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BORDER CRIME SWEEP NETS 31 ARRESTS

(San Diego, CA)- Throughout the weekend of May 20–22, 2011, officers from the San Diego Police Department’s Southern Division Border Crime Suppression Team and Street Gang Unit detectives conducted several Stonegarden Operations. Operation Stonegarden is a federally-funded grant program administered through the Department of Homeland Security. Stonegarden provides funding to state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies to enhance their capabilities “to jointly secure U.S. borders and territories.”¹

During this weekend’s Stonegarden Operation, officers and detectives concentrated on areas along the border that are known for gang activity and illicit drug use. Thirty-one people were booked into county jail on felony and misdemeanor charges. Seven people were arrested for violating the conditions of their parole and/or probation, nine people were arrested for being under the influence of a controlled substance, and nine people were arrested for outstanding warrants. Six others were arrested for various other charges, including possession of a dangerous weapon and possession of a controlled substance.

These operations have helped decrease the overall crime rate and improve the quality of life for citizens of San Diego. There were no violent crimes reported in Southern Division while these operations were being conducted.

¹ DHS Press Release, *Secretary Napolitano Announces \$60 Million in Operation Stonegarden Grants for Border States*, June 4, 2009, http://www.dhs.gov/ynews/releases/pr_1244070019405.shtm.

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