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OPERATION RED SKY

(San Diego) This morning San Diego Police officers along with investigators from other local, state and federal law enforcement agencies served several arrest and search warrants at various locations in San Diego County. This was the culmination of a six-month, multi-agency investigation dubbed Operation “Red Sky.” At this point in the investigation, 93 suspects have been arrested – more than half of whom are documented gang members.

Operation “Red Sky” began in April 2009 through the efforts of Team 3 of the SDPD Street Gang Unit. The targets of this operation were local street gang members who were involved in homicides, attempted homicides, gang related shootings, drug and weapons trafficking, robberies, pimping and weapons violations. Arrests have been ongoing during this investigation. Those arrested include men and women who are documented gang members, associates of gang members and those who supplied narcotics to the gangs.

Overall, Operation “Red Sky” resulted in 93 arrests and confiscation of the following contraband: 19 firearms, 240 marijuana plants, 10 lbs of marijuana, more than 17 lbs of powder cocaine, 3.5 lbs of crack cocaine, two lbs of methamphetamine, more than 3000 ecstasy tablets, 18 vials of PCP and more than \$60,000 cash.

Operation “Red Sky” involved a collaborative effort on the part of the following agencies: the Drug Enforcement Administration’s Mobile Enforcement Team (MET), the US Attorney’s Office, SD County Probation, State Parole, the SD County District Attorney’s Office (SDCDA), and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives (ATF), US Marshal’s Service and the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS).

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