

**Teenage EastEnders star  
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an alleged sex assault.**

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## **TEENAGE EastEnders star Joshua Pascoe has been arrested in connection with an alleged sex assault.**

Joshua, 16, who plays tearaway Ben Mitchell, was quizzed by detectives and freed on bail.

A source said: "His mum is distraught. He's only 16, so his arrest is very upsetting for the whole family." Joshua was questioned at Wimbledon police station in South London on Thursday.

In March he was suspended from the Italia Conti Academy stage school in Islington, North London, after unrelated allegations of bullying. His mum Sheree, 48, and father Gary are separated and he lives with his builder dad in Sutton, South London.

Joshua first appeared in EastEnders in December 2010 – the fourth actor to play troubled Ben, son of Phil Mitchell.

Gay Ben has clashed with his hardman dad, has been kidnapped and was abused by Phil's girlfriend Stella.

After a spell in juvenile detention for attacking Jordan with a spanner, his storylines turned even more sinister. He pushed Glenda down a flight of stairs, held Patrick to ransom and framed his dad for murder.

And this year Ben killed Heather Trott as he raided her house for cash.

Scotland Yard said: "A 16-year-old boy was arrested on May 24 in connection with an allegation of sexual assault. He has been bailed to return to a North London police station on July 31."

Last night a BBC spokesman said: "We are aware of the allegations."

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## actor Andrew Lancel (Frank Foster)

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After unrelated allegations of bullying, he was suspended from stage school Italia Conti, in Islington, North London, in March.

Joshua was nominated for 'Villain of the Year' at this year's British Soap Awards but lost out to Coronation Street actor Andrew Lancel (Frank Foster).

His mother Sheree, 48 is separated from his father – Joshua lives with his father, Gary, a builder in Sutton, South London.

'His mum is distraught. He's only 16, so his arrest is very upsetting for the whole family,' a source told The Sun.

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Ben, who is the son of Phil Mitchell has held key storylines in the soap.

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