

DATE

NAME

ADDRESS

CITY, STATE ZIP CODE

DEAR ,

A vehicle registered under your name License number -----, has been observed in the area of ----- and ----- in Oakland. We want to make you aware that this area has high rates of drug dealing, vehicle theft robberies, human trafficking and prostitution activity.

The City is taking a firm stance against perpetrators of these illegal activities. Prostitution is not a victimless crime and is associated with kidnapping, human trafficking and the sexual exploitation of children. These are serious concerns to the City and its residents. The Oakland Police Department is working closely with concerned citizens to inform the public of these safety concerns, investigate suspicious activity, and prosecute those attempting to solicit individuals for sex.

Oakland has strong laws against prostitution and sexual exploitation-related activity, which supplement state law. In 2011, the Oakland City Council passed two local ordinances that address prostitution activities and the use of vehicles for prostitution. These laws establish penalties for violations and provide for criminal prosecutions and the seizure of offending vehicles. These laws can be found in the Oakland Municipal Code Sections 9.08.260 and 9.56 or can be accessed through the internet at <http://www.municode.com>. In addition, Chapter 1.08 of the Oakland Municipal Code provides for the protection of health and safety of Oakland residents and authorizes abatement proceedings and the assessment of civil penalties to abate the public nuisance created by these illegal activities.

We need your help and cooperation in keeping the City safe. If you are no longer the owner of the above-referenced vehicle, we recommend you contact the California Department of Motor Vehicles to have your name removed from the vehicle's registration. Finally, we ask you to exercise caution when visiting this area and to report suspicious activity by calling the Oakland Police Department at (510) 777-3333.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,
Oakland Police Department