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## VACAVILLE POLICE AWARDED GRANT FROM BRENDEN MANN FOUNDATION

The Vacaville Police Department has received a grant from the Brenden Mann Foundation to supplement patrol and enforcement efforts in Downtown Vacaville.

The grant, totaling $46,300, will enable officers to conduct foot, bicycle, and vehicle patrol in selected downtown areas based on current crime trends and needs. Information is regularly received from business owners and employees regarding crime trends and problems in the downtown area. This information is then used to focus on areas in our enforcement efforts. Additionally, officers will be deployed in the evening hours following each Friday night Creekwalk concert.

Grant funds will be used to purchase needed bicycle equipment to deploy in the downtown area. Bicycle patrol has proven to be an excellent public relations tool as well as increasing accessibility to business owners and employees. The Department's current bicycle fleet is over 15 years old.

The Brenden Mann Foundation supports community-based organizations through grants to help strengthen communities.

 "We are very pleased to be partnering with the Vacaville Police Department on a project that will benefit the entire downtown area," said Johnny Brenden, President of the Brenden Mann Foundation.

The Brenden Mann Foundation has deep roots in the movie theater industry and Hollywood. The Foundation grew out of the family foundation created by Brenden's grandfather, Ted Mann. He built the Mann Theatre chain, which eventually included 450 theaters throughout the country and was sold to Paramount in 1986. Johnny Brenden continues the philanthropic tradition he learned from his grandfather through the Brenden Mann Foundation.