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Man Charged with Attempt Kidnapping for Rape

VENTURA, Calif. - The Ventura County District Attorney's Office announced today that charges were filed against, Lathanial Lavar Walker (DOB 02/26/97), for the attempt kidnapping for rape of a 75-year-old woman while she worked in her garden. On May 26, 2023, Walker pled not guilty at arraignment in Ventura County Superior Court.

On the morning of May 24, 2023, Walker is alleged to have approached the victim on South Dunning Street in Ventura. Walker is accused of pulling down his pants and grabbing the victim from behind. The victim struggled with Walker as he allegedly dragged her to the side of her home and attempted to take her inside before neighbors came to assist her.

Walker fled the area on foot and was arrested a short time later in the Pacific View Mall parking lot by the Ventura Police Department.

Deputy District Attorney Ben Moreno, a member of the Ventura County District Attorney's Office Sexual Assault Unit, is the prosecutor assigned to the case.

Walker is scheduled for an early disposition conference on June 7, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. in courtroom 12 of the Ventura County Superior Court. He is being held in custody without bail.

Case 2023012935

Defendant Information:

Lathanial Lavar Walker (DOB 02/26/97)
Transient

Charges:

- PC 664/209(b)(1) - Attempt kidnapping for rape
- PC 664/459 - Attempted First Degree Residential Burglary
- PC 220(a)(1) - Assault with intent to commit certain felonies
- PC 647(a) - Engaging in lewd conduct
- PC368(c) - Elder or dependent adult abuse