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SAN FERNANDO POLICE STRIKE BACK AGAINST RETAIL CRIME IN SUCCESSFUL UNDERCOVER OPERATION

SAN FERNANDO, CA – In a powerful statement against organized retail theft, on November 5, 2024, the San Fernando Police Department’s (SFPD) Special Enforcement Team (SET) partnered with Target’s Asset Protection Specialists for an undercover sting at the San Fernando Target, located at 12920 Foothill Boulevard. This strategic operation aimed to clamp down on shoplifting and organized retail theft, keeping Target-San Fernando shoppers safe and supporting our local business community.

The results were clear: six suspects, including three juveniles, were identified, detained, and later arrested. Notably, one suspect had an outstanding warrant, and another suspect was caught with an illegal weapon (brass knuckles). Each individual was positively identified and booked on various theft-related charges.

SFPD Chief Fabian Valdez commented, “By partnering with retail outlets like Target to crack down on theft, we are sending a strong message that we will not let criminals victimize San Fernando. SFPD is committed to keeping San Fernando a safe place to live, shop and thrive.”

Organized retail crime affects the entire community by driving up prices, straining public safety resources, and hurting the local businesses that are vital to the San Fernando community. Through partnerships like these, SFPD is demonstrating its commitment to working closely with local business partners to create a safe environment to shop and conduct business.

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