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**Los Angeles Police Officer Sentenced For 2014 Assault**

A Los Angeles police officer was sentenced today for using unlawful force during an arrest three years ago, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Richard Garcia, 36, pleaded no contest to one misdemeanor count of assault by an officer. He was immediately sentenced to two years of formal probation.

Deputy District Attorney Oscar Plascencia of the Justice System Integrity Division prosecuted the case.

On Oct. 16, 2014, LAPD officers approached the victim in South Los Angeles during a robbery investigation. The victim ran away but later surrendered after a foot pursuit.

During the arrest, Garcia struck him while he lay prone on the ground.

Case BA435794 was investigated 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 protecting our community through the fair and ethical pursuit of justice and the safeguarding of crime victims' rights.