

## **Public Safety Committee Agenda**

#### Friday, April 18, 2025 1 p.m.

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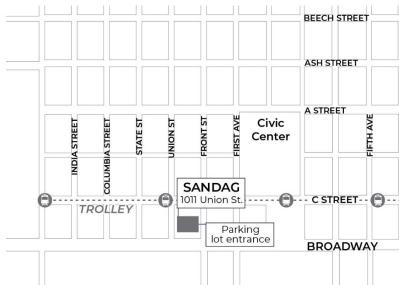
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# **Public Safety Committee**

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

The Public Safety Committee advises the SANDAG Board of Directors on major policy-level matters related to public safety. Composed of both elected officials and public safety representatives, the goals of the group include improving the quality of life in the region by promoting public safety and justice through collaboration, information sharing, effective technology, and objective monitoring and assessment.

The Public Safety Committee generally meets at 1 p.m. on the third Friday of every other month.

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#### **Public Safety Committee**

Friday, April 18, 2025

#### **Comments and Communications**

#### 1. Public Comments/Communications/Member Comments

Members of the public shall have the opportunity to address the Public Safety Committee (PSC) on any issue within the jurisdiction of the PSC that is not on this agenda. Public speakers are limited to three minutes or less per person. Public comments under this agenda item will be limited to five public speakers. If the number of public comments under this agenda item exceeds five, additional public comments will be taken at the end of the agenda. PSC members and SANDAG staff also may present brief updates and announcements under this agenda item.

#### Consent

#### +2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Kami Leone, SANDAG

Approve

The Public Safety Committee is asked to approve the minutes from the March 21, 2025, meeting.

**Meeting Minutes** 

#### Reports

#### 3. Automated Regional Justice System (ARJIS) Update

Anthony Ray, ARJIS

Information

Director Ray will present an overview of recent updates from ARJIS.

#### +4. Draft FY 2026 Criminal Justice Work Program and Budget

Dr. Octavio Rodriguez, SANDAG

Recommend

The Public Safety Committee is asked to recommend that the Board of Directors accept the Criminal Justice Program and Budget as part of the FY 2026 Program Budget.

Draft FY 2026 Criminal Justice Work Program and Budget

Att. 1 - Draft FY 2026 Criminal Justice Objectives

Att. 2 - Draft FY 2026 Criminal Justice Expenditures

Att. 3 - Draft FY 2026 Criminal Justice Revenues

Presentation

#### Combating South American Theft Groups - A Regional Response to Organized Crime

Information

Cindy Anderson, Police Admin. Manager and Detective Paige Haar, Carlsbad Police Department

South American theft groups are organized crime networks known for targeting high-value thefts such as residential burglaries, organized shoplifting, and distraction thefts across multiple countries. This presentation will highlight how the city is addressing these challenges and share recent successes from the Carlsbad Police Department.

Presentation

#### Adjournment

#### 6. Adjournment

The next Public Safety Committee meeting is scheduled for May 16, 2025, at 1 p.m.

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April 18, 2025

#### March 21, 2025, Meeting Minutes

#### **View Meeting Video**

Chair Ed Musgrove (North County Inland) called the Public Safety Committee (PSC) meeting to order at 1 p.m.

#### 1. Non-Agenda Public Comments/Member Comments

Public Comments: Blair Beekman, The Original Dra, Phone Number ending in 731

Member Comments: Chief Taurino Valdovinos

#### Consent

#### 2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

The PSC was asked to approve the February 21, 2025, meeting minutes.

Public Comments: Blair Beekman, The Original Dra.

Member Comments: None.

<u>Action</u>: Upon a motion by Supervisor Joel Anderson (County of San Diego), and a second by Councilmember Luz Molina (South County), the PSC voted to approve the February 21, 2025, meeting minutes with an amendment to Item 7.

The motion passed.

Yes: Chair Musgrove, Vice Chair Kevin Shin (North County Coastal), Supervisor Anderson, Councilmember Molina, Councilmember Henry Foster III (City of San Diego), DA Jorge Duran (SD District Attorney's Office), Assistant Chief Mike Holden (San Diego Police Department), Assistant Sheriff Rick Lopez (San Diego County Sheriff), Councilmember Jessyka Heredia (East County).

No: None.

Abstain: Chiefs and Sheriffs Management Committee (Seat B).

Absent: Regional Fire/Emergency Medical Services, County Chiefs/Sheriffs Association (Seat A).

#### Reports

#### 3. Automated Regional Justice Information System (ARJIS) Update

ARJIS Director Tony Ray provided an update on recent ARJIS projects.

Public Comments: The Original Dra, Phone Number ending in 731, and Blair Beekman.

Member Comments: Councilmember Henry Foster III, Chief Taurino Valdovinos, Vice Chair Kevin Shin, Marshall Steven Stafford.

Action: Information.

#### 4. Regional Safety Planning Updates

Senior Regional Planner Samual Sanford and Associate Regional Planner Jacqueline Sisk presented the final regional Vision Zero Action Plan.

Public Comments: The Original Dra, Blair Beekman, Phone number ending in 731

Member Comments: Councilmember Molina, Vice Chair Shin.

Action: Information.

#### 5. Draft FY 2026 ARJIS Budget Review

Tony Ray and Principal Technology Program Manager Noy Lithyouvong presented the Draft FY 2026 ARJIS Budget for recommendation to the Board of Directors.

Public Comments: The Original Dra, Blair Beekman, Phone number ending in 731.

Member Comments: None.

<u>Action</u>: Upon a motion by Supervisor Joel Anderson (San Diego County), and a second by Chief Taurino Valdovinos (Oceanside Police Department), the PSC voted to recommend the Draft FY 2026 ARJIS Budget for Board approval.

The motion passed.

Yes: Chair Musgrove, Vice Chair Shin, Supervisor Anderson, Councilmember Molina, CM Foster, DA Duran, Assistant Chief Holden, Assistant Sheriff Lopez, Councilmember Heredia, Chief Valdovinos.

No: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Regional Fire/Emergency Medical Services, County Chiefs/Sheriffs Association (Seat A).

