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**For Immediate Release**

## **DA Files Charges Against Two Men Accused of Assaulting and Torturing Australian Tourist**

### *Suspects to be Profiled on “America’s Most Wanted”*

San Diego County District Attorney [Bonnie M. Dumanis](#) announced today that her office has filed criminal charges against two suspects wanted in connection with two separate assaults, including the February 27, 2008 assault of an Australian tourist in Ocean Beach. Robert Schneider, 26, was beaten with a skateboard and thrown into a smoldering fire ring, resulting in serious injuries that include third-degree burns. The two suspects involved in the incident fled the scene.

“In serious case like this one, it’s not unusual for us to file criminal charges against defendants before they are in custody,” said DA Dumanis. “The victims in this case deserve justice and anyone with information is asked to contact local law enforcement.”

The District Attorney's Office has filed five felony counts against Damian Maple, 21, including assault with a deadly weapon, battery, torture, and aggravated mayhem. He faces a maximum sentence of life in prison if convicted. Two felony counts of torture and aggravated mayhem have been filed against Frank Montoya, 46, who faces up to life in prison if convicted.

The suspects are transients known to frequent the Ocean Beach neighborhood of San Diego. The case is set to be profiled on FOX TV’s [“America’s Most Wanted”](#) program on Saturday, March 30. Anyone with information on the location of the suspects is asked to the [CrimeStoppers](#) anonymous tip line at (888) 580-TIPS. CrimeStoppers is offering up to a \$1,000 reward to anyone with information that leads to a felony arrest.



**Frank Montoya**



**Damian Maple**

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