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RE: ARREST MADE IN TRAIL ASSAULT

Fayetteville Police Chief Greg Tabor announced today the Fayetteville Police Department arrested a suspect in the Lake Fayetteville Trail assault incident.

On September 13, 2015, Fayetteville Police were notified of a female jogger being assaulted on the Lake Fayetteville pedestrian trail. The victim reported a male punched her in the head and face then dragged her into the brush. The victim was able to separate from the suspect and call for help. Officers arrived and found several objects in the area of the attack but were unable to locate the suspect.

For several weeks, officers and investigators worked to develop leads and followed up on tips received from the public. The objects found at the scene had been examined for potential evidentiary value and samples were submitted to the Arkansas State Crime Laboratory. A DNA profile was obtained from the samples and compared to a database of known offenders. The profile matched that of a convicted sex offender. Acting on this and additional information, investigators immediately applied for an arrest warrant.

On Wednesday, November 11, 2015, investigators from the Fayetteville Police Department served an arrest warrant on Richard Leroy TURNER, age 33, of Lowell, Arkansas for Kidnapping, Aggravated Assault, and Battery second degree.

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