehend, and prosecute motor vehicle and retail perpetrators throughout the City of Jurupa Valley.

Roseville City Police Department - $609,147

The Roseville Police Department commits itself to safeguarding our community, protecting life and property, reducing crime, and enforcing the law impartially. To better accomplish this mission, the police department will use Organized Retail Theft Grant funds to purchase investigative tools and conduct additional enforcement activities that would otherwise not be possible through general fund expenditures. By increasing the investigative capacity of the Roseville Police Department, we anticipate achieving a higher level of success in both preventing theft related activities and solving theft related cases.

Sacramento County Sheriff's Office - $9,424,987

Sacramento County is plagued by retail theft, and retailers report record amounts of lost inventory and dollars. The Sacramento County Sheriff's Office Property Crimes Unit is aware of the problem and is determined to prevent organized retail theft (ORT). This project approach is two-pronged to address the need to act and deter, enforce, prevent, and respond to ORT through public awareness (social media, community outreach) and deterrence-enforcement-prevention-response (surveillance). Targets include a 20% increase in ORT arrests, training for 80 loss prevention managers, creating an ORT Task Force, and increasing awareness of ORT and ways to respond in Sacramento County.

Salinas City Police Department - $3,573,307

The Salinas Police Department will develop an Organized Retail Crime (ORC) and Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Program to implement new and enhance current strategies to respond to the growing threat of organized retail crime and continuing high rate of motor vehicle theft. At the heart of the program will be the ORC Team composed of detectives, sworn officers, and civilian Investigative Specialists who will focus on increasing investigations, apprehensions, and recovered property. Their efforts will be technologically supported using merchandise tracking systems, license plate reader cameras, forensic equipment, and data extraction tools.

San Fernando City Police Department - $494,964

The San Fernando Police Department's Theft Prevention Project is a comprehensive initiative aimed at enhancing public safety, reducing organized theft, and combating the rising theft of catalytic converters in our community. By leveraging advanced technology and community engagement with the installation of Flock Cameras and the implementation of a catalytic converter etching program, we seek to create a sustainable solution that addresses these pressing concerns, empowers our community, reduces crime rates, improves safety and security for residents, increases efficiency in law enforcement, and generates financial savings for individuals and businesses.

San Francisco City/County Police Department - $15,326,301

The San Francisco Police Department will use grant funding to support proactive policing operations targeting organized retail crime and motor vehicle accessory (catalytic converter) theft. Funds will support blitz operations, training, equipment, community engagement, and more, focusing on organized retail crime in the Union Square commercial district, fencing activity supporting organized retail crime in the Mid-Market district, organized retail crime at neighborhood hotspots, and city-wide catalytic converter theft. Efforts will be directed in partnership with the San Francisco District Attorney and California Highway Patrol.

San Jose City Police Department - $8,489,349

The San Jose Police Department (SJPD) program's goal is to reduce organized retail theft within the City of San Jose, increase prosecution, and collaborate with allied agencies and retail partners. The city has seen a 95% increase in grand theft shoplift from 2021 to 2022. This grant will enable SJPD to direct personnel resources, acquire innovative technology tools, provide training, and other resources to target organized retail theft crime.

San Mateo County Sheriff's Office - $15,643,538

Together, the Sheriff's Office, the Northern California Regional Intelligence Center, the Vehicle Theft Task Force, and county law enforcement agencies will execute a strategic effort to prevent and respond to organized retail theft, motor vehicle, and accessory theft,

and cargo theft in San Mateo County as well as the Federal Northern District of California via the following key initiatives: Organized Retail Crime – Incident and Threat Reporting Exchange; Regional Automated License Plate Reader Data Sharing Platform; Countywide Investigations, Data Sharing and Reporting Platform; Forensic Laboratory Information Management System; Digital Forensics; and Investigative Solutions Technology Sustainment Team.

San Ramon City Police Department - $5,616,613

The San Ramon Police Department is seeking grant funding to implement a comprehensive program to combat organized retail theft. The program will include: adding additional automated license plate readers; supplementing our current Drone program; implementing a Drone as a First Responder program; converting vehicles to Silent Sentry vehicles; and implementation of an Organized Retail Theft Suppression Team. Our goal is to deter organized retail theft, identify and apprehend suspects, and recover stolen property to improve the safety of San Ramon businesses, increase economic activity, improve quality of life, and enhance public safety in the city.

Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office - $11,767,578

The Santa Clara County Office of the Sheriff (SCCSO) combatting organized retail theft (ORT), vehicle theft, and vehicle accessory theft under this grant program. Silicon Valley is in the county and is the epicenter of technological advancement and innovation. It has a population of almost 2 million residents and has an increasing number of retailers to support the demand. SCCSO has responded to countless incidents of ORT and prides itself in providing exceptional community service as it has aggressively investigated all thefts, commercial burglaries, and organized retail theft rings that plague the local businesses and retailers.

Santa Monica City Police Department - $6,125,000

Santa Monica Police Department's version of the Real-Time Crime Center will be referred to as the Santa Monica Analytical Real-Time Center (S.M.A.R.T. Center). The SMART Center will be the central command and control hub for the fusion of technology and support staff with the objectives to detect, prevent, and rapidly investigate criminal activity in the city of Santa Monica, specifically targeting organized retail theft and motor vehicle theft throughout the city. The SMART Center will produce real-time, actionable information by leveraging, integrating, and synthesizing an array of technologies to include, but not limited to closed circuit television, automated license plate readers, and geo-location of field assets and analytical software overlay.

Santa Rosa City Police Department - $560,653

The Santa Rosa Police Department (SRPD) will use funding to combat organized retail theft (ORT) in the community. The project aims to reduce ORT through automated license plate reader technology, retailer education, and collaboration with agencies. Focused on high-incidence areas, it aligns with grant goals by preventing theft, improving surveillance,

and fostering collaboration. Objectives include increasing awareness, training staff, and enhancing surveillance. The SRPD will install automated license plate readers, provide tailored education programs, and collaborate with agencies. The project enhances community safety, protects businesses, and aligns with the grant's intent to improve justice outcomes.

Vacaville City Police Department - $4,432,444

The Vacaville Police Department (VPD) will utilize the Organized Retail Theft Prevention Grant funding to establish a Real-Time Information Center (RTIC). Funding will be used for infrastructure, personnel costs, technology, furniture, and equipment needed to launch a fully operational RTIC. The RTIC will provide the city with an invaluable resource that will aid in effective policing through prediction, prevention, efficient real-time responses leading to apprehensions, and investigations resulting in the prosecution of crimes related to organized retail and motor vehicle thefts.

Ventura County Sheriff's Office – $15,650,000

The Ventura County Sheriff's Office Organized Retail Theft Task Force Project will formalize a coordinated effort involving all law enforcement agencies in Ventura County to prevent and combat a $10 million per year loss from organized retail theft, vehicle/parts theft, and partner with the Port of Hueneme to address cargo theft. Every reported case will be assigned to a member of the task force investigative team, representing all agencies, supported by a crime analyst and investigation technology (e.g., automated license plate readers, cellular communications interception technology). To deter organized retail theft, uniformed officers will conduct overt surveillance at shopping and auto malls.