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DETECTIVES ARREST SUSPECT IN LINDA VISTA ASSAULT

(San Diego) On April 22, 2009, San Diego Police Sex Crimes detectives arrested Mulugeta Hagos, age 24, for the assault of a 38-year-old woman that occurred in Linda Vista on Saturday, April 18, 2009. Mulugeta was identified as the suspect in the assault earlier this morning.

On April 18, 2009, at 6:15 a.m., the victim was walking toward a bus bench in the area of 7200 Linda Vista Road. The suspect was getting out of his vehicle as the woman walked by, grabbed the woman from behind, and pointed a handgun at her head. The suspect tried to force the victim into his vehicle. The victim resisted and was struck at least once in head by the suspect. During the struggle the suspect's weapon discharged but the bullet did not strike the victim. The victim was transported to a local hospital where she was treated for her injuries and released.

The suspect fled in an unknown direction in a dark, 4-door sedan, similar to a Honda. The suspect was described as a Middle Eastern male, 25 to 30 years old, 5'9" tall, skinny, with black hair. Sex Crimes detectives responded to the scene and have been following up leads since the attack.

Western Division Patrol officers assisted Sex Crimes detectives in identifying the suspect and today at 1:45 p.m. Mulugeta was taken into custody without incident as he was walking in the 7500 block of Fulton Street in Linda Vista. Detectives are continuing to follow-up on additional leads and Mulugeta's photograph will not be released at this time.

Mulugeta will be booked into San Diego Central Jail on charges of kidnapping for sexual assault (209 PC), assault with a deadly weapon (245 PC) and attempted sexual assault (220 PC).

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