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San Diego Police Arrest Man for Kidnapping, Assault of Ex-Girlfriend

USE OF ALPR LEADS TO SAFE RECOVERY OF VICTIM IN LESS THAN 25 MINUTES OF 9-1-1 CALL

San Diego – San Diego Police arrested a man on Friday for kidnapping his ex-girlfriend. The safe recovery of the victim in less than 25 minutes of a 9-1-1 call from a witness was aided by the use of SDPD's Automated License Plate Recognition (ALPR) system.

On Friday, June 5, 2026, at approximately 5:11 p.m., SDPD received a 9-1-1 call from a person in the Mira Mesa neighborhood who witnessed a woman run from a car, then be physically picked up and put back in the car by a man before driving away. The witness provided a suspect description, license plate and vehicle description.

Officers were dispatched to the area to begin looking for the vehicle. A search of SDPD's ALPR system showed the vehicle had last been recorded near 9300 Kearny Villa Rd.

At about 5:35 p.m., an SDPD officer spotted the vehicle driving southbound on Interstate 15 just past Aero Dr. The officer attempted to make a traffic stop; however, the driver failed to yield for approximately 2 miles before finally pulling over near Adams Ave.

Once stopped, the victim exited the vehicle and ran to safety to the officer's patrol car. The suspect was taken into custody without further incident. He was arrested and booked into San Diego County Jail for kidnapping, false imprisonment, residential burglary, assault with a deadly weapon, evading a peace officer, and driving under the influence.

During the investigation, officers learned that prior to the 9-1-1 call, the suspect had taken the victim from her home in the Mira Mesa neighborhood and forced her into his vehicle before driving away.

This case highlights the reminder that if you see something, say something. SDPD thanks the community for their continued awareness to help save lives.

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