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Sex Offender Convicted of Assaults in Long Beach

A 20-year-old man was sentenced today to eight years in state prison for assaulting several women in Long Beach late last year, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Miguel Avila of Long Beach pleaded no contest today to two felony counts of assault with intent to commit a felony in case NA100784.

At sentencing, Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Laura Laesecke also ordered the defendant to register as a sex offender for life.

Deputy District Attorney Lee Ashley Cernok, who prosecuted the case, said Avila assaulted several different women in Long Beach.

On Nov. 9, 2014, a 23-year-old was walking with a friend when Avila ran toward the victim, head-butted her, and then pressed himself up against her, the prosecutor said. The victim punched the defendant, at which point he ran away.

Less than a week later, a 30-year-old woman was walking with a friend when Avila grabbed her from behind, pushed her to the ground and tried to take off her underwear. As the victim's friend pushed the defendant off of her, he stood up and exposed his penis to the women before ultimately running away, the prosecutor added.

Authorities began an investigation into the attacks and arrested Avila on Nov. 17, 2014.

The case was investigated by the Long Beach Police Department.

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