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SAN FERNANDO POLICE DEPARTMENT CRACKS DOWN ON ORGANIZED RETAIL THEFT

SAN FERNANDO, CA – On Tuesday, December 3, 2024, the San Fernando Police Department (SFPD) Detective Bureau, working alongside the Special Enforcement Team (SET), executed a search warrant at Allrite Pawn Shop, located at 9044 Woodman Avenue, in Pacoima. The shop is suspected of operating as a “fence,” a location that buys and sells stolen property, for several known organized retail thieves.

During the operation, SFPD Detectives and SET members seized over \$20,000 worth of suspected stolen merchandise, much of it traced back to major retailers such as Target and JC Penney. The shop’s owner, Karlen Pogosyan, 38 of Arleta, was arrested and booked on one felony count of receiving stolen property. He is scheduled to appear in court later this month to face the charge.

This search warrant execution is the result of a thorough investigation and highlights the SFPD’s unwavering commitment to tackling organized retail crime. By targeting locations that facilitate the resale of stolen goods, the department aims to dismantle the infrastructure that fuels theft and protect local businesses and consumers.

With the holiday season underway, the SFPD urges residents to stay vigilant and take precautions to safeguard their belongings, including keeping shopping bags, purses, and wallets out of sight and securely stored.

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