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Maximum sentence imposed on El Monte man convicted of child sex abuse

POMONA – A 33-year-old El Monte man convicted of half a dozen counts of child sex abuse was sentenced today to 80 years to life in state prison, the District Attorney's Office announced.

Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Bruce Marrs of the Pomona Branch, who imposed the sentence, additionally ordered defendant Roberto Edgar Torres to register as a sex offender for life. Deputy District Attorney Deborah Scott of the Pomona Branch Office prosecuted the case.

Torres was convicted May 8 of one count each of sending harmful matter with the intent to seduce a minor and lewd act with a child under 14 years. He also was convicted of two counts each of unlawful sexual intercourse or sodomy with a child 10 years or younger, and unlawful oral copulation or sexual penetration with a child 10 years or younger.

The charges involve a boy and a girl who were abused between January 1997 and March 2009. The female victim was 7 years old at the time of the crimes. The male victim, who at the time of the alleged offenses was 7 or 8 years old, is now an adult, prosecutors said.

Torres fled during the investigation and was not arrested in connection with the alleged crimes until authorities apprehended him in Tamaulipas, Mexico. The case was investigated by officers of the Pomona Police Department.

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