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**Man Convicted of Assaulting Women,
Impersonating a Police Officer**

An Anaheim man was convicted today of assaulting two women after claiming to be a police officer, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Jurors deliberated for several hours over a three-day period before finding 41-year-old Joseph Christoph Moore guilty of one count each of assault to commit a sexual assault, criminal threats, grand theft, second-degree burglary and two counts of false imprisonment by violence. He also was convicted of three counts of unlawful use of a badge and one count of sexual battery, all misdemeanors.

Sentencing is set for July 25 when he could face a possible maximum sentence of life in prison.

Deputy District Attorney Lowrie Mendoza with the Sex Crimes Division prosecuted the case.

On two occasions, Moore stopped women in the Hollywood area pretending to be a police officer. On Nov. 24, 2015, Moore flashed a badge, pulled out a handgun and threatened a woman after fondling her. Less than a week later, he again inappropriately touched a woman after showing her a badge.

In October 2015, Moore entered a store, locked himself inside with the female owner and made her take off her clothes. The victim's ex-husband arrived at the store and Moore fled.

Case BA442110 was investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department.

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