#### 6. Draft FY 2026 Criminal Justice Work Program and Budget

This item was postponed until the next meeting.

Action: Information.

#### 7. Gun Violence Prevention

Amanda Brown, AB Livewell, gave a presentation on how her organization is working to reduce gun violence.

Public Comments: The Original Dra, Phone number ending in 731, Blair Beekman

Member Comments: Chief Taurino Valdovinos, Logan Manning

Action: Information.

#### 8. Adjournment

The next meeting of the PSC is scheduled for Friday, April 18, 2025, at 1 p.m.

Chair Musgrove adjourned the meeting at 2:45 p.m.

### **Confirmed Attendance at Public Safety Committee Meeting**

Jurisdiction	Name	Member/ Alternate	Attend
Chiefs'/Sheriff's	Chief Paul Connelly	Member	No
Association Seat A	Chief Alex Hernandez	1 <sup>st</sup> Alternate	No
Chiefs'/Sheriff's	Chief Taurino Hernandez	Member	Yes
Association Seat B	Chief Roxana Kennedy	1 <sup>st</sup> Alternate	No
City of San Diego	Hon. Henry Foster III	Member	Yes
City of Gail Diego	Hon. Marni von Wilpert	1 <sup>st</sup> Alternate	No
County of San Diego	Supervisor Joel Anderson	Member	Yes
County of Sail Diego	Supervisor Monica Montgomery Steppe	1 <sup>st</sup> Alternate	No
0 5: 0 /	District Attorney Summer Stephen	Member	No
San Diego County District Attorney	Chief Investigator Jorge Duran	1 <sup>st</sup> Alternate	Yes
District / taomicy	Deputy Chief Invest Donald Holmes	2 <sup>nd</sup> Alternate	No
Foot County	Hon. Bill Wells	Member	No
East County	Hon. Jessyka Heredia	1 <sup>st</sup> Alternate	Yes
Regional Fire/	Chief Dave McQuead	Member	No
Emergency Medical Services	Vacant	1 <sup>st</sup> Alternate	N/A
North County County	Hon. Kevin Shin – <b>Vice Chair</b>	Member	Yes
North County Coastal	Hon. Keith Blackburn	1 <sup>st</sup> Alternate	No
North County Inland	Hon. Ed Musgrove - <b>Chair</b>	Member	Yes
North County Inland	Hon. Katie Melendez	1 <sup>st</sup> Alternate	No
	Chief Scott Wahl	Member	No
San Diego Police Department	Deputy Chief Rudy Tai	1 <sup>st</sup> Alternate	No
Беранитен	Assistant Chief Mike Holden	2 <sup>nd</sup> Alternate	Yes
	Sheriff Kelly Martinez	Member	No
San Diego County Sheriff	Undersheriff Richard Williams	1 <sup>st</sup> Alternate	No
Sileili	Assistant Sheriff Rick Lopez	2 <sup>nd</sup> Alternate	Yes
0 - 4 - 0 1	Hon. Luz Molina	Member	Yes
South County	Hon. Carolina Chavez	1 <sup>st</sup> Alternate	No
Advisory Members	Name	Member/ Alternate	Attended
County Dublic Cofety	Chief Tamika Nelson	Member	No
County Public Safety	Abigail Torres	1 <sup>st</sup> Alternate	No
Denoutes - t - f D f	Matthew Crews	Member	No
Department of Defense	Michial Michalovich	1 <sup>st</sup> Alternate	No
	SAC Stacey Moy	Member	No
Federal Public Safety	SAC Brian Clark	1 <sup>st</sup> Alternate	No
	U.S. Marshal Steven Stafford	2 <sup>nd</sup> Alternate	Yes

Jurisdiction	Name	Member/ Alternate	Attend
	Kathleen Connon	Member	No
Federal Public Safety	Sidney Aki	1 <sup>st</sup> Alternate	No
	Logan Manning	2 <sup>nd</sup> Alternate	Yes
Hamaland Coourity	Christopher Heiser	Member	No
Homeland Security	Jeffrey Toney		No
	Paul Dombrowski	Member	Yes
Planning Group	Eileen Delaney	1 <sup>st</sup> Alternate	No
Degional Transit	Chris Carillio	Member	Yes
Regional Transit	Tim Curran	1 <sup>st</sup> Alternate	Yes
Southern California	Robert H. Smith	Member	No
Tribal Chairmen's Association	Leia Arviso	1 <sup>st</sup> Alternate	No
State Dublic Sefety	Chief Anthony Coronado	Member	No
State Public Safety	Assistant Chief Craig Root	1 <sup>st</sup> Alternate	No
	Captain Reggie Williams	2 <sup>nd</sup> Alternate	No

April 18, 2025

#### **Draft FY 2026 Criminal Justice Work Program and Budget**

#### Overview

As part of the draft FY 2026 Program Budget, staff has proposed the Criminal Justice Research Division (CJRD) Work Program. The Public Safety Committee is asked to recommend that the Board of Directors accept the CJRD Work Program and Budget as part of the final FY 2026 Program Budget as proposed by staff.

#### **Key Considerations**

The CJRD has a FY 2026 draft budget of approximately \$2.1 million, that includes federal, state, and local funds as well as membership contributions that are adjusted for inflation each year using the Consumer Price Index.

Attachment 1 contains the proposed objectives to be accomplished by CJRD for the next fiscal year. These objectives were determined by the goals and mission

of SANDAG as a whole, the CJRD as well as the priorities and mandates established by each project, balanced against available funding. Estimated

FY 2026 expenditures and revenues for the specific work elements proposed are shown in Attachments 2 and 3.

#### Criminal Justice Research Division

CJRD is nationally recognized for its evaluation research program, and with its clearinghouse function, it has an underlying goal of determining root causes of criminal activity so problem-solving techniques can be implemented to mitigate and prevent crime before it starts. In FY 2026, the proposed CJRD budget will be approximately \$2.1 million. Over a third of this budget (36%) consists of pass-through funds that SANDAG will disburse to other agencies and community-based organizations throughout the fiscal year. Most of the funding for the CJRD (81%) is self-generated from actively seeking federal, state, and local grants.

