

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Thursday, November 30, 2023

CONTACT: Lieutenant Adam Sharki at [asharki@pd.sandiego.gov](mailto:asharki@pd.sandiego.gov)

**Tens of Thousands of Pills, Hundreds of Pounds in Illegal and Dangerous Drugs,  
Guns Recovered by San Diego-Area Law Enforcement**

**San Diego** – Six people are in custody, large amounts of drugs, and illegal guns are off the streets as the result of ongoing investigations by San Diego-area law enforcement.

The first investigation began in October when the San Diego Narcotics Task Force began investigating a case involving the trafficking of fentanyl, cocaine, ecstasy, and methamphetamine. That investigation concluded yesterday when detectives seized 60,000 counterfeit\* fentanyl pills, 5,000 ecstasy pills, nearly 9 pounds of cocaine, and five pounds of methamphetamine. Edith Gonzalez-Ramirez and Edwin Valles were arrested on narcotics trafficking charges.

The second investigation began because of community complaints. Neighbors reported illegal dispensaries were operating near schools and homes. There were also reports these illegal dispensaries were selling dangerous synthetics known as “Delta-8 THC” or “Delta-10 THC.” National poison control centers have received numerous reports of synthetically derived “hemp-based” product exposures causing hospitalizations and deaths.

On November 28th and 29th, San Diego Police, Chula Vista Police, the San Diego Sheriff’s Department, and the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration served search warrants at the following six locations throughout San Diego County.

Officers served a warrant at “Canably” at 2971 India Street. Canably was selling and distributing cannabis and cannabis products within 1,000 feet of a school and homes.

The owners were operating a similar business from their own home in the 6700 block of Bamburgh Drive, where they lived with three young children aged 10 months, 5 years, and 14 years. Investigators seized 300 pounds of loose cannabis, 5,400 edibles, 13,900 concentrates, and cash. Police arrested Jose Delahoz and Valeria Rada for child endangerment and drug-related offenses

“Elevated” smoke shop at 1570 Garnet Avenue was operating within 1,000 feet of Pacific Beach Middle School. Investigators recovered a loaded ghost gun, 331 loose cannabis pre-rolls, and 426 concentrates.

A separate warrant was served at the home of Elevated's owner in the 300 block of 14<sup>th</sup> Street. Investigators recovered more evidence, including an unregistered handgun.

The San Diego Sheriff's Department served a warrant at BestBudz smoke shop at 10010 Campo Road in Spring Valley and recovered 500 pounds of cannabis products.

The Chula Vista Police Department served a warrant in the 700 block of Camino Francisco, Chula Vista, and arrested Pedro Delahoz and Diego Delahoz for drug offenses relating to this investigation.

The State of California allows for the sale of cannabis and cannabis-derived products only in compliance with specific regulatory and licensing requirements. In addition, City of San Diego regulations require businesses that sell cannabis or cannabis-derived products to have a specific cannabis retailer license allowing such sales. The selling of cannabis to minors, selling illegal synthetics, and the possession of firearms are all criminal acts under state law.

Anyone with information about these cases is asked to call SDPD or Crime Stoppers to remain anonymous.

###

\*Counterfeit pills are fake medications that have different ingredients than the actual medication. They may contain no active ingredient, the wrong active ingredient, or have the right ingredient but in an incorrect quantity. Counterfeit pills may contain lethal amounts of fentanyl or methamphetamine and are extremely dangerous because they often appear identical to legitimate prescription pills, and the user is likely unaware of how lethal they can be.