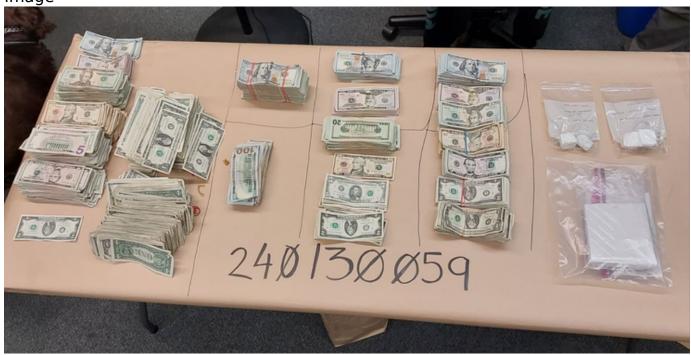
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SFPD Narcotics Investigation Leads to 3 Arrests and Seizure of Over 500 Grams of Fentanyl 24-017

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During the past three months, San Francisco Police Department Narcotics investigators led an investigation into persons who were suspected of trafficking

large quantities of narcotics in the Tenderloin District of San Francisco.

During the investigation, SFPD investigators developed probable cause to obtain search warrants. On Tuesday, February 27, 2024, at approximately 10:25 p.m. members of the SFPD Narcotics Unit and members of the California Army National Guard surveilled the three suspects, who were traveling in their vehicle, to the 900 block of Laguna Street. Officers conducted a traffic stop, detained the suspects, and served the search warrant.

During the search, an SFPD officer with the assistance of his K-9 partner located and seized over 500 grams of suspected fentanyl. Officers also located and seized US Currency. Officers developed probable cause to arrest the three suspects who are identified as Luis Velasquez 34-year-old male, Marvin Licona, 33-year-old male, Patricia Cruz-Ramirez, 21-year-old female.

Additionally, officers from the SFPD Narcotics Unit, Tenderloin Station Plainclothes Unit, and the Army National Guard responded to the suspects' home in Oakland, CA, and served a search warrant at this location. During the search officers located and seized additional US Currency, as well as additional evidence of narcotics trafficking.

Velasquez, Cruz-Ramirez, and Licona were booked into San Francisco County Jail for felony charges related to narcotics trafficking and conspiracy. Officers seized over 500 grams of suspected fentanyl and over \$70,000 in US Currency.

The SFPD would like to thank the California Army National Guard and the San Francisco Sherriff's Office for their assistance in this investigation and to highlight the coordination and teamwork that is necessary in these types of investigations.

A photo of seized evidence is attached to this news release.

While arrests have been made, this remains an active investigation. Anyone with information is asked to call the SFPD 24-hour Tip Line at 1-415-575-4444 or Text a Tip to 1-411 and begin the text message with SFPD. You may remain anonymous.

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