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ARREST OF RAPE SUSPECT FROM 1995 SEXUAL ASSAULT CASE

(San Diego) The San Diego Police Sex Crimes Unit announces the arrest of James De Santo, 36, by the Ocean County Prosecutor's office in New Jersey. De Santo was taken into custody at his home at 215 Ocean Avenue in Ocean Beach, New Jersey. De Santo is currently being held at the Ocean County Jail.

De Santo was matched through a DNA sample to the 1995 sexual assault of a 12-year-old girl in San Diego. On June 21, 1995, the suspect forced his way into the victim's Ocean Beach home, blindfolded and sexually assaulted her.

A DNA hit was made on October 2, 2006 matching De Santo to this case. De Santo's identity was established as a result of his DNA profile. Evidence from the 1995 case indicated a match to De Santo's profile in the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS). He is charged with 288(a), 288(b) and 269 PC and faces a potential sentence of life in prison.

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