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**Man Pleads No Contest to Sexual Battery
Aboard Metro Train**

A man has pleaded no contest to sexual battery charges for an incident aboard a Metro train in Koreatown earlier this year, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Danon Drake, 23, of Los Angeles, pleaded no contest yesterday to two felony counts of sexual battery by restraint. He is scheduled to be sentenced Sept. 9 when he faces a maximum five-year prison term.

On May 17, 2014, the victim was riding on a Metro Purple line train when the defendant approached and held the victim down as he committed the crimes, said Deputy District Attorney Gloria Marin of the Sex Crimes Division. The victim was able to kick Drake off and get away when the train came to a stop.

Drake eventually turned himself into Inglewood Police Department after his picture, which was captured by a camera on the train, was made public.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Special Victims Bureau.

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About the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

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.