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## **Arrest of Suspect for Assault on Elderly Woman**

**Pasadena, CA** – On Monday, 2/12/24, at 10:58 a.m., a 71-year-old woman using a walker was strolling through Memorial Park (85 E. Holly St.) when an unidentified suspect approached her and forcefully took hold of her walker. The victim tried to escape but collapsed nearby. The suspect attacked her and proceeded to restrain the victim on the ground. As she resisted, he moved behind her, encircling his arm around her neck, and began to strangle her. Two Good Samaritans witnessed the assault and intervened. Upon noticing the approaching witnesses, the suspect let go of the victim, made his way to the Memorial Park Metro Station, and left on the train.

Detectives from the Pasadena Police Department Special Victim's Unit (SVU) investigated the case and identified the following suspect:

- Levi Murphy Jr., Male Black, 57 years old, Los Angeles resident

SVU Detectives learned that Murphy frequented an apartment complex in the 200 block of E. Holly Street in Pasadena. On Wednesday, 2/21/24, SVU Detectives were at the apartment complex when they saw Murphy approaching on a bicycle. They contacted Murphy and arrested him without incident. SVU Detectives conducted a search warrant on Murphy's residence in Los Angeles and recovered evidence tying him to the crime.

The case was presented to the LA County District Attorney's office and on Friday, 2/23/24, the District Attorney's office filed the following charges:

- PC 664/207 - Attempted Kidnapping
- PC 368(b)(1) – Elder Abuse
- PC 236 – False Imprisonment

Murphy's bail was set at \$1,125,000.

Anyone with information about this assault is encouraged to call the Pasadena Police at (626) 744-4241 or report information anonymously by contacting "Crime Stoppers" at (800) 222-TIPS (8477), via 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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