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Suspect Wanted for Violent Assault

Up to \$10,000 Reward Offered

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San Diego County Crime Stoppers along with investigators from the San Diego Police Department's Central Division are asking for the public's assistance in identifying and locating a suspect who violently assaulted an adult male tourist while he was in the Gaslamp District of San Diego.

On Saturday, August 11, 2018, between the hours of 1:30 a.m. and 2:00 a.m., a 22-year-old male tourist visiting San Diego was assaulted in the 600 block of 5th Avenue (between Market and G Streets) in Downtown San Diego's Gaslamp District. Prior to the assault, both the victim and possibly the suspect were inside of the American Junkie gastro pub located at 628 5th Avenue. The victim was speaking to a group of people on the sidewalk next to the Route 29 restaurant (644 5th Avenue) when the suspect approached the victim and punched him in the face several times. The victim fell to the ground and the suspect continued punching the victim in his face several more times. The suspect fled the area in an unknown direction. Witnesses told police they believed some people had recorded the assault on their cellphones.

As a result of the assault, the victim suffered a sinus fracture, several broken teeth, and facial injuries requiring surgery.

Investigators are asking anyone who witnessed or may have video of this assault to please contact them.

An additional reward of \$9,000 along with Crime Stoppers' up to \$1,000 reward is being offered to anyone who provides information that leads to an arrest in this case.

Suspect's Description:

The suspect is described a Hispanic male, approximately 20-years-old, average height and build (5'10" to 5'11" and approximately 170 lbs.). He may have been in the company of a female companion who was present for, but not involved in the assault.

Anyone with information on the identity or location of the suspect in this case is asked to call the SDPD's Central Division at (619) 744-9527 or the **Crime Stoppers anonymous tip line at (888) 580-8477**. Crime Stoppers is offering up to a \$1,000 reward to anyone with information that leads to an arrest in this case. Visit the Crime Stoppers website at www.sdcrimestoppers.org for more information on how to send anonymous web and mobile app tips.

- Media inquiries about this case or Crime Stoppers can be directed to Officer Mark Herring at (619) 531-1500 or email at msherring@pd.sandiego.gov .