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**Man Charged With Attempted Murder, Sexual Assault  
of Elderly Woman in Hollywood**

A man has been charged with sexually assaulting and trying to kill an 80-year-old woman in her Hollywood apartment last month, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Marcus Datwione Peete (dob 11/12/82) was charged in case BA448034 with one count each of attempted murder, assault, sexual penetration by a foreign object and first-degree burglary, person present. Peete is scheduled to be arraigned today in Department 30 of the Foltz Criminal Justice Center.

Deputy District Attorney Elena Abramson of the Elder Abuse Section is prosecuting the case.

On June 18, the victim answered her front door in the 1700 block of North Ivar Avenue and Peete is accused of forcing himself inside. He allegedly pushed the woman into her bedroom and began beating her.

Peete is accused of sexually assaulting the woman as she fought back. He again punched the victim several times and fled on foot. The woman was taken to a hospital and is expected to survive the attack.

Peete was arrested on June 19 near Crenshaw and Olympic boulevards.

If convicted as charged, Peete faces up to life in prison.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles Police Department.

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