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## Man Suspected Of Assaults In West L.A., Beverly Hills, Arrested In MacArthur Park



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By Kitty Luo

A 32-year-old homeless man suspected of three sexual assaults and one violent attack, was arrested Wednesday in MacArthur Park, police said.

The Santa Monica Police Department arrested Pablo Carlos Pineda at about 5:15 p.m. Pineda has been linked to a series of violent sexual assaults which took place in Santa Monica on Jan. 13 and Feb. 5 as well as on April 15 in the 9000 block of Wilshire Boulevard in Beverly Hills and on July 2 in the 1300 block of Westgate Avenue in West Los Angeles. In addition to rape, Pineda allegedly also kidnapped one of his victims and beat another with a brick, causing great bodily injury, according to the prosecutor.

LAPD Det. Javier Vargas told the Courier police sent personnel to locate Pineda after determining the area he was believed to be frequenting. Leading up to the identification of Pineda, the Santa Monica Police Department, the Beverly Hills Police Department, the Los Angeles Police Department and the FBI's Behavioral Analysis Unit collaborated on an extensive cross-department investigation.

The cases were ultimately linked together by DNA, Vargas said. Booked on forcible rape, assault with intent to commit rape and assault by means producing great bodily injury, Pineda remains in custody at the Santa Monica Jail in lieu of \$385,000 bail only in connection to the Santa Monica assaults and was due to appear at the Airport Courthouse yesterday. However, the prosecutor is requesting \$2.63 million bail.

"It's satisfying to get a predator off the streets who was preying on young women and terrorizing our neighborhoods," Vargas said. "It's always great to get someone off the streets who will no longer victimize anyone."

The District Attorney's Office filed a case against Pineda with various charges including multiple counts of rape, kidnap, robbery and assault with a deadly weapon. If charged, Pineda faces a sentence of 25 years to life in state prison.

The West L.A. and Beverly Hills incidents are still pending review by the District Attorney's Office, while Pineda's case remains under investigation by the Santa Monica Police Department.

The Santa Monica Police Department urges anyone with additional information to contact any of the following police departments: SMPD: Detective E. Soto (310) 458-8218; BHPD: Detective R. Evans (310) 285-2160; LAPD: Detective J. Vargas (213) 486-6931

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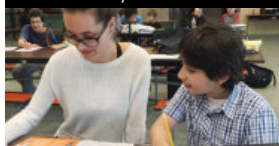
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Beverly Hills Farmers' Market celebrated the fourth annual Picklefest Sunday where contestants were vying for the title of "Best Pickle in Beverly Hills."

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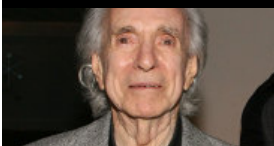
The Beverly Hills Academic Tutoring Program is set to return again for another year, beginning with orientation on Tuesday, Sept. 6, from 4-5:30 p.m. at Roxbury Park Auditorium. The program is seeking volunteers to work with elementary school children having social and/or academic difficulties. High School students will receive community service hours for volunteering in the program. For more info contact Adrienne Weise at [adriennetutor@gmail.com](mailto:adriennetutor@gmail.com) or call 310-285-6810. Pictured: a BHHS senior tutors a young student during last year's Academic Tutoring Program.

## Local Happenings



A new piece of artwork appeared on a Los Angeles street corner today, clearly without the blessing of the Republican Party.

## Local



Legendary director Arthur Hills, a 45-year Beverly Hills resident and former president of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences and the Directors Guild of America, died Wednesday after a long illness. He was 92.

## Sports



Michael Phelps captured his 20th Olympic gold medal in dramatic fashion Tuesday, sealing victory with a kiss from baby son Boomer, before adding a staggering 21st before the night was over.

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