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UPDATE: Sexual Battery Series Arrest

The San Diego County Sheriff's Department is looking for additional victims of a man suspected in a series of sexual battery and lewd conduct incidents across San Diego County.

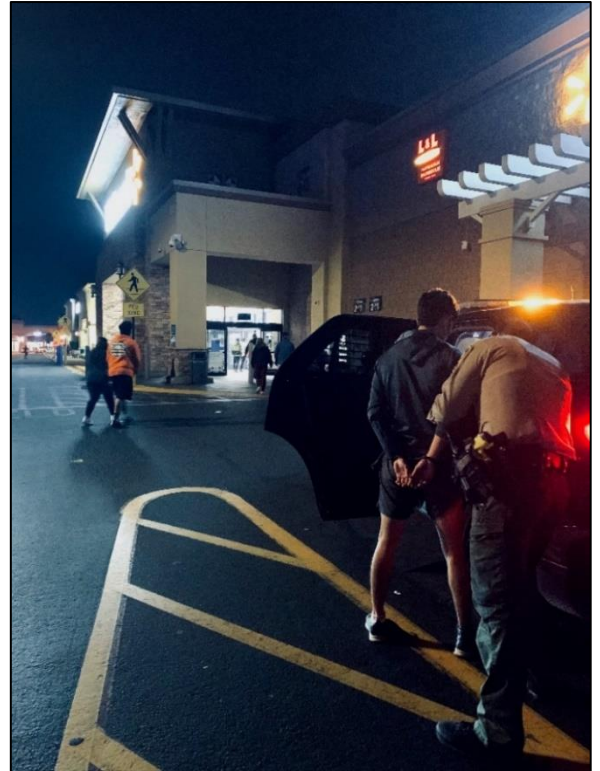
On January 4th, Sheriff's Deputies were called to the Walmart located in the 700 block of Center Drive in San Marcos.

The reporting party told deputies they recognized a man believed to be the suspect in the sexual battery series who had recently been featured in a Crime Stoppers bulletin/video, as well as on local media. They remained on the phone with deputies and led them to the suspect's location within the store. He was arrested without incident.

Ji Hoon Yong (DOB 6/2/95) was arrested on charges of lewd behavior in a public place and providing false identifying information to police.



Investigators from the San Marcos Sheriff's Station and Vista Sheriff's Station are investigating the sexual battery series.
Photo by Deputy Mark Garrett



Ji Hoon Yong was arrested at the Walmart store in San Marcos on January 4, 2021. *Photo by Deputy Mark Garrett*

He is believed to be the person responsible for a series of sexual battery incidents being investigated by the San Marcos Sheriff's Station and Vista Sheriff's Station. The San Diego Police Department has been investigating similar cases dating back to July 2020.

Yong is currently being held at the San Diego Central Jail on \$500,000 bail.

Investigators say they believe there may be more victims of this sexual battery series out there. They want to hear from you.

If you think you are a victim, contact the law enforcement agency where the incident took place. You can also call the San Diego County Crime Stoppers anonymous tip line at (888) 580-8477.



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