

NEW LONDON POLICE DEPARTMENT

PRESS RELEASE

Incident type: Sexual Assault in Home

Location: Outagamie County portion of New London

Date/Time: Saturday, June 7 @ 4:31 a.m.

Details: New London officers were dispatched to a call of a sexual assault at an apartment building in the Outagamie County portion of the city. Upon arrival officers found a distraught woman who reported that while she was sleeping, a man had forced entry into her apartment through a window and had sexually assaulted her.

The 36-year-old victim is disabled and uses the services of Lifeline. During the course of the assault the victim was able to push the help button to activate the emergency communication system, which led to phone contact with a Lifeline worker. The victim then screamed out that she was being raped and pleaded with the worker to send police. The attacker then fled, and Lifeline notified police of the incident.

At one point during the assault, the victim bit the attacker hard on the lip, and she believed the wound had bled. The perpetrator also bit the victim, causing minor injury.

Officers found blood at the scene and in the hallway of a nearby apartment building, leading to a specific apartment. Officers made contact at that residence and subsequently located a subject there who was bleeding from a recent wound to his lip, and who matched the description of the attacker.

The man was taken into custody and was identified as 49-year-old Eliseo C. Vargas. He formerly lived in New London but was believed to have fled the state in 2005.

Eliseo Vargas had three active warrants, including one for failing to appear on a charge of Sexual Assault of a Child Under 16, and one for Disorderly/Lewd and Lascivious Conduct stemming from a window-peeking incident. Both of those incidents occurred in New London in 2005.

Vargas was booked at the Outagamie County Jail for Burglary, 2nd Degree Sexual Assault, and Bail Jumping, all felony charges.

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