

*Rape Arrest* Montgomery County police arrested a man accused of raping a woman in a Bethesda hotel room yesterday.

Authorities said Roger A. Berrios, 38, of Wheaton knocked on the door of a 28-year-old woman's room, forced his way in, stripped the woman and raped her while pressing a pillow against her face.

The woman, a New York resident, broke free and ran to the lobby of the Holiday Inn at 5520 Wisconsin Ave., police said. Hotel security personnel held the suspect until police arrived.

Berrios was charged with rape, attempted murder and sex offense and was being held at the Montgomery County Detention Center last night, police said. Police said bond information was not immediately available.

## **Man arrested for rape in Bethesda hotel**

**Monday, Sept. 26, 2005**

Police arrested a Wheaton man on Friday for raping a woman in her Bethesda hotel room.

Roger Antonio Berrios, 38, of Hewitt Avenue in Wheaton, was arrested at 2:54 a.m. Friday after police say he raped a 28-year-old woman from New York who was staying at the Holiday Inn at 5520 Wisconsin Ave., according to a release from the Montgomery County Police Department.

He was charged with first-degree rape, attempted first-degree murder and second-degree sex offense, the release said. If convicted, Berrios could face life in prison.

The woman answered a knock at her door shortly after midnight on Friday, the release said. When she opened the door, Berrios pushed her down and shut the door.

He then forcibly removed her clothes and raped her. During the rape, he held a pillow over her face, making it hard for her to breathe, the release said.

The woman was able to break free and run out of the hotel room. She knocked on several doors and then ran to the hotel lobby, where she reported the rape to a desk clerk. Hotel security guards were notified and held Berrios until the police arrived, the release said.

He is currently being held without bond at the Montgomery County Detention Center and was scheduled to have a bond review hearing on Monday.