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**Riverside County Man Charged
in Sexual Assault of 12-Year-Old Girl**

A man accused of breaking into a Claremont home and raping a sleeping 12-year-old girl was charged today, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Joseph Davall (dob 4/6/80), of Yucca Valley, is charged in case KA105537 with seven felony counts: two counts of aggravated sexual assault of a child, and one count each of forcible rape; sexual penetration by foreign object; assault to commit a felony during the commission of a first-degree burglary; first-degree burglary, person present; and making criminal threats.

Additionally, the charging document alleges that Davall was convicted of making criminal threats in 1999 and 2001 and grand theft in 2000.

The defendant was scheduled to be arraigned this afternoon. However, the court appearance was continued to May 14 at the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Pomona Branch in Department N.

Prosecutors said that on March 21, Davall allegedly broke into a Claremont home and sexually assaulted girl, who was in bed asleep. The victim continuously fought the defendant during the attack.

Authorities linked Davall to the attack through the Combined DNA Index System and he was arrested on April 18. The defendant is currently being held on \$5 million bail.

If convicted as charged, Davall faces a maximum sentence of life in state prison without the possibility of parole.

The case is being investigated by the Claremont Police Department.

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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 seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](#) prosecuted more than 73,000 felony defendants and 113,000 misdemeanor defendants.