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### PRESS RELEASE

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#### ***San Diego Police Announce Arrest in Balboa Park Sexual Assault Case***

**San Diego, CA** – On May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at approximately 10:00 PM, a female victim was walking along 1600 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue. An unknown suspect with a knife confronted her and forced her to walk with him into Balboa Park. The suspect threatened the victim at knife point and sexually assaulted her in the park. He then forced her again at knife point to walk to the area of 1600 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue where he sexually assaulted her a second time. The suspect then fled the area. The crime was reported and detectives from the San Diego Police Department's Sex Crimes Unit began investigating the incident. During the investigation, an additional victim of an attempt kidnap came forward. We believe this crime was committed by the same suspect. This case is being investigated as well.

On May 7, 2016 at approximately 9:20 PM, the San Diego Police Department arrested 27 year old Ismael Hernandez in the 700 block of Broadway in Chula Vista, CA. Hernandez is a resident of Chula Vista. Hernandez was booked into County Jail for 261(a)(2) PC-Rape by force, 209(b)(1) PC-Kidnap for rape, 289(a)(1) PC-Digital penetration by a foreign object, 288a(c)(2)(a) PC-Oral copulation by force, three counts of 220(a)(1) PC-Attempt sexual assault, 12022(b) PC-Using a dangerous weapon during an assault, 422(a) PC-Criminal threats, and 236 PC-False imprisonment.

It is important to note this case is still on-going. All tips, leads, and evidence are being investigated by detectives. Additional charges maybe sought.

**Captain Brian Ahearn of our Sex Crimes Unit will be available in front of the San Diego Police Headquarters today at 10:00 AM to provide additional information and to answer any questions.**

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