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Former Monterey Park Police Officer Sentenced For Sexually Assaulting Women While on Duty

A former Monterey Park police officer was sentenced today to nearly eight years in state prison for sexually assaulting women while on duty in 2014, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Israel Sanchez (dob 3/17/76) was sentenced to seven years and eight months in prison by Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Douglas Sortino, who also ordered the defendant to register as a lifetime sex offender.

Sanchez was found guilty by a jury in March of 14 counts: five counts of sexual battery by restraint, five counts of assault under color of authority, three counts of false imprisonment by violence and one count of soliciting a bribe.

Deputy District Attorney Hyunah Suh of the Justice System Integrity Division prosecuted the case.

Between July and August 2014, Sanchez forced each victim to expose herself during a traffic stop while he was on duty, the prosecutor said. On two occasions, he touched the women after ordering them to expose themselves. The victims were between 19 and 28 years old, the prosecutor added.

Case BA446666 was investigated by the Long Beach Police Department at the request of the Monterey Park Police Department.

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