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MAYOR JERRY SANDERS FACT SHEET

MAYOR APPLAUDS POLICE FOR MAJOR NARCOTICS BUST

More than 40 street-level drug dealers caught in police sting

Mayor Jerry Sanders applauded the San Diego Police Department's Central Division for a successful sting operation that produced grand jury indictments of 41 street-level narcotics dealers. Another two people also face charges.

Police spent two months on the investigation, which targeted drug dealers in the C Street Corridor, East Village, Horton Plaza and Core Columbia neighborhoods. The dealers – some of them gang members, many of them prison parolees – sold narcotics including crack cocaine, methamphetamine and marijuana. Of the 43 people facing charges, 38 were taken into custody shortly after the conclusion of the investigation on May 27.

At a press conference on Monday, the mayor was joined by District Attorney Bonnie Dumanis, Council President Pro Tem Kevin Faulconer, Police Chief William Lansdowne and Capt. Mark Jones, who oversaw the investigation.

“This is exactly the type of police work that helps us maintain our quality of life in this great city,” Mayor Sanders said. “Everyone who lives and works in the downtown area will benefit from this law-enforcement operation.”

The sting was nicknamed Operation V8. (The V is Roman numeral for 5, the police service area of the operation. The 8 refers to the number of police on the team that ran the sting – three officers, four detectives and one sergeant.)

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