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## Man Sentenced to 36 years in Prison for Pimping Minors

A Compton man was sentenced today to more than three decades in state prison after he was convicted of human trafficking of a minor and pimping two teenagers, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Jennifer Zepeda said Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Tomson T. Ong imposed a sentence of 36 years and six months in state prison on James Junior Conley, 37.

Jurors deliberated for less than a day before finding Conley guilty on April 17 of three counts of pandering by procuring a minor over age 16, three counts of lewd act upon a child, one count of pimping a minor under age 16, one count of pimping a minor over age 16, and one count of human trafficking of a child.

Jurors also found true a special allegation that the defendant was previously convicted of intent to commit rape in 2001.

The prosecutor said in June 2012 law enforcement arrested a prostitute who was one of Conley's victims. During police questioning, the 17-year-old girl revealed Conley was her pimp. Authorities located Conley and he was arrested while "supervising" a prostitute on June 22, 2012.

During further investigation, authorities discovered the defendant was in a sexual relationship with a 16-year-old girl. Furthermore, they learned Conley had met the girl when she was 15-years-old and after some time, demanded that she start prostituting for him.

While working as a prostitute, the younger victim became pregnant. When Conley learned of her pregnancy, he beat her so brutally that she miscarried. Following the beating, the teenager escaped from Conley, the prosecutor added.

The case was investigated by the Long Beach 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 73,000 felony defendants and 113,000 misdemeanor defendants.