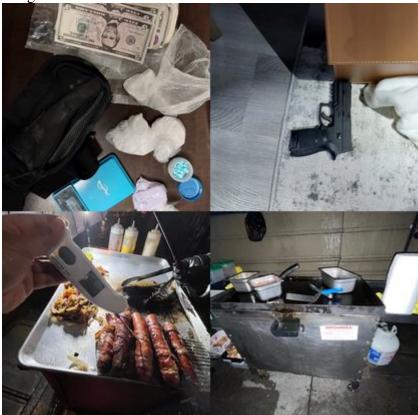
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SFPD Makes 54 Arrests, Seizes 600 Grams of Narcotics In Tenderloin Enforcement Operation 24-031

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San Francisco police made 54 arrests – including dozens of wanted fugitives – while seizing 600 grams of narcotics during a one-day, multi-agency law enforcement operation in the Tenderloin, Chief Bill Scott announced Friday.

"Illegal activity will not be tolerated in and around the Tenderloin. We will be out in force making arrests for as long as it takes," Chief Scott said. "I want to thank our hard-working officers and our city partners for their commitment to this effort."

The operation, which occurred throughout the day Wednesday, was the latest large-scale enforcement operation that is part of the city's Drug Market Agency Coordination Center. Of the 54 arrests – 34 individuals had outstanding warrants. Officers arrested eight suspects for possession for sales of illegal narcotics. Other arrests were related to possession of controlled substances, and possession of stolen property.

SFPD has been intensifying enforcement at night around U.N. Plaza and other areas where illegal activity occurs. These operations will continue for the foreseeable future.

Wednesday's operation included SFPD officers from the Narcotics Unit, Narcotics Drug Recognition Expert Team, Tenderloin Station Patrol/Violence Reduction Team, Tenderloin Plainclothes Team, and the Fugitive Recovery Enforcement Team.

The Department of Parking and Traffic, Public Works, and Healthy Streets Operation Center were valuable partners in the effort.

While SFPD made arrests, our city partners worked to provide shelter to people in need while others issued parking citations, towed vehicles, and impounded illegal food vending carts. Abandoned items were removed from public areas, and verbal warnings were given during the operation in an effort to provide services to those in need and make our streets safer.

The SFPD would like to thank the assistance of the San Franciso Sherriff's Office, who were instrumental in this operation. Our efforts in taking wanted suspects off our streets and to hold individuals accountable for selling illegal narcotics and creating the drug crisis on our streets will make streets safer and save lives.

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