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## San Diego Police Department

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**Investigations II**

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### **DNA LINKS SUSPECT IN HOME INVASION AND SEXUAL ASSAULT SERIES**

**(San Diego)** DNA testing has linked Thomas James Parker (39) to a series of home invasions robberies and sexual assaults over the past 13 months. Parker was arrested at about 1:30 PM on July 1, 2009, after he attacked a woman in her garage, in the Mission Valley area. The woman fought off her attacker and chased him as he ran through the condominium complex, to a nearby shopping center, where he was taken into custody by off-duty U.S. Border Patrol Agents.

The series of attacks began on June 6, 2008, in the 5500 block of Montezuma Road, in the college area. In the first six incidents, the victims were all Asian females. The suspect attacked the victims as they returned home from shopping or running errands and gained entry through an open garage door or open front door of the residence. In each case the suspect threatened the victim with a knife demanded money, and threatened to or did sexually assault the victim.

The second case occurred November 7, 2008, in the 9200 block of Regents Road in the UC San Diego, Mesa Housing area. The UC San Diego Police Department is investigating that case. The third case occurred on January 16, 2009, in the 5100 block of Camino Playa De Oro, in Tierrasanta. The next two cases occurred in the Carmel Valley area on February 10, 2009, in the 10500 block of Whispering Hills Lane and on March 4, 2009, in the 3700 block of Carmel View Road. The sixth case occurred on April 28, 2009, in the 6500 block of Reflections Drive, in the Mission Valley Area.

Detectives from the San Diego Police Department Robbery and Sex Crimes Units and the UC San Diego Police Department, as well as patrol officers from several area commands, officers from specialized units, Crime Analysis, lab personnel from the San Diego Police Department and the San Diego County Sheriff's Department have worked in collaboration on this series for the past 13 months. The detectives have investigated over 140 tips that were received from citizen.

Detectives met with the District Attorney's Office today to discuss the cases and charges that will be filed against Parker. The District Attorney's Office will charge Parker for all seven cases in the series. The exact charges will be announced at a later time.

Anyone with information on concerning this series is asked to call the San Diego Police Department Robbery Unit at (619) 531-2299 UC San Diego Police Department at (858) 534-4358 or Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477.