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ARREST IN HOME INVASION AND ASSAULT CASE

(San Diego) San Diego Police Officers, with the assistance of two, off-duty Border Patrol agents, arrested a suspect for a home invasion robbery and assault on the female resident. The incident occurred at about 1:30 p.m. in the Mission Valley area.

The victim had just returned home from shopping and was in her garage when the suspect walked in and grabbed her. The suspect was wearing a ball cap and sunglasses and threatened the victim with a knife. The suspect started to close the garage door and the victim began to fight with the suspect. The suspect fled and the victim chased him while yelling for help. Some neighbors heard the victim and called 9-1-1.

The suspect ran out of the condominium complex with the victim chasing him. The victim flagged down other residents who were driving in the area and they joined her in the chase.

As the suspect ran across the intersection of Fenton Parkway and Friars Road, an off-duty Border Patrol agent was stopped at a traffic light and saw the suspect running and being chased by the victim and others. The Border Patrol agent chased the suspect on foot, identified himself as a federal agent, and took the suspect into custody without incident. A second off-duty Border Patrol agent observed the incident and assisted the first agent until police officers arrived.

The victim was slightly injured during the assault, but did not require immediate medical attention.

The suspect has been identified as Thomas Parker, a white male, 38 years old, 5'8" tall, 165 pounds. Parker lives in the Tierrasanta area. Parker will be booked into the San Diego Central Jail on charges of burglary, robbery, assault with intent to commit rape, and false imprisonment.

Based on the suspect description and facts of the case, detectives believe Parker may be the suspect in the year-long series of similar attacks. Additional charges may be added based on the results of DNA testing.

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