SFPD Arrests 10 Suspects in Organized Retail Crime Operations in the Taraval District 24-123



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To help reduce retail thefts and to hold people who commit these crimes accountable, San Francisco Police officers assigned to Taraval Station pre-planned shoplifting and retail theft abatement enforcement operations to address Organized Retail Crimes (ORC). These operations involved coordinated efforts of uniformed and plainclothes officers who wait to arrest criminals who shoplift from retail businesses. Retail businesses located on the 3200 block of 20th Avenue and the 200 block of Winston Drive were chosen for operations due to the high number of shoplifting incidents the businesses were experiencing.

Between the dates of October 8 and October 13, 2024, the operations resulted in the arrest of 10 suspects for Organized Retail Crime and petty theft. 7 adult suspects were cited and released at the scene. 3 adult suspects were booked at San Francisco County Jail for outstanding warrants in addition to the on-view theft charges. The stolen property taken by the suspects was seized by officers during the operations and returned to the stores. Officers are conducting similar ORC operations throughout the city and making a number of arrests in other retail business locations.

As part of a \$15.3 Million grant awarded in 2023 by the State of California for Organized Retail Theft Prevention SFPD is committed to addressing the issue that has greatly affected our community. Our officers have made dozens of ORC arrests in recent months and will continue to conduct these operations throughout San Francisco to reduce thefts at local businesses.

Any business that would like to participate in an Organized Retail Crime operation can contact

sfpd.retailtheft@sfgov.org.

Although arrests have been made, these are open and active investigations. Anyone with information is asked to contact the SFPD at <u>1-415-575-4444</u> or *Text a Tip* to <u>TIP411</u> and begin the message with SFPD.

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