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MEDIA RELEASE

Arrest of Sexual Assault Suspect

The Beverly Hills Police Department has made an arrest in connection with a sexual assault.

On May 13, 2017, Beverly Hills Police received a report of a sexual assault. The suspect in that case, posing as a ride service driver, picked up a female passenger in the City of West Hollywood. The victim believed the suspect was the legitimate ride service driver she had requested. The suspect drove a short distance before he pulled over in the City of Beverly Hills and sexually assaulted the victim.

On May 20, 2017, Beverly Hills Detectives conducted surveillance and ultimately identified and arrested a suspect in connection with the sexual assault. The suspect has been identified as 40-year-old Carlos Omar Pichinte from Los Angeles.

Pichinte was booked on the primary charge of Rape (261(a)(1) Penal Code) in addition to other felony charges. His bail was set at \$1,350,000.

Pichinte remains in custody. His next scheduled court date is August 3, 2017.

Beverly Hills Police Detectives have been actively investigating this sexual assault since Pichinte's arrest and believe he may be connected to additional sexual assaults in the Los Angeles area.

At the time of Pichinte's arrest he was driving a silver 2015 4-door Kia Rio.

Victims of similar sexual assaults and anyone with information about this case are encouraged to contact the Beverly Hills Police department at 310.285.2158 during business hours and 310.288.2656 after business hours.

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