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SFPD Arrests Violent Assault Suspect 22-064(a)

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Investigators link suspect to 3 different violent assaults that occurred within 10 hours of each other

On Saturday, May 7, 2022, San Francisco Police Department officers from Ingleside station responded to a report of an assault that occurred at approximately 3:13 p.m. at Desmond Street and Sunnydale Avenue. Officers arrived on scene and met with the victim, a 28-year-old female, who stated that she was walking by herself at Sunnydale Ave. and Bayshore Blvd. when she saw an unknown male yelling incoherent statements and acting erratic. The victim attempted to cross the street to avoid the male, but the male appeared to follow her. The victim felt unsafe of the situation, so she turned around to get away from the male.

As the victim was walking away from the male, the male grabbed her. The suspect then put his hand on the victim's neck and began squeezing her throat, which prevented her from breathing. The suspect continued to assault the victim by pushing her to the ground and yelling incoherent statements. The suspect continued to strangle the victim while he was on top of her as she struggled to get him off, which caused her to lose consciousness. During the attack the victim heard someone's voice call out. The suspect stood up from the victim and fled from the scene. The suspect fled on foot toward Sunnydale Ave. and Bayshore Blvd. where a witness lost sight of him. Responding officers searched the area for the suspect to no avail. Medics arrived on scene who treated the victim for her injuries.

On Sunday, May 8, 2022, at approximately 12:24 a.m., San Francisco police officers from Northern station responded to the area of Willow and Polk Streets to conduct a well-being check. Officers arrived on scene and met with an 18-year-old female victim who stated that she was walking southbound on Polk Street when she noticed an unknown male following her.

When the victim was between Willow and Eddy Streets, the unknown male approached her from behind and put his arm around her neck while threatening her. In fear of her safety, the victim fought back. The suspect struck the victim numerous times forcing her to the ground. During the physical struggle the victim was able to get away and the suspect fled in an unknown direction. The victim was treated by medics at the scene for her injuries.

On Sunday, May 8, 2022, at approximately 1:10 a.m., San Francisco police officers from Southern station responded to the 1500 block of Market Street regarding an assault on an elderly female. While enroute to the scene, officers were advised by dispatch that a male suspect was standing over the victim while assaulting her.

As officers arrived on scene, they observed multiple witnesses pointing to a male at the southwest corner of Market Street and South Van Ness Avenue. When officers attempted to detain the male, he ran southbound on Van Ness Avenue. A foot pursuit ensued, and officers took 28-year-old Deandre Johnson of Oakland into custody.

Officers met with the victim, a 75-year-old female, who stated that the following happened prior to the officers' arrival: The suspect approached her and made threatening demands that were sexual in nature. The suspect then assaulted the victim and dragged her by her feet. Bystanders intervened and the suspect fled.

Deandre Johnson was booked on charges of kidnapping to commit rape (209 (b)(1) PC), elder abuse (368 (b)(1)), assault with intent to commit rape (220 PC), battery (242 PC) and two counts of resisting arrest (148(a)(1) PC).

Through the course of their investigation, investigators developed probable cause to connect Johnson to all three of the above assaults, and on May 21, 2022 Johnson was booked on charges of assault (245(a)(4) PC) for the Polk & Willow Streets incident and attempted murder (664/187 PC) and kidnapping (207(a) PC) for the Desmond Street incident.

Johnson was already in custody from the Market Street and South Van Ness Avenue incident on May 8, 2022.

While an arrest has been made this remains an open and active investigation. Anyone with information is asked to contact the SFPD at 1-415-575-4444 or Text a Tip to TIP411 and begin the message with SFPD.

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