



# San Diego County SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

## NEWS RELEASE INFORMATION SHEET

Subject: Encinitas Battery Allegation

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### SYNOPSIS:

On May 20, 2018, at approximately 1:42 p.m., a victim reported an alleged battery that occurred on May 14, 2018, sometime between 1:00 and 1:40 a.m. at the First Street Bar in Encinitas. The victim said she had met a man, identified as California Assembly Candidate Phil Graham, at the bar earlier in the evening and that they had engaged in conversation. At some point during the evening, the reported victim alleged Mr. Graham had kissed her against her wishes and subsequently followed her outside the business.

Once outside, the reported victim stated Mr. Graham attempted to have her touch him in a sexual manner against her wishes.

On May 21, 2018, San Diego County Sheriff's Department Sexual Assault Detectives were assigned to the case. After conducting a thorough investigation, interviewing several witnesses and reviewing video surveillance from both inside and outside of the business, detectives disproved the allegations made against Mr. Graham.

As a result, this case is being closed as unfounded, pending any new or additional information.

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