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Automotive Repair Shop Owner Arrested

Riverside, CA – On Wednesday morning about 11:30 AM, detectives from the Riverside Police Department's Sexual Assault Unit arrested the owner of a local automotive repair business following a recently reported sexual battery of a customer.

The investigation began in January 2009, when a female customer contacted the Riverside Police Department and filed a report indicating that she was sexually battered and held against her will at the business by the owner. The victim cooperated with the investigation and additional evidence was obtained as a result. James Otwell, (56) of Riverside was arrested and booked into Robert Presley Detention Center for sexual battery and false imprisonment.

If anyone has information related to this investigation they are asked to contact Detective Linda Byerly at (951)353-7120 or Detective Roberta Hopewell at (951) 353-7124.

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