CJRD activities play a pivotal role in bolstering local criminal justice planning and policy formulation. We act as a central hub for regional public safety and criminal justice information through data gathering, analysis, and reporting. Moreover, by serving on relevant groups and commissions like the Juvenile Justice Commission, the Community Corrections Partnership, and the Substance Use and Overdose Prevention Task Force, we are able to take part in shaping impactful strategies to improve the criminal justice system and its processes.

Over the past year, Clearinghouse products and insights have been essential for public safety stakeholders. Our data-driven approach has helped quantify trends in criminal justice and public safety, which stakeholders have used in reports, meetings, forums, and planning sessions. This information supports decision-making, helps evaluate regional initiatives in drug and crime prevention, and guides future project priorities.

#### Action: Recommend

The Public Safety Committee is asked to recommend that the Board of Directors accept the Criminal Justice Program and Budget as part of the FY 2026 Program Budget.

#### **Fiscal Impact:**

Include the approved Criminal Justice Budget of \$2.1 million to the FY 2026 Program Budget.

#### Schedule/Scope Impact:

SANDAG Bylaws require the Board of Directors to approve the final Program Budget by June 30.

Key CJRD projects proposed for FY 2025 include:

- Continue to serve as a central hub for public safety and criminal justice information
- Focus on making data open and available
- Support the long-term sustainability of our division and specific projects
- Increase partnerships and look for more collaborative initiatives

#### **Next Steps**

Upon recommendation by the Public Safety Committee, the FY 2026 CJRD Work Program and Budget will be included in the final FY 2026 Program Budget scheduled for action by the Board

#### Grace Mino, Senior Director of Data Science

- Attachments: 1. Draft FY 2026 Criminal Justice Objectives
  - 2. Draft FY 2026 Criminal Justice Expenditures
  - 3. Draft FY 2026 Criminal Justice Revenues

#### **Draft FY 2026 Criminal Justice Objectives**

#### Criminal Justice Research Division

# 2340000 Criminal Justice Clearinghouse Area of Emphasis: Use data and analytics to support innovation and inform decision-making

The objectives of this work element are to support local criminal justice (CJ) planning and policymaking by providing analysis of crime and other public safety data; maintaining current and historical information about crime and public safety strategies; developing research designs to evaluate the effectiveness of crime prevention and reduction strategies; and supporting the Public Safety Committee (PSC). Focus in FY26 will be to continue adapting processes and methodologies to the new NIBRS/CIBRS data and increase the criminal justice data availability in the Open Data Portal.

# 2340100 Substance Abuse Monitoring Area of Emphasis: Use data and analytics to support innovation and inform decision-making

The objective of this work element is to support practitioners and policymakers in tracking changes in drug trends over time to inform prevention, treatment, and other activities. Emphasis in FY26 will be on continuing to measure drug use and other behavior trends among arrested adults and juveniles and conducting interviews with adults booked into San Diego County detention facilities and juveniles booked into San Diego County Juvenile Hall and Achievement Centers on a semi-annual basis about their substance use history and other relevant issues.

# • 2345000+ Adult Criminal Justice Projects Area of Emphasis: Use data and analytics to support innovation and inform decision-making

The objective of this work element is to provide quality research and evaluation in support of local law enforcement and public safety agencies. Emphasis in FY 2026 will be on compiling valid and reliable information from historical and original data sources to provide timely information to improve program delivery and objectively measure if program goals were achieved.

This overall work program (OWP) includes:

- OWP Project No. 2347200, San Diego County Proposition 47 Evaluation Cohorts 3 and 4 (providing evaluation to County programs aimed to improve outcomes and reduce recidivism for persons exiting custody with behavioral health and housing stability issues);
- 2. OWP Project No. 2347300, Project Safe Neighborhoods 22 Southern District of California (fiscal agent and regional administration duties to ensure that this project is implemented correctly);
- 3. OWP Project No. 2347400, Project Safe Neighborhoods 22 Central District of California (fiscal agent and regional administration duties to ensure that this project is implemented correctly);
- 4. OWP Project No. 2347500, Project Safe Neighborhoods 22 Northern District of California (fiscal agent and regional administration duties to ensure that this project is implemented correctly);
- 5. OWP Project No. 2347600, REACH Coalition Evaluation FY24 (providing evaluation to REACH Coalition programs aimed to provide services to victims of human trafficking);
- 6. OWP Project No. 2347700, Project Safe Neighborhoods 23 Southern District of California (fiscal agent and regional administration duties to ensure that this project is implemented correctly);
- 7. OWP Project No. 2347800, Project Safe Neighborhoods 23 Central District of California (fiscal agent and regional administration duties to ensure that this project is implemented correctly);
- 8. OWP Project No. 2347900, Project Safe Neighborhoods 23 Northern District of California (fiscal agent and regional administration duties to ensure that this project is implemented correctly):
- 9. OWP Project No. 2348000, Organized Retail Theft Evaluation (assessing Chula Vista Police

- Department programs aimed to reduce auto theft by identifying organized retail theft and educating the community on vehicle theft prevention);
- OWP Project No. 2353600 the Project Safe Neighborhoods Research Partner for the Southern District of California (regional research on gun and firearm usage to assist with regional violent crime reduction strategies);
- 11. OWP Project No. 2353800 Project Safe Neighborhoods Central District of California (fiscal agent and regional administration duties to ensure that this project is implemented correctly);
- 12. OWP Project No. 2354100, Bureau of Justice Assistance FY 21 Smart Policing Initiative (analysis of Chula Vista Police Department's mandatory state reporting to the Racial and Identity Profiling Act data program).

