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Over 60 Gambling Machines Seized in Illegal Gambling Operation

San Diego – On December 9, 2025, the San Diego Police Department (SDPD) executed two searches in San Diego and Chula Vista following an investigation into an illegal gambling operation. Officers detained multiple individuals and seized a total of 62 illegal gambling machines, money, and illicit narcotics.

Tuesday morning, SDPD's search operation began at 4835 El Cajon Blvd. where officers detained multiple individuals and seized 23 illegal gambling machines, money, and illicit narcotics.

SDPD served a second search warrant at a storage facility located at 1160 3rd Ave. in Chula Vista. Officers searched three separate storage units and recovered 39 additional illegal gambling machines along with a large amount of money.

Illegal gambling establishments pose significant risks to the community. These locations often attract additional criminal activity, including narcotics sales, theft, and violence. Because they operate outside of regulated environments, they lack proper security, create unsafe conditions for occupants and nearby businesses, and can become hubs for exploitation and financial harm. The seizure of narcotics in this operation underscores the broader public-safety concerns associated with these illegal venues.

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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