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Man Arrested for Multiple Sexual Assaults at Downtown Lounge

Investigators Are Seeking Witnesses and Potential Victims

San Diego – San Diego Police Department has arrested a 41-year-old male for sexual assaults of two victims in downtown San Diego. The assaults occurred on May 27, 2023, while the victims were inside the lounge at Chef's SD, located at 531 F Street, San Diego, CA 92101.

The SDPD Sex Crimes Unit immediately began its investigation when the victims reported the assaults to the San Diego Police Department on May 30, 2023. During the investigation, the victims identified the suspect as Geoffrey Enrico Cole, the former owner of Chef's SD. Cole is described as a Black male, about 6'2" tall, 270 pounds, with dark hair and dark eyes. On April 1, SDPD officers arrested Cole in the 1000 block of 5th Avenue in San Diego on felony and misdemeanor sexual assault charges and booked him into San Diego County Jail. Arraignment is scheduled for Monday, April 8 at 1:30 p.m. in Department 101 of the San Diego Superior Court downtown.

Anyone with information regarding this incident or believes they know or are the victim of a similar assault should call the SDPD Sex Crimes Unit at (619) 531-2210 or Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477.

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