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ARREST MADE IN SEXUAL ASSAULT CASES

(San Diego) San Diego Police Department Sex Crimes Unit announces the arrest of Teddy Baek, 39. Baek was arrested this morning at 10:44 a.m. outside his residence at 8270 Torrey Gardens Place. Detectives also executed a search warrant at his home and his business "Travel-Land" located at 4620 Convoy Street #F. Baek was be booked for sexual assault and attempted burglary.

Baek has been linked to two cases of sexual assault that occurred in the University City area. The first case happened at 5 a.m. on June 13, 2005 in the 8100 block of Cargill Avenue. The second case occurred at 3 a.m. on March 6, 2006 in the 7500 block of Charmant Drive. In both cases, Baek removed a window screen and entered the residences through an unlocked or open window.

The break in this case came when SDPD received a call on December 4, 2006 from a woman who heard someone in the bushes outside her home in the 7800 block of Avenida Navidad. Officers assigned to Northern Division arrived within minutes of the call. One of the officers saw the male that matched the description the victim had given running away from the house. Officers chased Baek and took him into custody.

Baek was booked into county jail and charged with disorderly conduct and loitering. The following evening Baek posted bail and was released. Because he matched the description of two prior sexual assaults both in appearance and behavior, he was placed under surveillance while forensic specialists compared the DNA sample taken from Baek to DNA retrieved from the scenes of the sexual assaults. Today those results indicated that DNA samples obtained from the assaults matched Baek's sample.

Several reported cases of "peeping" in the University City area may also be related to this suspect. His description is as follows: Asian male, 30 - 40 years, 5'6" to 5'10" 140 - 180 lbs. If you think you may have been a victim of peeping, please call the Sex Crimes Unit at (619) 531-2210.

The SDPD would like to thank the UCSD Police Department for creating a safety alert bulletin. Also, several community members, specifically the managers of many of the area complexes, were vigilant in their communication with investigators which helped create an atmosphere of cooperation that led to the capture of this suspect.

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