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## **Hammer-wielding Suspect Charged With Attempted Murder, Kidnapping to Commit Rape**

A hammer-wielding man suspected of kidnapping a female convenience store worker was charged today with attempted murder and other counts, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Jose Caro (dob 8/30/88) is scheduled to be arraigned later this afternoon in Department 30 at the Foltz Criminal Justice Center in case BA450645. Prosecutors will ask that bail be set at \$2.3 million.

Deputy District Attorney Reinhold Mueller with the Sex Crimes Division is assigned to the case.

The North Hollywood resident is suspected of entering an Exposition Park store on Wednesday, dragging the 28-year-old female clerk out by her hair and forcing her into his red Honda sedan. He is suspected of driving her to a cemetery in North Hollywood before she managed to escape. Caro was arrested later after a brief pursuit.

Caro is charged with attempted premeditated murder, kidnapping to commit a rape, assault with intent to commit a rape, assault with a deadly weapon, criminal threats, stalking and fleeing police. The complaint alleges Caro used deadly weapons, a hammer and a knife.

If convicted, Caro faces up to life in state prison.

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

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