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SFPD Arrests Mission District Narcotics Dealers 24-062

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Officers seize large quantities of various narcotics for sale as well as over half a million dollars in U.S. currency while serving search warrant on

vehicle

On May 30, 2024, plainclothes San Francisco Police officers assigned to Mission Station along with assistance from plainclothes officers assigned to Taraval Station conducted a search warrant for a vehicle in the area of 17th and Shotwell Streets. The vehicle was related to an ongoing narcotics investigation that stemmed from a tip provided to SFPD by a community member.

46-year-old Robert Pritchard and 46-year-old Ronald Butera were located inside the vehicle and taken into custody. Officers located and seized the following from inside the vehicle: large quantities of suspected narcotics including approximately 3 kilos of cocaine HCL, ketamine, mushrooms, acid, suspected MDMA, methamphetamine, and various other prescription narcotics as well as over \$600,000 in US currency.

Robert Pritchard was transported and booked into San Francisco County Jail on the charges of three counts of transportation of methamphetamine for sale (11379.3 H&S), possession for sale of a controlled substance (11351 H&S), substance exceeding 1 kilogram by weight (11370.4(B)(1) H&S), possession of methamphetamine for sale (11378 H&S) and sale or transportation of a controlled substance (11352 H&S).

Roland Butera was transported and booked into San Francisco County Jail on the charges of sale or transportation of a controlled substance (11352(a) H&S) and possession for sale of a controlled substance (11379.2 H&S) as well as an outstanding warrant.

“Mission Station is grateful for the information provided by the community. As a result of working together, suspected drug dealers and an abundance of various narcotics – likely destined for the streets of San Francisco – were removed,” said Captain Thomas Harvey, Commanding Officer of Mission Station.

SFPD will continue to prioritize efforts to address the drug crisis in our city by taking wanted suspects off our streets and holding individuals who sell illegal narcotics accountable.

While arrests have been made, this remains an open and active investigation. Anyone with information is asked to call the SFPD Tip Line at [1-415-575-4444](tel:1-415-575-4444) or Text a Tip to [TIP411](tel:415-575-TIP411) and begin the text message with SFPD.

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