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SDPD's Ghost Gun Apprehension Team Recovers 45 Firearms

San Diego – Three men were arrested and 45 firearms were recovered during an operation led by the San Diego Police Department's Ghost Gun Apprehension Team.

On October 7, the team served three residential search warrants and one search warrant at a local business. The effort was part of an ongoing investigation into the manufacturing and selling of illegal firearms and ghost guns in the city of San Diego.

Investigators recovered 14 polymer unserialized (ghost) handguns, 14 unserialized (ghost) assault weapons, 13 handguns, 4 assault weapons, body armor, a 3D printer, high capacity and drum-style magazines, hundreds of rounds of ammunition, and approximately \$90,000 in cash.

One of the three suspects was carrying a loaded firearm at the time of his arrest.

The suspects were arrested for various weapons charges, including unlawfully manufacturing firearms, selling firearms without a license, and violation of assault weapons laws.

The San Diego Police Department's Ghost Gun Apprehension Team was formed in July to prevent and investigate crimes involving the use of unserialized ghost guns. SDPD has recovered 386 ghost guns since January 1, 2021.

SDPD's Special Operations Unit, Special Weapons and Tactics Team, Narcotics Unit, Gang Unit, Crime Suppression Teams, Mid-City Investigations, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (BATF) all participated in this investigation.

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