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Sexual Assault Suspect Arrested

Los Angeles: Northeast Sex Crime Detectives arrested a sexual assault suspect whom they believe responsible for an attack that had occurred a month ago.

On July 26, 2008, at around 5:30 AM, a 23-year old woman was kidnapped from a bus stop at the corner of Colorado and Eagle Rock Boulevards. The suspect forced the woman into his car and drove her to a secluded area. The suspect then sexually assaulted the victim, took her property, and drove off.

The suspect was described as a Hispanic, 18 to 22 years of age, with a mustache. He stands 5' 7" to 5' 8", and weighs approximately 140 lbs. The suspect's car was a dark blue, 4-door, 2006-2008 Honda Civic.

A composite drawing of the suspect was made. Northeast Detectives disseminated the suspect's composite, along with his description and the vehicle information, to all the Northeast officers and also during a news conference held on August 7, 2008.

Two of Northeast Area patrol officers observed a possible vehicle, which matched the description of the suspect's vehicle used on the day of the crime. The owner of the vehicle was subsequently identified and interviewed regarding this matter. During the interview, Northeast Detectives obtained a voluntary DNA sample from him. A DNA comparison was made, which resulted in the positive match of DNA from the suspect.

On Thursday, August 28, 2008, Northeast Detectives along with personnel from the Northeast Criminal Apprehension Team arrested the suspect at his work location. The suspect's vehicle was also recovered and is being held as evidence.

The suspect has been identified as 25-year old Sergio Hernandez Linares, a Los Angeles resident. He was booked for 261 P.C. Rape. His bail was set at \$1,100,000.

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