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Former Teacher's Assistant Pleads to Sexually Abusing Student

A 26-year-old former teacher's assistant pleaded no contest today to sexually abusing a middle school student two years ago, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Joshua Jacob Estrada entered his plea to five counts of contacting a minor to commit a sexual offense. He faces up to eight years in state prison. Sentencing is scheduled on April 11 in Department 112 of the Foltz Criminal Justice Center.

Deputy District Attorney Lowrie Mendoza of the Sex Crimes Division is assigned to the case.

Estrada was a teacher's assistant at David Wark Griffith Middle School in Los Angeles. In November 2016, Estrada touched her inappropriately during physical education classes.

Case BA452408 was investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Special Victims Bureau.

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