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### **Oakland Police Uncover Illegal Gambling Operation**

*Oakland, CA*— On Friday, October 18, at 1:45 PM, the Area 3 Special Operations Unit, consisting of problem solving officers and a crime reduction team, executed a search warrant on the 600 block of International Boulevard at a suspected gaming house.

The search recovered two semi-automatic rifles and four handguns believed to be instruments of an ongoing criminal enterprise; over \$13,000 in cash; drugs; 20 gambling machines; and hundreds of dollars worth of suspected stolen items, including 20 high-end bicycles, numerous cell phones and tablets, car radios and speakers, and car rims and tires. Illegal gaming machines were found throughout the business, the bulk of them hidden in a “secret” closed back room.

Eight suspects were arrested in connection with possession/control of slot machines and possession of a narcotic controlled substance.

Sergeant Frank Rojas and the following twelve officers worked diligently on this case: James Belote, Dometrius Fowler, Wenceslao Garcia, Rishna Gracie, Christopher Keden, Menandro Madlansacay, Jr., David McLaughlin, Gerald Pertoso, Roger Ponce De Leon, Jason Turner, Joseph Turner, and Kito Yslava.

This investigation is ongoing and anyone with information is asked to contact the Oakland Police Department Vice Charging Unit at 510-238-3679.

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