

# FOUNTAIN VALLEY POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESS RELEASE



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### **Illegal Gambling House/Firearms Arrest**

The Fountain Valley Police Department Crime Suppression Unit (CSU) developed information regarding an illegal gambling establishment located in a residence on the 9100 block of Caladium Avenue in Fountain Valley. Multiple residents in the area recognized this gambling establishment as a nuisance and collaborated with FVPD Detectives in investigating the matter.

These illegal gambling houses are inherently dangerous due to being frequented by armed gang members and other individuals with extensive criminal history. These houses are often used to facilitate other crimes such as drug distribution, drug use, prostitution, fraud and receiving stolen property.

On August 19, a search warrant was served at the residence. This search warrant was served with the assistance of the West County SWAT Team.

Inside the residence, Detectives located four operating gambling machines, body armor, a loaded 9mm handgun and a large amount of methamphetamine. Detectives also recovered approximately \$10,000, which was believed to be proceeds from the illegal gambling.

Ultimately, seven individuals were arrested for gambling charges and other violations. Five of these individuals are convicted felons.

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