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SDPD License Plate Reader System Assists in Multiple Arrests for Hillcrest Hate Crime Series

San Diego – The San Diego Police Department (SDPD) has been investigating a series of Hate Crime-related assaults around 600-1000 University Ave., in the Hillcrest neighborhood which occurred in early September. Multiple victims were struck with gel-style pellets as they walked on the sidewalk.

Investigators from SDPD's Criminal Intelligence Unit began the investigation, searched for evidence, and collected any available video surveillance. The detectives were able to obtain footage of a vehicle from a surveillance camera and the information was uploaded into SDPD's Automated License Plate Recognition (ALPR) system. The suspect vehicle was identified using the system and the subsequent investigation led to multiple suspects being identified.

This morning, detectives along with patrol officers conducted search warrants at three different locations.

Anthony Lopez-Quiniones (19), Arturo Herrera-Sustaita (19), and Angelo Nathaniel Aron (19), were arrested for multiple hate crime related charges related to the series. They were booked into San Diego County jail.

The San Diego Police Department is committed to ensuring a safe space for all members of our community and acts of hate such as these will not be tolerated.

This case has been forwarded to the San Diego County District Attorney's Office. All future media requests should be directed to their office. Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to call SDPD at (619) 531-2000 or Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477.

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