# 2350000+ Youth Evaluation Projects Area of Emphasis: Use data and analytics to support innovation and inform decision-making

The objective of this work element is to continue to partner with local jurisdictions to evaluate grant-funded programs, ranging from prevention to graduated sanctions for youth. SANDAG also has developed partnerships with other youth serving entities in the region to provide quality evaluations that support its funding and mission to provide innovative juvenile justice prevention and intervention services. Of particular note are evaluations that support the transformation of the local Juvenile Justice System. Focus in FY26 will be on compiling valid and reliable information from historical and original data sources to provide timely information to improve program delivery and objectively measure if program goals were achieved.

This overall work program (OWP) includes:

- OWP Project No. 2350100, Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act Evaluation (evaluation of different programs from prevention to intervention services to reduce juvenile involvement in the justice system);
- 2. OWP Project No. 2354300, Chula Vista Violence Reduction Project (evaluation of implementation and effect of a CVPD and SBCS program).
- 3. OWP Project No. 2354400 FY23 Proposition 64 San Diego Evaluation (evaluating marijuana prevention and education programs in San Diego); and
- 4. OWP Project No. 2354500 FY23 Proposition 64 Chula Vista Evaluation (evaluating marijuana prevention and education programs in Chula Vista);
- + indicates a high-level grouping of related work being conducted under specific grants or other funding sources.

# SAN DIEGO ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS DRAFT FY 2026 CRIMINAL JUSTICE RESEARCH DIVISION WORK PROGRAM PROGRAM EXPENDITURES

PROJECT				BE	SALARIES, NEFITS, AND	OTHER DIRECT	CONTRACT SERVICES/ PASS	MATERIALS &	
NUMBER	PROJECT TITLE	PF	ROJECT COST		INDIRECT	COSTS	THROUGH	EQUIP.	-
CRIMINAL	JUSTICE RESEARCH DIVISION								_
23400	CRIMINAL JUSTICE CLEARINGHOUSE	\$	289,630	\$	284,700	\$ 4,930	\$ -	\$ -	E1, E6
23401	SUBSTANCE ABUSE MONITORING	\$	144,750	\$	119,730	\$ 25,020	\$ -	\$ -	E1,E3,E4,E5, E6
23450+	ADULT CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROJECTS	\$	1,319,439	\$	524,210	\$ 2,233	\$ 792,996	\$ -	E1, E7, E8
23500+	YOUTH EVALUATION PROJECTS	\$	436,660	\$	434,540	\$ 2,121	\$ -	\$ -	E1, E7
	SUBTO	TAL \$	2,190,479	\$	1,363,180	\$ 34,304	\$ 792,996	\$ -	-

#### **EXPENDITURE NOTES (Other Direct Costs, Contract Services, and Materials and Equipment)**

- E1 Mileage, parking
- E2 Infrastructure, Network and Mobile
- E3 Drug testing
- E4 Incentives, supplies
- E5 Security in the detention facilities
- E6 Travel
- E7 Temporary staff assistance
- E8 Pass through to grantees
- E9 Hardware and software contracts/licenses, data center and server maintenance

<sup>+</sup> indicates a high level grouping of related work being conducted under specific grants or other funding sources.

# SAN DIEGO ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS DRAFT FY 2026 CRIMINAL JUSTICE RESEARCH DIVISION WORK PROGRAM PROGRAM REVENUES

PROJECT NUMBER	PROJECT TITLE	PROJECT TITLE TOTAL FUNDING FEDERAL			 MEMBER ASSESSMENT	LOCAL OTHER		
CRIMINAL	JUSTICE RESEARCH DIVISION							
23400	CRIMINAL JUSTICE CLEARINGHOUSE	\$	289,630	\$ -		\$ 289,630		
23401	SUBSTANCE ABUSE MONITORING	\$	144,750	\$ -		\$ 18,750	\$ 126,000 I	L1
23450+	ADULT CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROJECTS	\$	1,319,439	\$ 909,055	F1	\$ -	\$ 410,384 I	L1, L2
23500+	YOUTH EVALUATION PROJECTS	\$	436,660	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 436,660 I	L1, L2
		SUBTOTAL \$	2,190,479	\$ 909,055		\$ 308,380	\$ 973,044	

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**FUNDING SOURCES** 

FEDERAL

F1 U.S. Department of Justice (NIJ/BJA/BJS)

