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Eight People Arrested in Connection with Attacks During Pacific Beach Protest Last January

San Diego – Eight people were arrested today and an arrest warrant was issued for a ninth in connection with violent criminal acts committed earlier this year during a demonstration in Pacific Beach. The arrests are the result of a year-long investigative effort between the San Diego Police Department and the San Diego County District Attorney's Office.

On January 9, 2021, a group met to engage in a First Amendment-protected activity in Pacific Beach. A different group arrived and committed eight separate attacks and victimized 16 people. The San Police Department declared the event an unlawful assembly and investigated multiple allegations of violent criminal conduct.

As a result of those investigations, on December 2, 2021, SDPD served court-issued search and arrest warrants throughout Los Angeles and San Diego County with support from the Los Angeles Sheriff's Office, the Los Angeles Police Department, the Long Beach Police Department, the Escondido Police Department, and the San Diego District Attorney's office.

Three firearms, ammunition, body armor, and narcotics were recovered during today's operation. The investigation is still active and ongoing.

SDPD thanks its law enforcement partners for their assistance on these cases.