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# San Diego Police Arrest Six in Logan Heights Burglary, Extortion Investigation

**San Diego** – For the last year and a half, detectives from the San Diego Police Department’s Gang Unit have been investigating reports of businesses in Barrio Logan threatened by local gang members and intimidated into paying them for “security” and “protection”. This has caused great fear in the business community located in the 1900-2200 blocks of Logan Ave. Business owners and employees have suffered receiving threats of violence, burglaries to their buildings and vandalism if they did not pay to be put on the “program”.

During the investigation, Gang detectives and San Diego County District Attorney Gang prosecutors learned that in addition to the extortion to the local businesses, there were also physical assaults to individuals visiting Chicano Park, drug violations and the illegal possession of weapons. The specific incidents include 130 calls for police service, 18 violent crimes to include two murders, 25 property crimes to include 11 burglaries with losses exceeding \$100,000 and four vandalisms.

This morning, the San Diego Police Department, San Diego County Probation, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, DEA, and San Diego County Sherriff’s Office served numerous search warrants, probation and parole searches, along with jail and prison searches to investigate the illegal activity.

As a result of these efforts, six individuals were arrested for crimes to include burglary, drug and weapons violations, assault with a deadly weapon and one extortion case. SDPD believes there may be more cases associated with this investigation, but victims may not want to report them due to fear of retaliation. Anyone with information regarding these incidents or any type of threats or intimidation is encouraged to call the SDPD Gang Unit at (619) 531-2847 or Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477.

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