LOCAL OTHER

L1 County of San Diego

L2 State funding through local partners

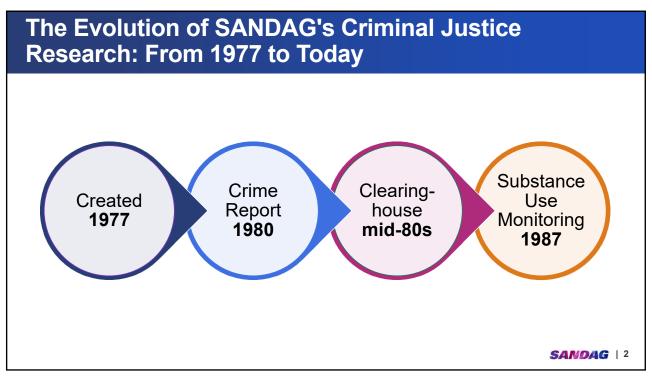


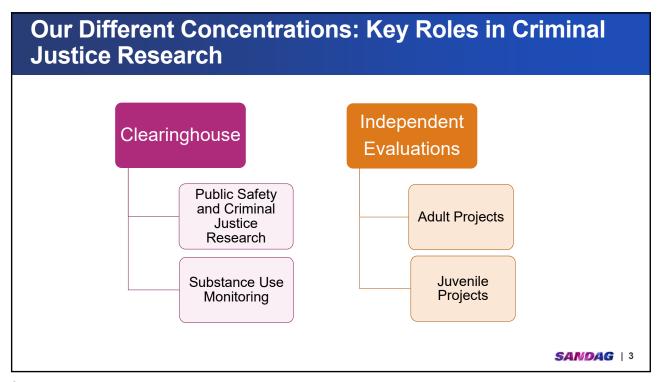
## **Criminal Justice Research**

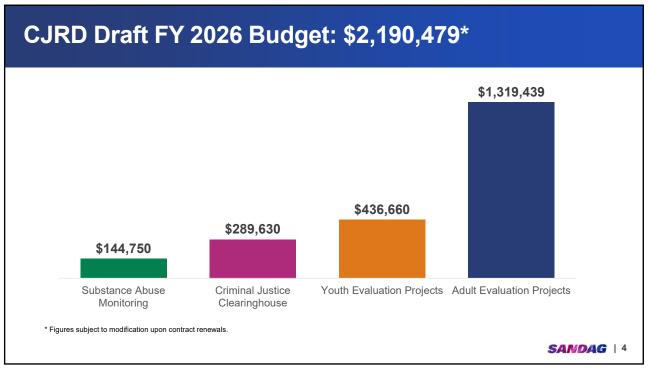
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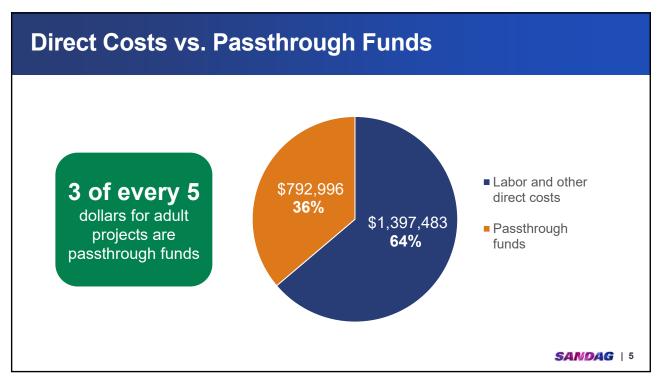
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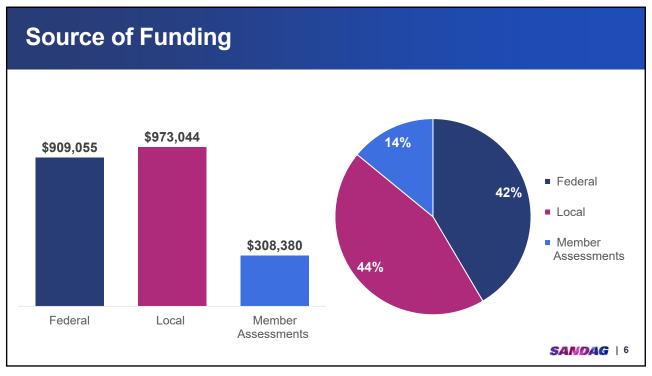
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# **Adult Projects**

PROJECT	FUNDING
San Diego County Proposition 47 Evaluation (Cohorts 3 and 4)	\$321,000
Project Safe Neighborhoods 22 Southern District of California	\$51,922
Project Safe Neighborhoods 22 Central District of California	\$217,245
Project Safe Neighborhoods 22 Northern District of California	\$97,693
REACH Coalition Evaluation (FY24)	\$26,570
Project Safe Neighborhoods 23 Southern District of California	\$62,379
Project Safe Neighborhoods 23 Central District of California	\$257,984
Project Safe Neighborhoods 23 Northern District of California	\$116,798
Organized Retail Theft Evaluation	\$62,814
Project Safe Neighborhoods Research Partner for the Southern District of California	\$19,290
Project Safe Neighborhoods Central District of California	\$66,499
Bureau of Justice Assistance FY 21 Smart Policing Initiative	\$19,246
TOTAL	\$1,319,439

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# **Juvenile Projects**

PROJECT	FUNDING
Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (County)	\$270,400
Chula Vista Violence Reduction Project	\$38,260
FY23 Proposition 64 San Diego Evaluation	\$64,000
FY23 Proposition 64 Chula Vista Evaluation	\$64,000
TOTAL	\$436.660

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#### **FY 2026 Priorities**

- Continue to serve as a central hub for public safety and criminal justice information
- · Focus on making data open and available
- Support the long-term sustainability of our division and specific projects
- Increase partnerships and look for more collaborative initiatives

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# Stay Up to Date with SANDAG CJ Work

- Explore our website SANDAG.org/data-and-research/criminal-justiceand-public-safety
- Email: oro@sandag.org



# Combatting South American Theft Groups – A Regional Response to Organized Crime

#### Presenters:

Cindy Anderson, Police Admin Manager - Carlsbad PD

Paige Haar, Detective – Carlsbad PD



#### Paige Haar, Detective

- ♦ Carlsbad Police Department (2022-Present)
- ♦ San Diego Police Department (2017-2022)
- ♦ Bachelors in Economic and International Studies from UCI



#### Cindy Anderson, Police Admin Manager

- ♦ Carlsbad Police Department (2007-2022, 2023-Present)
- SANDAG-ARJIS (2022-2023)
- Sergeant, USMC (2001-2005)
- ♦ Masters in Criminal Justice Administration
- Bachelors in Criminal Justice

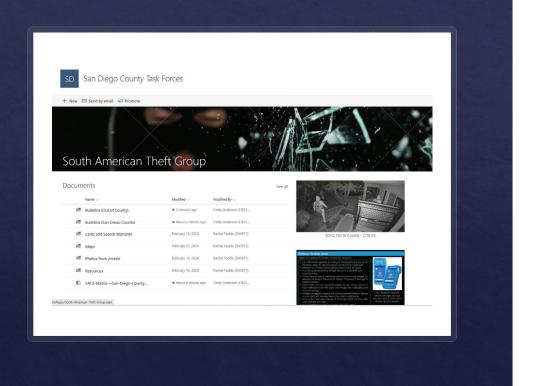
# **Today's Presentation**

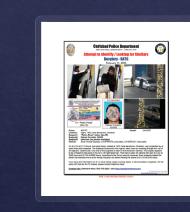
- ♦ What is SATG?
- ♦ Their tactics
- Defeating law enforcement investigations
- Regional and national impact
- Success stories in Carlsbad and San Diego County



# **ARJIS**

- Secure portal to share information
- Ability to track data and statistics
- Crime mapping
- ♦ CrimeTracer



