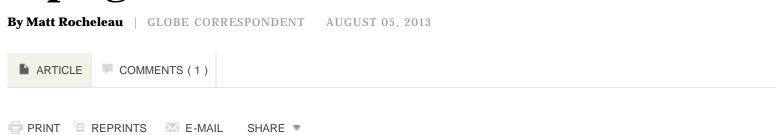
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Pembroke man charged with kidnapping, raping woman



A Pembroke man was arrested Saturday on charges of aggravated rape and kidnapping after he allegedly drove a woman around in his vehicle for several hours against her will before raping her in a wooded area of Hanson, police said. Anthony J. Vega is scheduled to be arraigned Monday in Plymouth District Court, according to a statement from Hanson police. Vega allegedly offered a ride to the victim, a 34-year-old woman from the Boston area, before the ordeal began. The woman was able to escape and eventually got a ride to the Hanover Police Department. She was treated for undisclosed injuries at a hospital. Police said she told detectives in Pembroke and Hanover her attacker's name and license plate number, which she had written on her hand before escaping. Vega was arrested at a hospital in Brockton where he was being

treated for an undisclosed illness. Police did not say when or where the kidnapping began.

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Anthony Vega, 49, allegedly kidnapped a homeless woman and drove her around for hours before raping her on a secluded gravel driveway in Hanson.

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Proposals to overhaul the Boston public schools abound, making education one of the most talked-about issues thus far.

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A registered sex offender was arraigned on Monday in Framingham District Court on charges that he had sex with a minor at least twice after meeting her online.

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New Hampshire's fruit growers are on alert for a harmful new fruit fly that has been moving east across the United States

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Scituate man and Weymouth woman plead not guilty to child endangerment

A man and a woman pleaded not guilty Monday to child endangerment charges after a 2-year-old boy they were supposed to be watching was found running in traffic in the parking lot of a Cohasset strip mall on Friday. Rohn C. Hess, 33, of Scituate and Jennifer Fiori, 26, of Weymouth entered their pleas in Quincy District Court, the Norfolk district attorney's office said.

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South Boston man gets life in woman's beating death

A South Boston man will serve a sentence of life without parole after he was convicted of beating 65-year-old Barbara Tagen to death with a metal baseball bat outside her Andrew Square apartment in August 2011, the Suffolk district attorney's office said.

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Quincy man is sentenced in shooting

A 20-year-old Quincy man has been sentenced to three to five years in state prison after a Norfolk Superior Court jury found him guilty of shooting a friend's neighbor during a disagreement in June 2012, the Norfolk district attorney's office said.

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Prosecutors turn over video to Hernandez's attorney

Prosecutors have turned over to attorneys for Aaron Hernandez surveillance video from outside a Boston nightclub where the former New England Patriot and his friend allegedly had a dispute a few days before his friend's killing.

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BRA to revamp website to allow residents to track development plans

The Boston Redevelopment Authority plans to launch a website this fall that will allow residents to more closely track and comment on planning initiatives and proposed projects. New features will allow users to buy copies of maps and other documents, including requests for bids, requests for proposals, and requests for quotations.

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