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Man Charged with Kidnapping, Rape in North Hollywood

A transient has been charged with attacking, kidnapping and raping a woman in a parking garage in North Hollywood, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

Allen Dante Villarreal (dob 1/27/93) faces one felony count each of kidnapping to commit another crime, rape of an unconscious person, assault with intent to commit a felony, second-degree robbery and criminal threats. The charges in case LA090402 include allegations of kidnapping and threatening by fear of death.

He is expected to be arraigned today in Department 100 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Van Nuys West Branch. The case was filed for arrest warrant on April 26.

On the night of March 8, the victim was walking to her vehicle in a parking structure when Villarreal allegedly attacked the woman, knocking her out, Deputy District Attorney Ranna Jahanshahi of the Victim Impact Program said. The defendant is accused of raping the victim while she was unconscious and then driving off with her car while she was still inside.

Because Villarreal is a transient with multiple aliases and ties to several states, the investigating agency, Los Angeles Police Department's North Hollywood Division, Sexual Assault Unit, was assisted by other law enforcement in searching for him.

Those agencies included the LAPD as part of the U.S. Marshals Service Los Angeles Regional Fugitive Task Force, the District Attorney's Office Bureau of Investigation Special Enforcement Team and the LAPD's Hollywood Division.

The defendant was arrested yesterday in Hollywood.

He faces a possible maximum sentence of life in state prison. The prosecutor is requesting that bail be set at \$1.2 million.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to protecting our community through the fair and ethical pursuit of justice and the safeguarding of crime victims' rights.