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Lancaster Man Found Guilty of Sexually Assaulting Girl Walking to School

A jury found a man guilty today of the kidnapping and sexual assault of a 14-year-old girl as she walked to school in Lancaster, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Keri Knittel said Charles Delshawn James (dob 7/2/82) was found guilty of kidnapping for sodomy, attempted sexual penetration by a foreign object, forcible sodomy of a minor, lewd act on a child age 14 and dissuading a witness by force or threat.

The jury, which deliberated for less than two hours, also found true the special allegations of kidnapping a minor and aggravated kidnapping.

James faces a 77-years-to-life prison sentence at a hearing on June 27 in Department A19 before Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Lisa Chung of the Antelope Valley Branch.

On Dec. 13, 2012, James grabbed the victim by her pony tail and dragged her into some bushes where he sodomized her, according to testimony. During the attack he threatened to kill the girl and her family if she said anything, the prosecutor added.

Forensic evidence led police to the defendant, who was arrested days after the attack in South Carolina.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Special Victim's Bureau.

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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.