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## POLICE MEDIA ADVISORY

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Subject: **ARREST MADE – SEXUAL BATTERY – (CVS) 691 THIRD AVE, CHULA VISTA, OCCURRED FRIDAY FEB. 2<sup>nd</sup>**

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Message: FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Police arrest a man who sexually battered a woman at a store in Chula Vista last week.

On Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, at approximately 2:50 p.m., the Chula Vista Police Department received a 9-1-1 call from a woman in her late 30's reporting she had been sexually battered and attacked by a man while at the CVS located at 691 Third Avenue in Chula Vista.

The woman was in line, inside the store, when the man approached from behind and touched her inappropriately. She confronted the man, but instead of him running off, he followed her into the parking lot. The woman was able to distance herself and get into her car where her husband and three young children were waiting. The woman told her husband what happened, and they called 9-1-1 to report the incident.

While on the phone with police, they attempted to keep eyes on the man who walked away and jumped into someone's backyard. At one point however, while the family waited in their car for officers to arrive, they saw the man show up again in the back of the CVS parking lot. This time, the man came after them with a knife, striking a back-passenger window, next to where one of the kids was sitting. Fortunately, the glass didn't break and none of the children were injured. The family was able to drive away from the suspect, who fled the area on foot. Arriving officers attempted to locate the man, but they were unable to find him at the time.

Over the next few days, officers and investigators continued to try and identify the man. On Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, after seeing a photo of the suspect distributed on a law enforcement flier, a San Diego Police Detective recognized the man and contacted the Chula Vista Police Department. The man, who was identified as 28-year-old Wesley Howard of Chula Vista, was out on bail from another arrest and was listed as sex registrant in Chula Vista.

Authorities wasted no time. That same day (February 7<sup>th</sup>), they contacted Howard asking him to come into the police department regarding his sex registration. He was arrested at about 3:14 p.m. when he arrived at the Chula Vista Police Department. He faces charges of felony sexual battery, assault with a deadly weapon, and committing a felony while out on bail.

Investigators are continuing to work this case and believe there may be other people who were victimized by Howard who have yet to report the occurrences. They are encouraged to come forward with information and to report the incidents by contacting San Diego County Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477 or submit a tip via P3tips (online or mobile application) <http://p3tips.com/409> if they wish to remain anonymous.

PHOTO OF SUSPECT, TAKEN BY VICTIM:



*\*Weekend and after-hour inquiries should be directed to the Watch Commander at (619)476-5374, however no other information is available for release at the time of this media advisory distribution.*

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