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San Diego Police Address Illegal Gambling Den Near Azalea Park

12 ILLEGAL GAMBLING MACHINES, FIREARMS & OVER \$1,000 CONFISCATED FROM PRIVATE RESIDENCE

San Diego – Early Thursday morning, the San Diego Police Department (SDPD) addressed an illegal gambling den operating out of a private residence on Fairmount Ave. near the Azalea Park neighborhood.

In February 2025, Mid-City Detectives investigated a double shooting in the same area. During the initial investigation, detectives learned the location was used as an illegal gambling den. Pursuant to a search warrant, several gambling machines were recovered, and the den was subsequently shut down. Approximately one month later, detectives learned that the den had been reestablished.

Today, SDPD's Mid-City Division, with assistance from S.W.A.T teams and the Vice Unit, along with the FBI's Violent Crime Task Force, served a search warrant on the 2600 block of Fairmount Ave., which resulted in the recovery of 12 illegal gambling machines, two handguns, ammunition, narcotics and over \$1,000 in cash.

At the time of the operation, there were 12 individuals inside the residence partaking in illegal gambling. Six people were arrested, two were given citations and four were interviewed and released.

Illegal gambling dens often attract other criminal activity to the area including narcotics, prostitution, gang-related activity, noise and fighting, and people coming and going at all hours. SDPD continually works to investigate and address illegal gambling dens throughout the City of San Diego.

If you see illegal activity in your area, contact the San Diego Police non-emergency line at 619-531-2000.

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