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## \*UPDATED\* MEDIA RELEASE

## **Sexual Battery Suspect**

**UPDATE** – On July 21, 2017, at approximately 8:30 PM, Beverly Hills Police Department officers arrested a suspect believed to be connected to these crimes. A citizen promptly called police after observing a person matching the suspect's description walking in the area. Officers immediately responded to the area, located contacted the suspect.

Based on the suspect's strong resemblance to the surveillance video captured at the time of the crimes, Joshua Daniel Stevens, 26, of Culver City, was ultimately arrested. He was booked without incident for Section 220(a)(1) of the California Penal Code – Assault with Intent to Commit a Felony in addition to a parole violation. Stevens is being held without bail and scheduled to be arraigned on July 25, 2017, at the Airport Courthouse.

The Beverly Hills Police Department is seeking the community's help to identify a suspect connected to a series of assaults. The assaults occurred during the evening hours of Thursday, July 20, 2017, between 6:00 PM and 10:00 PM, in the following areas: 200 block of North Rodeo Drive, 400 block of North Canon Drive, and the 9600 block of South Santa Monica Blvd.

In each case, the suspect approached a female victim and made physical contact by grabbing the victim. The victims were each able to retreat from the suspect and sustained minimal or no physical injuries. The preliminary investigation indicates the suspect's motive may have been sexual in nature.

The suspect is described as a male white, 20-30 years of age, 6-00 to 6-02 with a thin build. The suspect was last seen wearing a white long-sleeved shirt with black lettering, dark gym shorts, red tennis shoes and a dark baseball hat.

Anyone with information about the suspect is encouraged to call the Beverly Hills Police Department's Tip Line at 310-288-2659.