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## San Diego Police Department

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### **SUSPECT ARRESTED IN MIDWAY DISTRICT SEXUAL ASSAULT**

**(San Diego)** San Diego Police Department Sex Crimes detectives arrested Christopher Stevens, age 44, for the sexual assault of a 54 year-old female that occurred in the Midway District on December 21, 2012.

On Friday, December 21, 2012, between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., the victim, a hotel employee, was cleaning a vacant hotel room at the Wyndham Garden Hotel located at 3737 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. The suspect confronted her just as she was exiting the room and forced her back inside. The victim fought with her attacker who brutally beat and sexually assaulted her. After the attack, the suspect fled the scene on foot. The victim was transported to a local hospital for treatment of her injuries.

On Monday, December 24, 2012, SDPD Crime Laboratory personnel made a positive identification of Stevens as the suspect from evidence collected at the crime scene. The DNA evidence was linked to evidence collected from a reported sexual assault case that occurred at Hourglass Park on October 9, 2012.

Sex Crimes detectives, with the assistance of patrol officers, arrested Stevens within hours of his identification. Stevens was arrested without incident at his hotel room at the Vagabond Inn in Mission Valley. He was booked into San Diego Central Jail on numerous charges including forcible sexual assault, attempt murder and false imprisonment.

Anyone with information concerning this case is asked to contact the San Diego Police Department's Sex Crimes Unit at (619) 531-2210 or San Diego County Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477.

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