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ARREST MADE IN RACIALLY MOTIVATED ATTACK ON TROLLEY

(San Diego) SDPD Southeastern Division detectives announce the arrest of Morrise R. Janise in the attack that occurred on the trolley in November 2006.

On November 27, 2006, at about 8:40 p.m., Janise got onto San Diego transit trolley #55 at 32nd and Commercial Streets. According to the victim, a white male adult, Janise made eye contact with him and made racially motivated, derogatory remarks. As the trolley continued traveling eastbound with several passengers onboard, Janise became more agitated and began to pace inside the trolley. Janise had a radio and he turned the volume up while making racially motivated comments. When the trolley arrived at the Euclid Avenue Station, Janise attacked the victim. A trolley security officer saw Janise punch the victim in the head. The impact sent the victim crashing into the trolley car window. The victim fell to the floor between the seats and Janise grabbed him by the shirt and started hitting the victim in the face and head. Several trolley security officers at the Euclid Avenue Station tried to stop the attack. They confronted Janise when he got off the trolley and a struggle ensued. Janise was pepper-sprayed but he was able to elude capture.

After seeing this story on the news, an individual came forward and gave information to SDPD detectives which identified Janise as the suspect.

On December 21, 2006, detectives from SDPD, along with State Parole agents conducted a 4th waiver search of Janise's home in the 3100 block of K Street. Evidence linking Janise to the attack was recovered. Parole agents determined that Janise was in violation of his parole and took him into custody. Janise was booked into SD Central Jail on a parole violation and will be charged with felony battery and misdemeanor battery against a person on public transportation, as well as two counts of misdemeanor battery against the trolley security officers. Janise is also charged with obstructing or delaying a public officer.

To date, detectives have not located any witnesses who can corroborate the hate crime allegation lodged by the victim.

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