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ARREST IN ATTEMPTED SEXUAL ASSAULT

Pasadena, CA – On September 4, 2022, a male entered a local health spa and physically assaulted a female employee. During the violent assault, the male produced a firearm and attempted to sexually assault the employee.

Information related to this assault, including photographs, was distributed to departmental employees and the public.

On September 8, 2022 at about 12:30 P.M., officers from the Pasadena Police Department were driving in the area of Walnut Street & Hill Avenue in the City of Pasadena. While driving, they observed a male walking with a bicycle and immediately recognized him as the suspect wanted for the attempted sexual assault. Those officers subsequently made contact with the suspect and he fled on foot. Following a short foot-pursuit, the suspect was arrested.

Detectives from the Pasadena Police Department's Special Victim's Unit interviewed the suspect following his arrest and obtained a confession. Detectives also located the weapon used during the assault. Upon inspection, the weapon was identified as a BB gun and not a real firearm.

The suspect was identified as 45-year-old *Victor Hugo Vega*; a Pasadena transient.

The criminal case will be presented to the Los Angeles County's District Attorney's Office within the next couple of days.

Anyone with information about this case is encouraged to call Pasadena Police at (626)-744-4241 or you may report information anonymously by calling "Crime Stoppers" by dialing (800) 222-TIPS (8477), use your smartphone by downloading the "P3 Tips" Mobile APP on Google play or the Apple App Store or by using the website <http://lacrimestoppers.org>.

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