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## **SDPD Arrests Suspect Wanted in Multiple University City Sexual Assaults and Groping Incidents**

**San Diego** – Today, San Diego Police detectives arrested an 18-year-old man who is responsible for seven sexual assault and groping cases that spanned a nearly two-month period.

Beginning on Monday, January 2, 2023, through Friday, February 17, 2023, SDPD's Northern Division investigated seven cases in the north University City area where the same suspect either groped women or exposed himself to them. One of the cases rose to the level of a felony sexual assault, while the others were misdemeanor cases. A press release was sent out to the media on Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, which included photos of the suspect. Within a few days, SDPD investigators received substantial tips from our community and allied law enforcement agencies. UCSD Police contacted the lead SDPD investigator with information about a possible suspect. After an extensive investigation which included witness statements and evidence review, detectives identified the suspect as Iniabasi Aniekeme Udom.

Today, Udom was seen leaving his home and was taken into custody by San Diego Police officers. A search warrant was served on his home and his vehicle. Additional evidence of these crimes was found during the search. Udom was booked into the San Diego County Jail on charges including sexual assault, sexual battery, and indecent exposure.

SDPD's Northern Division would like to thank the public and community members who helped provide additional information that led to this suspect's arrest.

Additional questions can be directed to Northern Division Investigative Lieutenant Paul Phillips at 858-552-1704.

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