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CAUCASIAN WOMAN TO BE ARRAIGNED FOR UNPROVOKED HATE CRIME BATTERY OF HISPANIC MAN

WESTMINSTER – A Caucasian woman will be arraigned today for the unprovoked hate crime of punching a Hispanic man in the face and yelling racial slurs at him. Jennifer Renee Vanveldhuizen, 36, San Diego, is charged with one felony count of hate crime battery causing injury and faces a maximum sentence of three years in state prison if convicted. The People will be requesting Vanveldhuizen be held on \$50,000 bail at her arraignment today, Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2011, at the West Justice Center in Westminster. The time and Department are to be determined.

At approximately 7:15 p.m. on Oct. 3, 2011, 50-year-old John Doe was working at his job cleaning the downtown Huntington Beach area on Main Street and emptying trashcans. The victim is Hispanic.

As John Doe was cleaning a brick planter bench, Vanveldhuizen is accused of yelling at the victim and approaching him. The intoxicated defendant is accused of yelling racial slurs and profanity at the victim including, "I f***** hate you b*****!" Vanveldhuizen is accused of then punching John Doe in the face without provocation, causing his lip to swell.

The defendant and the victim do not know each other.

The Huntington Beach Police Department (HBPD) responded to the scene and investigated this case. Vanveldhuizen was arrested by HBPD at the scene.

Deputy District Attorney Andrew Katz of the Special Prosecutions Unit is prosecuting this case.

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