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Man Arrested for Sexual Assault Involving Elderly Woman

San Diego – San Diego Police Department Sex Crimes Unit detectives arrested a 27-year-old man for a sexual assault that happened in a Mira Mesa church.

On November 25th, an elderly woman was alone inside a church in the 10700 block of Rickert Road. A stranger knocked on the church door and asked to use the restroom. The woman let the man inside and after he spent several minutes in the restroom, she asked him to leave. The man left the restroom, pulled the woman into a nearby room, and sexually assaulted her. During the attack, the woman fought back, and was able to get away. The victim then reported the assault to the SDPD. The suspect left the church before the police arrived. SDPD Sex Crimes Unit detectives immediately began investigating the incident.

Detectives identified the suspect as 27-year-old Hugo Jonathan Espinoza-Martinez. Today, on November 29th, around 1:00 p.m., officers arrested Espinoza-Martinez in the 10700 block of Westview Parkway in Mira Mesa for assault with intent to commit rape and elder abuse.

The investigation is active and ongoing. Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to call the San Diego Police Department Sex Crimes Unit at (619) 531-2210 or Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477.

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