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### **Arrest made in Aggravated Assault (Stabbing) - 5500 Block of 5-Mile Drive**

Tacoma, Wash. – On February 10, 2024, just before 1:00 PM, an adult female walking on the marked trails of 5-Mile Drive at Point Defiance Park was stabbed by an unknown adult male. The victim was transported to a local hospital with serious injuries. The suspect fled on foot through the trails and was not apprehended.

Tacoma Police Detectives, working in-concert with the victim, witnesses to the assault and a sketch artist from the Pierce County Sheriff's Department were able to create a composite depiction of what the assailant looked like at the time of the assault. A depiction was released to the public on February 18, 2024.

Detectives assigned to the case learned the identity of the suspect. Detectives also learned the suspect had fled the State of Washington.

Detectives obtained a confidential, Attempted Murder in the First-Degree warrant with nationwide extradition. Our detectives, assisted by the Pacific Northwest Violent Offenders Task Force and the Port of Seattle Police Department, learned the suspect was possibly in Atlanta, Georgia.

Our detectives flew to Atlanta, supported by the local office of the Federal Marshall's Fugitive Task Force, and attempted to apprehend the suspect. Once in Georgia, detectives learned the suspect was attempting to flee the United States. Today, our department, with the assistance of the San Francisco Office of the Federal Marshall's Fugitive Task Force and San Francisco Police Department, intercepted the suspect as he was trying to leave country. He is currently in being held in a California correctional facility awaiting extradition to Washington State.

The victim is requesting the public and the media honor her request for privacy at this time.

Additional details regarding the suspect may be made available in the coming days as the investigation is still on-going.

We would like to thank the aforementioned agencies, the Washington State Patrol Crime Laboratory, and the public for their cooperation with us during this investigation.

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