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Ex-Soccer Coach Sentenced for Molesting 15 Children

A former American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) coach in Lancaster was sentenced today to more than 130 years in state prison for molesting 15 children, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Jonathan Hatami said Renoir Vincent Valenti, 54, was sentenced to 130 years and eight months to life.

Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Daviann Mitchell of the Antelope Valley Branch also ordered Valenti to pay a total of \$450,000 in victim restitution.

Valenti also will be registered as a sex offender for the rest of his life.

On Feb. 27, Valenti was found guilty of a total of 20 counts: five felony counts of continuous child abuse, four felony counts of lewd act upon a child, and four felony counts of procuring and offering false or forged instrument.

He also was convicted of six misdemeanor counts of child molesting, and one count of disobeying a court order.

During a span of almost 17 years, Valenti molested 14 boys, six of whom were soccer players he coached, and a young girl. The ages of his victims ranged from 8 years old to 12 years old, Hatami added.

The incidents occurred between 1995 and 2012, according to the prosecutor. The investigation into Valenti began in July 2012 when the mother of a 10-year-old boy said her son had been molested by the defendant.

During the 35-day jury trial a total of 58 witnesses testified, including all of the victims. Today's sentencing hearing included 14 victim impact statements, 12 of them from victims and their families.

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Special Victims Bureau investigated the case.

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