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SUSPECTS SOUGHT IN UNIVERSITY CITY HOME INVASION

(San Diego) San Diego Police Department Robbery Unit detectives are investigating a violent home invasion robbery that occurred last month at 5600 Sandburg Avenue.

On Wednesday, January 11, 2012, at about 9:00 p.m., 78 year old former City Councilmember Harry Mathis returned home and drove into his garage. He was immediately confronted by a black male armed with a handgun who demanded cash from him. Mathis, legally permitted to carry a firearm, drew his gun and fired two shots at the suspect. The two men struggled in the garage but the suspect overpowered Mathis, beat him and forced him inside the home. Already inside the house, Mathis' 77 year old wife had been forced, at knifepoint, to open a safe in the house and had been shut in a bathroom.

A passing neighbor heard the gunshots and went to check on the Mathis'. He was confronted by a masked suspect and dragged inside the house. The suspects demanded Mathis open the remaining portion of the safe and give them money. Mathis complied, but there was no money inside the safe. Mathis and the neighbor were forced into the bathroom where Mrs. Mathis was being held. The suspects told the three to remain there or they would burn the house. After a few moments, they left the bathroom and discovered two fires had been set in the residence.

The suspects were described as three black males, one of which was light skinned, or perhaps two black males and one white male. They all wore ski masks and were armed; two with handguns, one with a knife.

During the subsequent investigation, Robbery Unit detectives have identified one of the suspects as Harvey Henry Duson, 45. Two photographs of Duson are attached to this Release.

Anyone with information concerning this home invasion, or any related cases, is asked to contact the San Diego Police Department's Robbery Unit at (619) 531-2299 or San Diego County Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477.

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Harvey Henry Duson
DOB 08/02/1966

