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San Diego Police Disrupt Illegal Gambling Den in Teralta West Neighborhood

SAN DIEGO – On February 4, 2026, the San Diego Police Department (SDPD) executed a search warrant in the Teralta West neighborhood following an investigation into an illegal gambling operation. Resident complaints were received by the department related to narcotics and prostitution activity near the location.

As a result of the initial investigation, a search warrant was secured and SDPD's SWAT team, along with various units including Narcotics, Vice, Special Operations, Unmanned Aerial Systems and Mid-City Division conducted an operation Tuesday morning in the 4300 block on Central Ave. The operation resulted in four arrests, nine illegal gambling machine seizures, money seizure, and recovery of a loaded firearm at the address.

Illegal gambling establishments pose significant risks to the community. These locations often attract additional criminal activity, including narcotics sales, theft, violence and threaten the security of our neighborhoods within which they unlawfully operate. 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.

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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