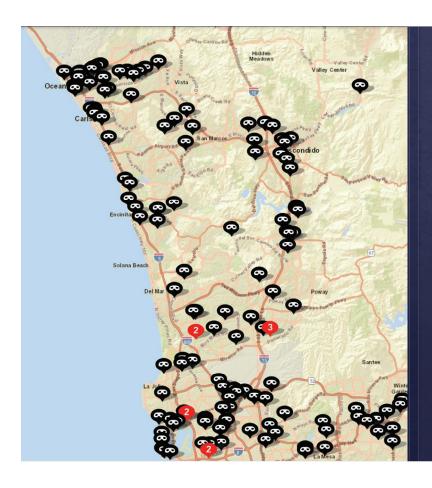








# Be-on-the-Lookout Distributions



# **Regional Statistics** 2021-2025

#### Most Notable SATG Trends:

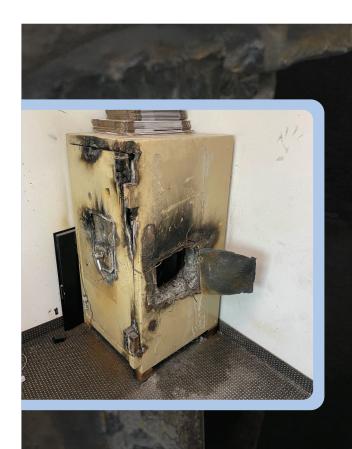
- Residential Burglaries
- Commercial Burglaries
- Vehicle Burglaries
- Pick-Pocketing
- Approx. 500+ SATG Cases (M.O.)

# Burglary: we all know what it is

# "SATG": The South American Theft Group



- Term coined by the FBI around 2019 in response to crimes being committed by international suspects in the US
  - Theft related crimes like retail theft, skimmer thefts, pick-pocketing, and burglary
  - No hierarchy / organization
  - - Described as a criminal network and/or community
  - ♦ Multiple crews, same M.O.
    - Target homes in affluential neighborhoods; select homes near green belts or nature preserves, enter through the second story; steal exclusively jewels, cash, and handbags
    - Always groups of 3-5 men wearing similar clothing and backpacks
- Now associated the ESTA Visa Waiver Program and "crime tourism"
  - Starting in 2022: uptick in burglaries (commercial and residential) throughout the US



# Case study: Redmond Diamond Center

- 03/10/2024 ~ 2341 hours, CBPD responds to a commercial burglary at 2888 Loker Avenue East, Carlsbad
- Wholesale/retail diamond business
- Loss: 500,000 dollars' worth of diamonds from safe in office
- Security guard failed to check building the night of; suspect(s) spray painted over building's security cameras; suspect(s) burrowed into suite through adjacent kitchenette in the building; suspect(s) bypassed several alarm systems and motion detectors; stole the cameras within the suite and ripped the camera DVR from within the walls of the suite. A plasma torch was used to enter the safe.
- Actual crime date: 03/09/2024 ~2115 hours

# What to do when starting with "nothing":



#### Get technical

Warrants to the phone carrier: tower dumps, "timing advance" data; Warrants to Google: "GeoFence" (all meant to capture devices in a given area)



#### Consult LPRs

Colleague discovered one vehicle, a black Lincoln Aviator, visited a nearby intersection (.19 miles away) nine times the night of the burglary

# The vehicle

## CrimeTracer:

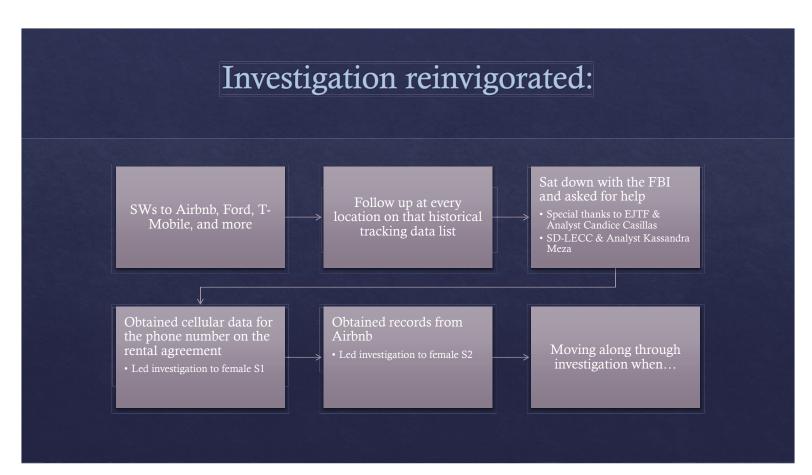
- LA rental company
- Company surfaced a lot in other ORC investigations citing Romanian suspects in SoCal
- Yielded information for a former employee, who later gave me contact information for the rental company's CEO

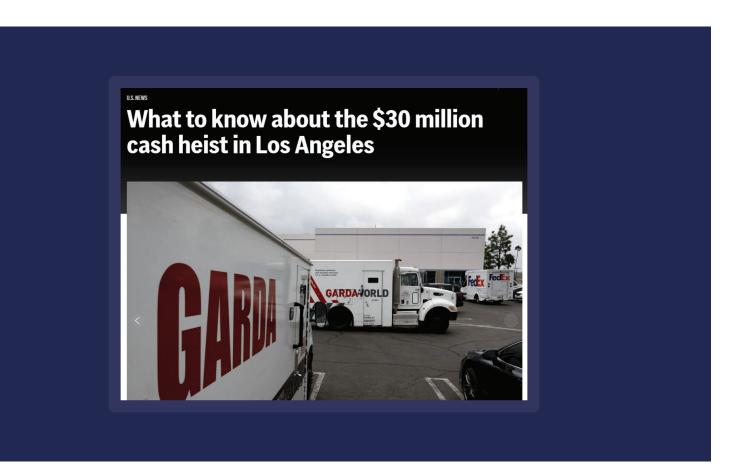
#### Persistence

- The CEO surfaced after I knocked on a family member's door one day
- Motivated to assist me...

