NEWS RELEASE

Incident Date: September 30, 2020
Location: Various locations throughout San Mateo County, San Francisco, and Concord, CA
Type of Crimes: 186.2 PC - Criminal Profiteering (felony)
186.10(a) PC - Money Laundering (felony)
182(a)(1) PC - Conspiracy to Commit (felony)
496(a) PC - Possession of Stolen Property (felony)
490.4(a) PC – Organized Retail Theft (felony)

Suspects: Edgar Geovany Robles-Morales, 28-year-old, San Francisco resident ($100K bail)
Isis Vasquez-Villanueva, 26-year-old, San Francisco resident ($100K bail)
Jose Villatoro, 45-year-old, Daly City resident ($50K bail)
Danny Louis Drago, 50-year-old, Concord resident ($200K bail)
Michelle Renee Fowler, 48-year-old, Concord resident ($200K bail)

Summary: OPERATION “PROOF OF PURCHASE”

During a lengthy and thorough investigation, the San Mateo County Sheriff’s Office Crime Suppression Unit, California Highway Patrol Golden Gate Division Organized Retail Crime Task Force, CHP-Cargo Theft Interdiction Team, CHP-Contra Costa Area, and CVS Organized Retail Crime Investigators worked towards dismantling an organized group of criminals who were purchasing and distributing stolen property. This investigation stemmed from multiple commercial burglaries, auto burglaries, and residential burglaries that were occurring throughout San Mateo County. Most of the stolen property from these burglaries were commercial retail merchandise, electronics, laptops, and cameras. While investigating these crimes, law enforcement was led to an organization in San Francisco (Tenderloin Neighborhood) that was purchasing and then selling the stolen property to suspects operating a distribution warehouse in Concord, CA.

This investigation came to a head on the early morning of September 30th, when the San Mateo County Sheriff’s Office Crime Suppression Unit, along with the California Highway Patrol Golden Gate Division Organized Retail Crime Task Force, the San Mateo County Narcotics Task Force, the San Francisco DEA Metro Task Force, and the California Department of Justice White Collar Investigation Team executed sixteen search warrants and five arrest warrants.

The search warrants were executed at three residences, two distribution warehouses, and eleven storage units. While searching the locations, over $8,000,000 in stolen property was located including commercial retail merchandise electronics, laptops, and camera equipment. Over $85,000 in cash was also seized as
proceeds stemming from criminal profiteering and money laundering. A total of five suspects were arrested and booked into San Mateo County Jail.

These investigations are an ongoing effort to work collaboratively with the CHP-Golden Gate Division Organized Retail Crime Task Force to take down organized groups of criminals who have plagued our communities with residential and commercial burglaries. San Mateo County Sheriff’s Office will be working diligently over the next two weeks to identify the victims and rightful owners of this property and will return it to them when possible.

Anyone who may have information to provide about these individuals or these crimes is encouraged to contact the San Mateo County Crime Suppression Unit by emailing Sergeant Leishman at SMCOSU@smcgov.org. Additionally, if you wish to remain anonymous, you may call the anonymous tip line at 1-800-547-2700.

Release Date:
October 6, 2020
Case #: 20-04017

Danny Drago  Michelle Fowler  Edgar Geovany Robles-Morales

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