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Former Teacher Pleads in Child Sex Abuse Case Involving Students

A former teacher at a Monterey Park elementary school was convicted today of sexually molesting special education students, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Jose Mosqueda, 44, of Los Angeles pleaded guilty to four felony counts involving four female victims: three counts of lewd act upon a child and one count of continuous sexual abuse.

Judge Jared Moses scheduled sentencing for Sept. 5 in Department T of the Los Angeles County Superior Court in Alhambra.

Deputy District Attorney Amy Murphy, who prosecuted the case, said the defendant is expected to be sentenced to 16 years in state prison.

The prosecutor said Mosqueda also will be required to register as a sex offender for life.

The defendant sexually molested special education students in fourth grade between 2008 and 2011, the prosecutor said.

In October 2011, one of the students revealed that she had been sexually assaulted by the defendant, who was her teacher at the time. That month, Mosqueda was arrested and charged in connection with the assault in case GA084629. However, he posted bail and was released from jail, the prosecutor said.

After his arrest, two additional former students disclosed to law enforcement that they also had been molested. At that point, Mosqueda was rearrested.

While in jail, a fourth victim came forward and Mosqueda was charged in a second case GA092564.

The cases were investigated by the Monterey Park Police Department.

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