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Unidentified Suspect Wanted for Assault with a Deadly Weapon; Detectives Looking for Possible Witness named Sarah

Up to \$1,000 Reward Offered

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San Diego County Crime Stoppers and investigators from the San Diego Police Department's Central Division are asking for assistance from the public to help identify and locate an unknown suspect wanted for assault with a deadly weapon (stabbing.)

Detectives said on January 1, 2012, approximately fifteen minutes after midnight, the 28 year-old male victim was celebrating new years eve at a bar inside the W Hotel on 421 West B Street in Downtown San Diego. The victim reported the bar was very crowded and there was some shoving and pushing at the bar. At some point during the shoving and pushing, an unknown suspect stabbed the victim for no known reason. Immediately after being stabbed, the victim saw the suspect walking away. The suspect was described as an adult White male, mid-20's, approximately 5'10" tall, short blonde hair, wearing a black collared shirt. The suspect was with 2-3 other white males. The victim immediately got in a cab parked at the curb and went directly to the hospital. The suspect suffered a collapsed lung and a punctured spleen. The victim has been released from the hospital and is recovering from his injuries.

Just prior to the stabbing, the victim was talking to a possible witness to the stabbing. The witness is a White female, 29 years-old, about 5'3" tall, wearing a sparkly dress and possibly named Sarah. The witness stated she was a law school grad who attended Cal Poly University. Detectives would like Sarah to call Detective Frank Bradley at 619-744-9500.

Anyone with information on the identity and/or location of the suspect should call SDPD Central Division at (619) 744-9500 or the Crime Stoppers anonymous tip line at (888) 580-8477. Crime Stoppers is offering up to a \$1,000 reward to anyone with information that leads to an arrest in this case. Anonymous email and text messages can be sent in via <u>www.sdcrimestoppers.com</u>.

- Media inquiries about the case can be directed to Lt. Andra Brown at (619) 531-2675.
- Media inquiries about Crime Stoppers can be directed to either Officer James Johnson at (619) 531-1500 or Deputy Adriana Uribe at (619) 531-1547.

For information leading to an arrest, you could receive up to a \$1,000 reward and remain anonymous. The qualification of any person(s) for the reward and the amount of the reward for any person(s) so qualifying will be determined by San Diego County Crime Stoppers, Inc, in its sole discretion. The amount of all rewards given shall not exceed \$1,000. Information must be received on the tip line, (888) 580-8477.