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**ARREST MADE IN MT. HOPE SEXUAL ASSAULT**

(San Diego) San Diego Police Department detectives from the Sex Crimes Unit investigated a sexual assault that occurred in the area of 3900 Broadway on December 20, 2018. (Original press release sent on 12/21/2018)

On Thursday, December 20, 2018, at approximately 2330 hours, the victim, a 27-year-old female, was walking on 3900 Delta Street when an older, white, two door pickup truck pulled alongside her. The driver exited his truck and threatened to taze the victim if she did not comply with his demands. The suspect forced the victim into his truck and drove her to an unknown location in the area of 39th and Broadway. The suspect parked in a secluded area and sexually assaulted the victim. Afterwards, the suspect drove the victim to the area of 32nd Street and National Avenue. After pleading with the suspect to let her go, he released the victim.

A short time prior to this incident, the Chula Vista Police Department reported a similar assault with a similarly described suspect and vehicle within their jurisdiction. The Chula Vista Police Department is investigating that incident.

The victim described the suspect as a black male, 40-50 years old, with short black hair, a graying goatee, standing between 5'6" and 5'8" tall. He was described as weighing between 160 and 170 pounds with a muscular build. The suspect was last seen wearing a black or dark blue t-shirt and gray basketball shorts. The suspect's vehicle was described as an older model white extended cab pickup truck with a possible blue horizontal stripe on the side.

On Saturday, December 29, 2018, at about 4:30 p.m., Phillip Terrell McLeod (47 years old) was arrested in the 100 block of Euclid Avenue in the City of San Diego. He was booked in County Jail on charges including Kidnapping, Sexual Assault, and Resisting Arrest. McLeod is a resident of San Diego. The vehicle mentioned in the original press release has been located and is in police custody. McLeod is set to be arraigned on January 3, 2018 at 1:30 p.m.

Anyone with information is asked to call the SDPD's Sex Crimes Unit at (619) 531-2210 or the Crime Stoppers anonymous tip line at (888) 580-8477.

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