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POLICE ARREST MALE FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT IN MISSION BAY

(San Diego) San Diego Police Department detectives from the Sex Crimes Unit are conducting an investigation following the arrest of a male for a sexual assault that occurred in the area of 3800 Bayside Lane.

On Sunday, December 23, 2018, at approximately 0840 hours, the victim, a 24-year-old female, was walking south on 3800 Bayside Lane, when the suspect approached her from behind. The suspect grabbed the victim and threw her to the ground where he held her down and sexually assaulted her. The victim screamed for help causing several residents to come to her aid. After being forced off the victim, the suspect walked off. Good Samaritans followed him for a short period of time, but eventually the suspect was able to elude them. Approximately 45 minutes later, a resident found the suspect hiding in a breezeway. The suspect fled and was apprehended by patrol officers. The suspect was booked into county jail on multiple felony sexual assault charges and outstanding arrest warrants from Washington State.

The suspect was identified as:

Philemon Shark (DOB: 09/26/1978). Shark is from the Seattle, WA region and believed to have been in San Diego the past few months.

The San Diego Police Department would like to remind everyone to remain vigilant and aware of their surroundings at all times. 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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