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**Man Charged With Sexually
Assaulting Boy at Pico Rivera Park**

A man was charged today with sexually assaulting a 6-year-old boy at a park in Pico Rivera over the weekend, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Eduardo Ciarelli (dob 3/27/79) was charged in case VA146133 with one count of forcible lewd act upon a child. He is expected to be arraigned today in Department 5 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Downey Branch.

On Oct. 22, the victim was with his family at Smith Park. The boy went to the restroom that was adjacent to a snack bar where his father was. After a couple of minutes, the father went to check on his son and found the boy crying.

The boy pointed to the defendant who is accused of sexually assaulting him and was standing behind a stall door. Ciarelli ran outside but was apprehended by the father and a security guard.

If convicted, Ciarelli faces a possible maximum sentence of 10 years in state prison.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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