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79-Year-Old Pickpocket Suspect
Arrested Again by LAPD Officers

(November 10) Some people just don't give up and 79-year-old Leonte Somarriba may be one of them. The LAPD Picketpocket Detail arrested Somarriba for the second time in two months, Nov. 3, on a charge of grand theft, pickpocket.

Pickpocket Detail officers watched Somarriba as he boarded a Line 21 Metro Bus westbound on Wilshire Boulevard. According to the police report, they saw him bump into several patrons as he exited the bus at Vermont Avenue. He then was observed hiding a black wallet in a mailbox on Normandie Avenue.

Officers recovered the wallet, which later was identified by the victim. The victim's bus pass and $15 was found in Somarriba's shirt pocket, police said. A surveillance camera on the bus provided video that officers said revealed clear photos of Somarriba removing the victim's wallet.

"The added value of the bus surveillance cameras cements the case against Somarriba," said Capt. Vance Proctor, commanding officer, Transit Bus Division.

Pickpocket Detail officers first arrested Somarriba in September, but he was released on probation, even though he had prior arrests for picking pockets.

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