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Former Teacher Charged with Sexually Molesting Another Student

A former English teacher at an elite private girl's school charged in February with having a sexual relationship with a female student faces new charges involving a second student, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

Joseph Koettters (dob 8/14/67) pleaded not guilty on the amended complaint charging him with 10 additional counts in case BA433370. He was released today after posting an additional \$350,000 bail.

The case is being prosecuted by the Sex Crimes Division.

Koettters taught English at the Marlborough School in Hancock Park when he allegedly initiated a year-long sexual relationship with a 16-year-old female student in 2000. Between February and June 2004, he allegedly had a sexual relationship with another 16-year-old female student. The second victim recently reported the incident to police.

The Santa Monica resident now is charged with seven counts each of oral copulation of a person under 18 and sexual penetration by a foreign object of a person under 18.

He returns to the Foltz Criminal Justice Center, Department 31, on June 23 to set a date for his preliminary hearing.

If convicted, Koettters faces more than 11 years in state prison.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles 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 71,000 felony defendants and nearly 112,000 misdemeanor defendants.