

## **Crimestopper's Tip Leads To The Identification Of A Suspect Wanted For A Sexual Assault**

**New Orleans, LA** – Members of the New Orleans Police Department have arrested 25-year-old Carlos Vargas wanted in connection with a sexual assault of an adult female that occurred early Saturday morning on August 28, 2010 at Mandeville and Decatur Streets.

According to investigators, the victim and her female friend met an unknown Hispanic male while they were inside of a bar on Frenchmen Street. While inside of the bar, the victim went to the restroom. When she returned from the restroom, she did not see her friend in the bar. The Hispanic male advised the victim that her friend had gone to another bar and that her friend asked him to bring her to the other bar.

The victim followed the Hispanic male out of the bar and proceeded to walk with him presumably to the other bar. When the victim and the Hispanic male approached Mandeville and Decatur Streets, he struck the victim in the face. When the victim attempted to run, the suspect grabbed her by her hair and struck her several times to the face and sexually assaulted her. The suspect fled when a passer by approached the intersection.

Through the course of the investigation, Detective Clifton Neely learned that a picture was taken of the suspect while he was inside of the bar. After the picture was circulated by the media, Detective Neely received a Crimestopper's Tip of the identity of the suspect. Detective Neely positively identified Vargas as the suspect and obtained an Arrest Warrant. Today at approximately 5:15 P.M., Vargas was arrested in the 2600 block of Tulane Avenue. Vargas was transported to Police Headquarters for questioning and was booked at Central Lock-Up with Aggravated Rape and Simple Robbery.

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