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San Diego Police Dismantles Second Illegal Gambling Den Less Than 48 Hours Later

9 ILLEGAL GAMBLING MACHINES, REPLICA FIREARM & \$477 CONFISCATED FROM BUSINESS

San Diego – On July 18, 2025, the San Diego Police Department (SDPD) dismantled an illegal gambling den operating out of Rocky's Market in the Teralta East neighborhood. This was the second illegal gambling den to be shut down by the Department within 48 hours.

While on patrol, Mid-City officers noticed a man who was violation of a municipal code near the 4700 block of University Avenue. They tried to stop him, but the man did not comply and entered Rocky's Market. Upon contacting the male inside the store, the officers observed several electronic gambling machines actively in use. They secured the location and obtained a search warrant.

The warrant led to the recovery of nine illegal gambling machines, \$477 in cash, and a replica firearm.

At the time of the incident, there were four people inside the business partaking in illegal gambling activities. One person was arrested for probation violation and the remaining three were given gambling den related citations.

This is the second illegal gambling den dismantled by SDPD in recent weeks. These 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.

Anyone with information about illegal activity in your area is encouraged to contact SDPD's non-emergency line at 619-531-2000 or Crime Stoppers at 888-580-8477.

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