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PALM CITY SEXUAL ASSAULT SUSPECT ARRESTED

(San Diego) The San Diego Police Department announces the arrest of a subject in connection with a Palm City sexual assault investigation.

On July 11, 2007, a 43-year-old female victim exited the 7-11 Store located at 2295 Palm Avenue. The suspect followed the victim home where he attempted to sexually assault her. The victim physically fought the suspect off during the attack. San Diego Police Sex Crimes detectives recovered a video surveillance tape with the suspect's image. The image was released to the public whereupon the suspect was identified as South San Diego resident Martin Delatorre, 27. A warrant of arrest was issued for Delatorre.

On September 25, 2008 U.S. Immigration officers detained Delatorre as he attempted to enter San Diego via the United States Port of Entry in San Ysidro. The arrest warrant was verified and the SDPD Sex Crimes Unit was notified. Detectives arrested Delatorre without incident and he will be booked for sexual assault charges and assault resulting in great bodily injury.

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