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Arrest- Attempted Murder/ Robbery Suspect

Date of Crime: May 02, 2013 Report #13-03081

Date of Arrest: May 8, 2013

Victim: Ongoing investigation/ Name not released. Female Korean Adult 29 yrs old

Charges: Attempted Murder, Robbery, False Imprisonment

Arrestees: Cuong Duong Male Vietnamese 26 yrs old 5-8, 160 lbs, short black hair, LKA: California (No further information due to ongoing investigation)

Location: Princess Inn Hotel, 15171 Beach Bl, Westminster California

Westminster, CA: On May 2, 2013, at approximately 5:22 PM, the Westminster Police Department was notified that a female victim of an assault had been brought to the Fountain Valley Regional Hospital. WPD Detectives conducted an investigation and determined that the following took place:

The female victim admitted to working as a prostitute and was staying at the Princess Inn Hotel. The suspect contacted an associate of the victim and arranged for the suspect to meet the victim. The suspect came to the hotel and after entering the room, attacked her. He strangled her until she lost consciousness, causing injuries to her throat and face. Sergeant Richard Mize said "We believe that the suspect thought our victim had died and left her on the bed." The suspect then searched the room, taking the victim's money, jewelry and credit cards and fled. A friend of the victim came to the room and found the victim suffering from obvious trauma to her face and throat, and brought the victim to the hospital.

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WPD Detectives began following up with information obtained from the victim and the associate and identified Cuong Duong as the suspect in this crime.

Westminster, CA: On May 8, 2013, at approximately 7:05 PM, WPD Detectives were checking locations that Duong is known to frequent. They observed him driving his vehicle as he entered a business center at 14520 Magnolia St, Westminster. Detectives contacted and arrested Duong without incident.

Duong was transported to the Westminster Police Department where he was interviewed in reference to this case. He was then booked into the Orange County Jail for the listed criminal charges.

Sergeant Mize said “Prostitution is a dangerous occupation and we believe our victim met a predator. Our Detectives were impressed by her strength and courage throughout this ordeal and her cooperation helped us identify our suspect.”

At this time, WPD Detectives are continuing their investigation into Duong’s activities over the previous several months to determine if he has been involved in any other crimes. Anyone with information about this crime or Cuong Duong is urged to call the Westminster Police Department at 714-898-3315 or Orange County Crime Stoppers at 1-855-TIP-OCCS or OCCrimestoppers.org. Callers can remain anonymous.