Suspect accused of hurting 92-year-old S. Tahoe man

Updated Jan. 22 3pm:

A suspect accused of roughing up a 92-year-old South Lake Tahoe apartment manager Tuesday was arrested this afternoon.

South Lake Tahoe police officers were called to an apartment complex in the 1100 block of Third Street on Jan. 21 just after 11pm regarding a burglary in progress.



James Michael Valero

Officers said the victim, whose name has not been released, told them he discovered a man trespassing in the laundry room of the apartment complex. The suspect, James Michael Valero, had allegedly been on the property before.

The suspect reportedly forced his way into the manager's apartment and shoved him twice, which hurt the victim's disabled knee.

An arrest warrant for Valero was issued. Police tracked Valero down Jan. 22 about 2:45pm and arrested him on several charges. He was walking near Fourth and South streets, not far from apartment complex.

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