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Sun Valley Man Pleads No Contest to Child Sex Abuse

A 34-year-old man accused of sexually abusing boys he met at a Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Sun Valley pleaded no contest today, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Rena Durrant of the Van Nuys Branch said Marcelo Lozano pleaded to two counts of continuous sexual abuse and one count of oral copulation of a person under 14.

Judge Leslie Dunn of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Van Nuys Branch, set sentencing on Oct. 8 in Department 120.

Lozano is expected to be sentenced to 30 years in state prison and, upon release, will be required to register as a sex offender for the remainder of his life.

The crimes occurred between January 1, 2006, and June 30, 2013. At the time of the offenses, the victims ranged in age from eight to 15 years old. Lozano met the victims through Jehovah's Witness, Sun Valley Spanish Congregation, where he was an usher, the prosecutor said.

The Los Angeles Police Department investigated the case.

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