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Subject : Redondo Beach Police make arrest in 2003 Redondo Union High School sexual assault case.

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The Redondo Beach Police Department made an arrest today in connection with a sexual assault case that occurred at Redondo Union High School in 2003. Sylvester Gene Rawls, 45, who resides in Long Beach, California, was arrested after police linked him to the case through DNA from the original crime scene. Despite extensive investigation and inquiry into many possible suspects, the 2003 assault remained unsolved until being assigned to the Police Departments “cold case” section of the Investigations Division. The cold case detectives reviewed the original case, exhausting all possible leads, which ultimately lead to a DNA match and identification of Rawls. An arrest warrant was obtained early today and a team of detectives located Rawls near his Long Beach, CA residence, taking him into custody without incident.

Rawls was booked at the Redondo Beach jail on the sexual assault warrant and is being held on \$250,000 bail. The case will be presented to the Los Angeles District Attorney’s Office for filing consideration. Rawls is scheduled to appear in court on January 12, 2011.

This press release was prepared by Lt. Joe Hoffman.

Composite Sketch from 2003



January 10, 2011 RBPB Booking Photo



