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Former Teacher Convicted of Lewd Conduct with Student

A former high school science teacher was sentenced today to three years in state prison for having a sexual relationship with an underage girl in 2013, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

At today's court appearance, Richard Paul Daniels (dob 9/29/58) of Fontana pleaded no contest to a felony count of lewd act upon a child in case KA110604.

In addition to the prison sentence, Los Angeles County Superior Court Commissioner Wade Olson also ordered the defendant to register as a lifetime sex offender.

Deputy District Attorney Sandra Jimenez of the Victim Impact Program, who prosecuted the case, said at the time of the crime, Daniels was a science teacher at Arroyo High School in El Monte.

Last year, a concerned adult alerted police about an inappropriate relationship between Daniels and the student, according to the prosecutor.

When law enforcement interviewed the victim, she revealed Daniels had begun a sexual relationship with her in 2013, the prosecutor added.

Following additional investigation, Daniels was taken into custody on Sept. 1, 2015, and subsequently charged.

The case was investigated by the El Monte 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 protecting our community through the fair and ethical pursuit of justice and the safeguarding of crime victims' rights.