Alleged Sex Offender Arrested On School Campus

(CBS) LOS ANGELES An allegedly high-risk sex offender was arrested after being tracked by GPS to a Los Angeles elementary school campus, police said.

No children were hurt since police were able to arrest the man before he could possibly inflict harm, according to Gail Abarbanel of the Rape Treatment Center at Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center.

The LAPD's Real Time Analysis Critical Response Division announced the arrest Saturday morning. Ronald Bryant, 37, was tracked to Parmelee Avenue Elementary School at 1338 E. 76th Place at about 10 a.m. Friday and left 15 minutes later, according to the statement.

Under the terms of parole, sex offenders are generally not allowed on school campuses. Bryant is monitored by an electronic ankle bracelet and his parole agent was notified of the violation by an LAPD officer with the Real Time Analysis and Critical Response Division.

Police followed Bryant to the Los Arcos Inn in South Gate at 2979 Firestone Blvd., where he'd been living for the last three or four months, according to the Inn's manager Jay Bhagat. Bryant was arrested by South Gate police at the motel.

"They arrested him before he did anything," Abarbanel said. "That's the beauty of this system. That it didn't happen. It's a good thing. These are high risk offenders."

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"I never thought he would do something like that. I'm living here with my two little kids and wife," Bhagat said. "He never causes trouble. I don't know what happened."

The LAPD has been using the Veritracks monitoring system to track high-risk sex offenders since June, when it was chosen by the State Parole Department to conduct a pilot program of the system.

Voters on Tuesday passed Proposition 83, or Jessica's Law, which will increase penalties for registered sex offenders, banning them from living within 2,000 feet of a school or park. It also requires lifetime electronic monitoring via GPS technology for all felony sex offenders.



Ronald Bryant was arrested after he apparently strayed onto an elementary school campus Friday.