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San Diego Police Dismantle Illegal Gambling Den in Kensington

23 ILLEGAL MACHINES, DRUGS & OVER \$4,700 CONFISCATED FROM PRIVATE RESIDENCE

San Diego – Early Thursday morning, the San Diego Police Department (SDPD) dismantled an illegal gambling den operating out of a private residence above a business on El Cajon Blvd. in the Kensington neighborhood after being tipped off to the potential illegal activity.

SDPD's Vice Unit, with assistance from S.W.A.T teams and Mid-City Division, served a search warrant on the 4200 block of El Cajon Blvd, which resulted in the recovery of 23 illegal gambling machines, narcotics, narcotic paraphernalia, and over \$4,700 in cash.

At the time of the operation, there were nine individuals inside the residence partaking in illegal gambling. Two misdemeanor citations were issued, one for possession of a controlled substance and the other for visiting a prohibited gambling den (SDMC §56.04). All individuals were educated and warned about participating in this illegal activity and that if they are contacted for illegal gambling again, they may be subject to enforcement.

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's Vice Unit 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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