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Sexual Assault Suspect Arrested

Claremont, CA – A door-to-door salesman was arrested for rape this evening by Claremont police. The victim, a 22-year-old female who was home alone in the area of Towne Ave. and Scripps Dr., allowed the suspect to enter her home at about 4:20 pm. A short time after entering the home the suspect raped the victim. A relative of the victim arrived home and the suspect fled from the house.

The suspect was thought to be a door-to-door salesman and a check of the area by police located several persons in the area soliciting for donations for an out of state company. Prompted by contact with investigators, an employee of the solicitation company called Claremont Police at about 8:30 pm to report that a possible suspect, a fellow employee, was at a specific location in the area. Police contacted the suspect and he was positively identified by the victim's relative.

The suspect, identified as Corey Finley, a 21-year-old male residing in Missouri, was arrested and booked for rape, sodomy and false imprisonment. He is being held at the Claremont Police Department jail in lieu of \$100,000 bail. Finley is due for

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arraignment in Pomona Court on Friday, December 21. The victim was treated at a local hospital for minor injuries and released.

This incident serves as an important reminder that strangers should not be allowed into your home. This crime occurred almost exactly one year after a very similar incident in the same area of Claremont. In that case a 22-year-old door-to-door salesman, Rondie Walz , was allowed into a home and raped a female who was also home alone. Walz was later apprehended and convicted of rape.

12/20/07 UPDATE: Finley's bail was increased to \$2 million.

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