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Sexual Assault Suspect Identified / Arrested Through DNA Identification

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On October 31, 2005, a female Solano Community College student was sexually assaulted by an unidentified male suspect in a bathroom on the Solano College Campus. A criminal investigation was started by detectives from the Solano County Sheriff's Office. On November 2, 2005, a forensic sketch of the suspect was completed and distributed to all local law enforcement agencies as well as being posted at the college. On November 9, 2005, detectives were notified by the State Department of Justice that semen had been located on the victim's clothing.

In April 2008, detectives were notified by D.O.J. of a DNA match in this case. Irving Shirley, then a 27-year-old Fairfield resident was identified through a DNA profile match with the evidence recovered from the victim's clothing. Further investigation confirmed that Shirley was a student at Solano College during the time that the sexual assault occurred.

In April 2009, detectives learned that the victim in this case had died in 2007 from an overdose of prescription drugs.

In October 2010, detectives obtained an arrest warrant for Irving Shirley charging him with (1) count of forcible penetration. On October 25, 2010, Shirley was arrested at his residence on the 2300 block of Woolner Avenue in Fairfield. He was booked into the Solano County Jail and his bail has been set at \$100,000.

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