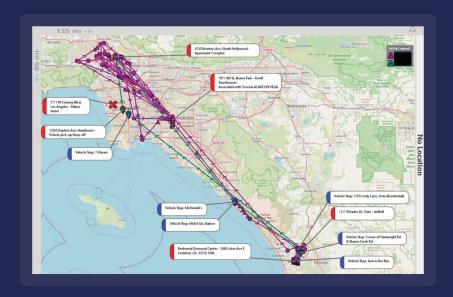
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		N/a		RevLux LLC	License Plate	Suspect vehicle		
024-05-24	sw	No. 2405240913-CAPD-ATH-PS-PS	State	T-Mobile		-		5/24/2024, 6/2
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					Location 1: 12600 Daphne Avenue, Hawthorne CA 90250, USA (33.3186608, -118.3192008), for the time periods covering 03/08/2024, from 1445 hours to 1439 hours; from 1916 hours to 1439 ho			
					Location 4: 3171 Business Park Drive, Vista CA 92081, USA (33.134406, -117.2295015), for the time period covering 03/09/2024, from 2248 hours to 2252 hours. Location 5: 468 W Redondo Beach Boulevard, Gardena CA 90284, USA (33.8925823, - 118.2825651), for the time period covering 03/10/2024, from 2203 to 2207 hours. Location 6: 121P Pleiades Drive, Vista CA 92084, VSA (33.8972-117.198239), for the time period covering 03/08/2024 from 0946 hours to 1046 hours. Location 7: The immediate area around the intersection of Faraday Avenue and Whiptail Loop East, Caribad CA 90210, USA (33.1391423, 117.2496441), for the time period			
2024-06-27	CIA/	No. 2407051029-CAPD-LRR-PS-PS	State	Google	covering 03/10/2024 from 1935 hours to 1939 hours			2024-07-10
2024-00-27	244	no. 2-01001023-CAFD-UNR-P3-P3	Julie	Google	Location 1: 2600 Paphre Avenue, Hawthorne CA 90250, USA (33.9180608, -118.3192008), for the time periods covering 03/08/2024, from 1445 hours to 1449 hours; from 1916 hours to 1920 hours; 2218 hours to 2222 hours; and 03/11/2024, from 2217 hours to 2221 hours. Location 2: 6749 Riverton Avenue, North Hollywood CA 91606, USA (34.1930251, - 118.3661474), for the time period covering 03/08/2024, from 2330 to 2329 hours. Location 3: 600 Avenida Pico, San Clemente CA 92673, USA (33.4389832, -			2024-07-10



#### Female S1

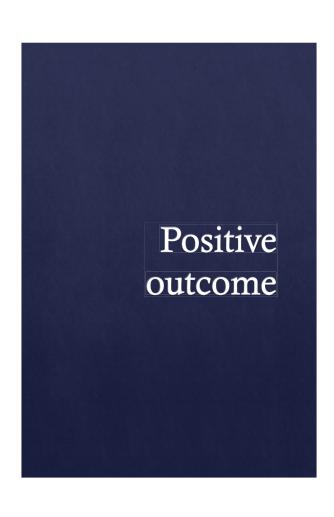
- Was able to prove phone attribution
- Carrier data puts her/the device at crime scene
- Googled directions to business (and a nearby Starbucks) day-of
- Evidence she researched Redmond Diamond Center prior to burglary
- Evidence she sent female S2 money for renting the Airbnb location, and other Airbnb locations in the US
- Social media data revealed her connections to other known SATG criminals

#### Female S2

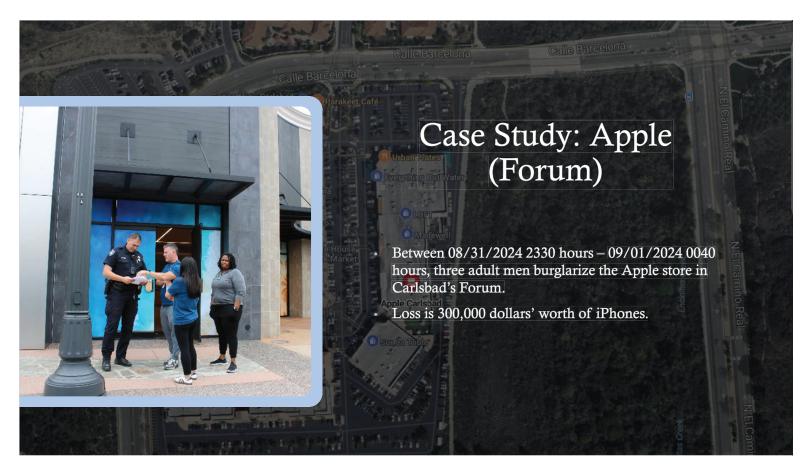
- Queen of Screenshots
  - Recover many important "WhatsApp" conversations
- Evidence she understood her role in crime and what the Airbnb reservation was for
- Solidified phone attribution regarding female S1
- Researched the Los Angeles case (postburglary) and the Redmond Diamond Center (pre-burglary)



\*Most impactful information came from Google account search warrants for both women\*

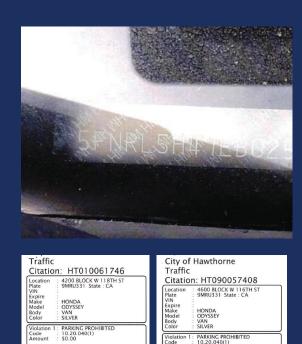


- Working toward extradition for both female suspects for federal bank larceny; case just presented to AUSA
  - Redmond Diamond Center Case "secondary" to Los Angeles case
  - One way of getting my suspects into custody
- Chile motivated to cooperate with the United States
  - Male S1 and other "players" positively identified by Chilean government
  - Whereabouts of female suspects are known and monitored
- ♦ "A win is a win"









