



San Diego County SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

NEWS RELEASE INFORMATION SHEET

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SYNOPSIS:

On August 22, 2018 at approximately 2:15 AM, 32-year-old Guillermo Cruz was intoxicated when he drove to his girlfriend's residence in the 300 block of Hillside Terrace in the City of Vista. Cruz jumped a balcony fence and entered the home through an unlocked door. Cruz abducted his girlfriend's sleeping 8-year-old son, whom he is not the father of. Cruz's girlfriend called 911 to report the abduction and gave a vehicle description. Deputies responded to the area and Deputy Samuelsz spotted the vehicle driving nearby and conducted a traffic stop. Cruz was detained and the juvenile was removed from the vehicle and his mother contacted to respond. The juvenile was frightened but unharmed. In Cruz's vehicle there was an empty vodka bottle and he displayed symptoms of being under the influence of alcohol.

Cruz was ultimately arrested for 278 PC – Child Abduction, 207(a) PC – Kidnapping, 273A(A) PC – Child Endangerment, 23152(b) CVC – Driving Under the Influence, and 459 PC – Burglary.

Anyone with information related to this incident can call the Vista Patrol Station at (760) 940-4551, or the Sheriff's Communication Center at (858) 565-5200.

Call Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477 with information and you will remain anonymous. You may be eligible for up to a \$1,000 reward for information leading to a felony arrest.

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