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## San Diego Police Department

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### **SUSPECT ARRESTED IN ATTEMPTED SEXUAL ASSAULTS FROM THE EAST VILLAGE AND MARINA NEIGHBORHOODS**

**(San Diego)** On April, 1, 2010, at 6:35 p.m., San Diego Police Officers responded to the Marriott Residence Inn, located at 356 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, in the East Village community. A male had tried to enter a hotel room on the ninth floor occupied by two females. One female opened the hotel room door, but was able to prevent the male from completely entering the room.

The male fled and went to the eighth floor of the hotel and tried to enter another room. This room was occupied by five females, all of whom were in their twenties. The male told the women he was a police officer who had been injured and asked them for assistance. One of the females opened the door and the male forced his way into the room. Several of the females locked themselves in the bathroom. The male grabbed one of the remaining females and attempted to sexually assault her in the room. The victim struggled with the male and was able to free herself from the male's grasp. The male fled from the room and left the hotel.

The male went to Fleming's Steak House, located at 380 K Street in the Marina neighborhood. The male entered the restaurant and went into the women's restroom. A female patron entered the restroom and was attacked by this male. The male attempted to sexually assault the female. The employees of the restaurant heard the female screaming and immediately called 9-1-1. The male fled the restaurant, but was caught by pursuing restaurant employees a short distance away. The employees held the suspect until officers arrived three minutes after the 9-1-1 call and took the suspect into custody.

The suspect has been identified as Robert Kent Taylor, a White male, age 41. Taylor has been charged with several counts of burglary, false imprisonment, making criminal threats, and two counts of attempted sexual assault. Detectives from the Sex Crimes Unit are actively reviewing cases and anyone with information concerning this or any other incident involving Taylor is asked to contact the Sex Crimes Unit at (619) 531-2210.

Acting Captain O'Hanlon will be available for interviews in front of Headquarters at 12:30 p.m.