



## VALLEJO POLICE DEPARTMENT

### Press Release

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On 6/6/09 Vallejo Police Department responded to St. Helena Hospital in the City of Vallejo to investigate the report of a rape. Officers were notified that a 22 year old female who had been transported from Feather River Hospital in Butte County had been raped during the transport.

Investigators learned that the victim was a Butte County resident and had been placed on 72 hour, mental health hold. There was no bed space in Butte County for the victim to be evaluated, so she was transported to St. Helena Hospital for observation and treatment. Investigators also learned that 32 year old Ronald Edward Phillips was the driver that had transported her. Investigators discovered that Phillips had checked into a local Vallejo motel where the sexual assault took place.

The victim has a long history of mental illness. The suspect was entrusted with her care and had apparently violated that trust. As a result of the investigation the Solano County District Attorney's office issued a warrant for Phillips arrest. He was arrested at his home in Oroville without incident. Phillips was interviewed by Vallejo Police Department detectives and confessed to the sexual assault of the victim.

Phillips has been transported to Solano County Jail where he faces charges of Rape of a person incapable of giving consent because of a mental disorder, Lewd and Lascivious acts upon a dependant adult by a caretaker, and Rape with a foreign object.



Ronald Phillips