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## Police Department

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## UPDATE ON SEXUAL ASSAULT CASES - DEANDRE SMITH

(San Diego) The investigation continues following last night's arrest of Deandre Smith, 29 for the sexual assaults that occurred in the University Heights and Hillcrest communities.

The first case occurred on September 7 – 8 from 11:30 p.m. until about 7 a.m. The sexual assault took place at Robb Field (2525 Bacon Street) in Ocean Beach. The victim in this case was 41 years old and she was contacted by the suspect in the 4000 block of  $30^{th}$  Street. Smith stole the victim's car. This vehicle was recovered.

The second case occurred on September 11 - 12 from 11 p.m. until a little after midnight. The victim in this case is a 55-year-old female. The sexual assault took place in the resident's home in the area of 4300 Florida Street. Smith gained entry through an unlocked door and after the assault, stole the victim's vehicle. Smith was arrested by patrol officers while driving this stolen vehicle on September 13 at about 10:30 p.m.

The third case took place on September 13 from 2:30 to about 6 a.m. The sexual assault in this case took place in the victim's residence at 1600 Robinson Avenue. Smith gained entry through an open window. The victim is a 69-year-old female. Smith then fled on foot.

There is another case that Smith <u>may be</u> tied to. This case took place on August 31, 2007 and was an attempted sexual assault. It happened at 4000 lowa Street. The victim fought with the suspect and the suspect fled on foot.

Smith remains in the SD Central Jail at this time. Anyone who has information on these or any additional cases involving this suspect is urged to contact the SDPD Sex Crimes Unit at (619) 531-2210.

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