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## Media Release: September 30, 2019 DNA Leads to Sexual Assault Arrest

**Case #:** 18-00400  
**Location:** 700 Block of 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Live Oak  
**Suspect:** Elias Monroy, 29-year-old, Brookdale Resident

<b>Crimes:</b>	289 (a) (1) (A) PC	Sexual Assault	Felony
	220 (a) (1) PC	Attempted Rape	Felony

On Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 29-year-old Elias Monroy was arrested at his home in Brookdale for a sexual assault that occurred in January of 2018.

In January of 2018 a 21-year-old woman was asleep in a vehicle outside her friends' house on 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue. A person she did not know, who resided in the area, entered the car and sexually assaulted her. The victim fought off her attacker and activated her car alarm which caused him to flee.

Deputies responded but were unable to find the suspect. The victim participated in a sexual assault examination, which resulted in the collection of evidence which was forwarded to the California Department of Justice for analysis, leading to the DNA identification and arrest of the suspect.

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