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SAN DIEGO POLICE OFFICER ARRESTED FOR SEXUAL BATTERY

(San Diego, CA) San Diego Police Department Sex Crimes Unit detectives have arrested a San Diego Police Officer for sexual battery, false imprisonment and assault under the color of authority for an incident stemming from a traffic contact.

On Tuesday, March 8, 2011, a 32 year old female was contacted by a San Diego Police Officer during a traffic stop as she drove out of the downtown area following the Mardi Gras celebration. The female was suspected of driving under the influence of an alcoholic beverage. The male officer is accused of sexually battering the woman during the course of the contact.

On Friday, March 11, 2011, the officer, an 18 year veteran of the San Diego Police Department assigned to the Traffic Division at the time of the incident, was arrested and booked into County jail. His peace officer powers were revoked and he was suspended from duty without pay while the ongoing investigation continues.

Chief William Lansdowne will be available at Police Headquarters today at 6:15 p.m. to make a statement regarding the incident.

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