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## Former Sheriff's Deputy Sentenced in Rape Case

A former Los Angeles County sheriff's deputy was sentenced today to nine years in state prison after pleading no contest to rape and bribery charges, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Terry Bork sentenced Jose Rigoberto Sanchez, 29, to nine years in prison and also ordered the defendant to register as a sex offender.

Last month, Sanchez pleaded no contest to one count each of rape under color of authority and soliciting a bribe.

Sanchez was on duty Sept. 22, 2010 when he pulled over a 24-year-old female driver who had an outstanding warrant.

Sanchez offered not to arrest the woman if she had sex with him, said Deputy District Attorney Rosa Alarcon. He then drove away with the victim into the desert where he raped her, the prosecutor said.

Two nights later, he pulled over a 36-year-old woman for investigation of DUI and solicited a bribe in the form of sexual activity.

The case was investigated by the Sheriff's Department's Internal Criminal Investigations Bureau.

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