\*\*\* WARNING CITATION \*\*\*

Comments: NO PARKING FROM 8AM TO 10AM.PHOTOS TAKEN

(iolation 1 : PARKING PROHIBITED code : 10.20.040(1) mount : \$48.00

\*\*\* TOTAL FINE: \$48.00 \*\*\*

Comments: NO PERMIT DISPLAYED. PHOTOS TAKEN

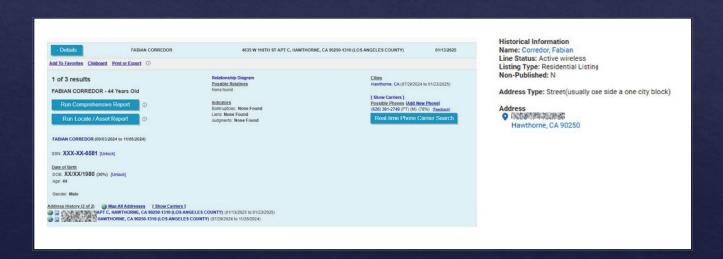




# SD-LECC/ "call history" analysis...

- ♦ For days prior to the burglary, the suspect made calls to:
  - ♦ 760-XXX-3861 (07/31/24) [1 call]
  - **⊘** 626=XXX=2749 (7/31/24, 8/5/24, and 8/18) [7 calls]
  - ♦ 509-XXX-4148 (8/5/24, and 8/18/24) [7 calls]
- ♦ For days prior to the burglary, the suspect received calls from:
  - ⊗ 646-XXX-5490 (8/4/24) [2 calls]
  - ♦ 213-XXX-1922 (8/15/2024) [6 calls]

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# Data heavy investigation

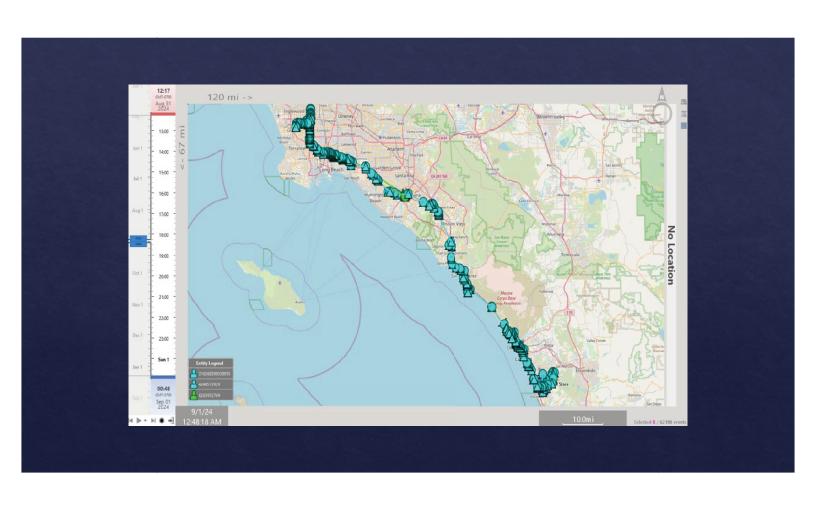
Call detail records and data sessions for both numbers were requested from their respective phone carriers

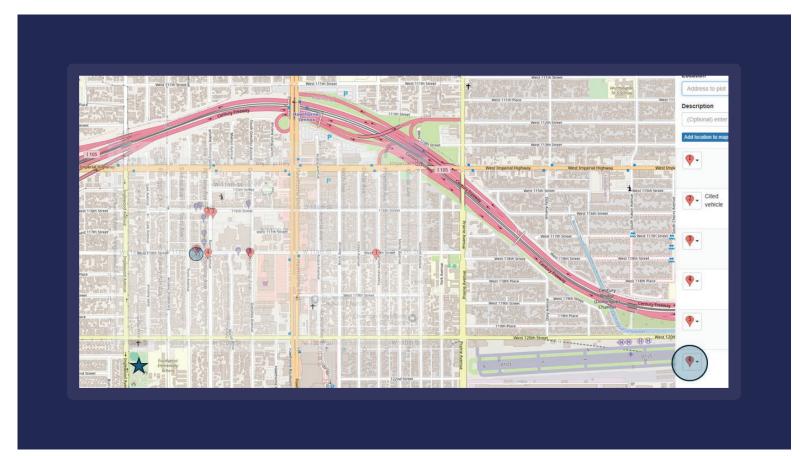
• The importance of "timing advance" data

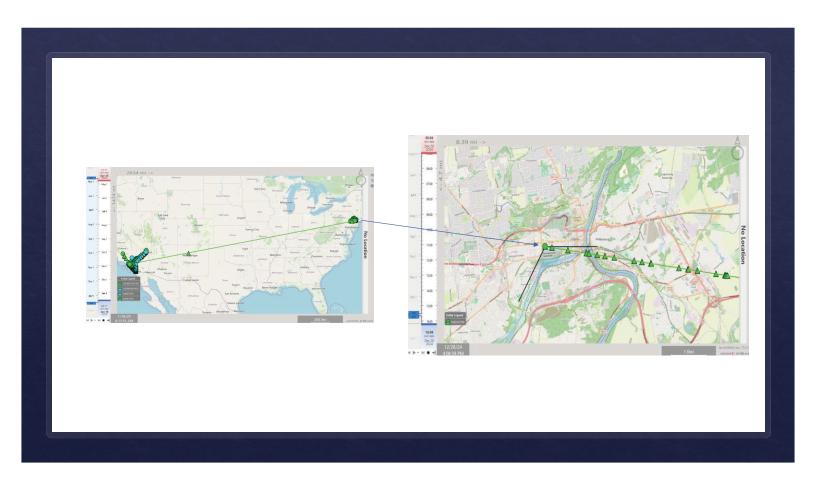
Overlaying data (to include LPR data) to better understand our suspects













- ♦ HSI confirms S1 has familial ties to PA
- Currently working with the DA's Office to obtain a full-extradition warrant, contacts coming together through FTF
- ♦ Conspiracy charge: "a win is a win"
- Working on other "players" who still have ties to CA

# Takeaways:



These people aren't "ghosts"



These cases aren't "unsolvable"



Making something out of nothing: data mining

Law enforcement and digital spaces



Lean on your analysts and federal partners

SD-LECC; HSI; FBI – thank you! Evaluate: what partnerships does your agency have?



Support your investigators

