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TYPE OF CRIME: Domestic Violence/ADW   **CASE NUMBER**: 04-360-0045
VICTIM #1: Withheld   **AGE:** 25
ADDRESS: San Jose resident
VICTIM #2: Unborn Fetus
SUSPECT: Clifford Beene Watkins   **AGE:** 44   (7-26-60)
ADDRESS: San Jose Resident

DETAILS:

On 12-25-04 at 12:14AM, San Jose Police Officers responded on a domestic violence call at the Capitol Hill Inn, 3382 Monterey Hwy. Paramedics were also dispatched to the call since the victim, who is approximately four months pregnant, was badly injured in the assault. On arrival, after making contact with the victim, officers detained the suspect near his room. Paramedics treated the victim at the scene and transported her to Santa Clara Valley Medical Center for further treatment.

Preliminary investigation indicates that the victim and suspect were in their room at the motel when they became involved in an argument. The victim stated that during the argument the suspect choked her and kicked her in the stomach. She went to the front desk and asked the clerk to call 9-1-1.

Homicide Detectives and Crime Scene Investigators were called to the scene when it was learned that doctors believe that this attack might have life threatening consequences for the victim's fetus. The victim remains hospitalized in serious condition while doctors continue to monitor her pregnancy. The suspect was arrested and booked into Santa Clara County Jail for domestic violence and assault with a deadly weapon.

Anyone with any information on this case is urged to call Detective Sgt.Will Manion or Detective Sgt. Tom Morales of the San Jose Police Dept. Homicide Unit at 408-277-5283. Persons wishing to remain anonymous may call Crime Stoppers at 408-947-STOP.