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**Long Beach Man Convicted of Kidnapping,
Sexually Assaulting Two Girls, Woman**

A 31-year-old Long Beach man has been found guilty of kidnapping two teenage girls and raping a 20-year-old woman in assaults spanning a one-month period, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Jurors deliberated for about a day before returning guilty verdicts late yesterday against Samuel Alexander Vasquez. The panel convicted Vasquez of two counts of kidnapping, three counts of forcible rape, and one count each of forcible oral copulation and assault with a deadly weapon.

Deputy District Attorney Emily Spear of the Sex Crimes Division prosecuted the case.

Vasquez kidnapped a 16-year-old girl at knifepoint as she walked in South Los Angeles on Sept. 27, 2016. He then raped her in his car, the prosecutor said.

On Oct. 19, 2016, a 20-year-old woman accepted a ride from Vasquez in South Los Angeles and then she also was raped in his car.

More than a week later, he forced a 14-year-old girl into his car at knifepoint and sexually assaulted her in his vehicle. He also tried to inject her with a syringe.

Vasquez faces a possible maximum sentence of life in state prison when he is scheduled to be sentenced March 20.

Case BA451934 was investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department's Robbery-Homicide Division.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to protecting our community through the fair and ethical pursuit of justice and the safeguarding of crime victims' rights.