

CHP looks for child who is missing a Christmas gift

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LAKE COUNTY – The California Highway Patrol's Clear Lake Office is looking for someone who may be missing some Christmas goodies.

CHP Officer Adam Garcia reported Monday that, while officers remove lost items from the state's roadways on a daily basis, one Clear Lake area officer recently came across a much different find.

On Dec. 23, CHP Officer Erica Coddington was removing a box from the middle of Highway 20 near Blue Lakes, Garcia reported.

“Once Officer Coddington was out of the roadway she noticed that this was not the usual ice chest or ladder,” Garcia said.

Rather, it was a wrapped Christmas present labeled “From Grandma and Grandpa,” Garcia reported.

Normally, such items are moved to the road shoulder, said Garcia, where Caltrans picks them up and takes them to the landfill.

However, the thought of a sad child on Christmas day kept Coddington from discarding the package, said Garcia.

Garcia said the CHP is requesting the public's help in locating the lost Christmas gift's intended recipient.

Anyone who was traveling through the area of Highway 20 near Blue Lakes and has a child missing their gift is asked to call Officer Erica Coddington at the Clear Lake Area CHP office at 707-279-0103.

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