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**Former New York Fire Captain Sentenced
In Sexual Molestation Case**

A former New York City Fire Department captain was sentenced today to 270 days in county jail and ordered to register as a sex offender for life after earlier pleading to sexually molesting twin brothers, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Wilbert Riera, 52, also was ordered to complete a minimum of one year of sex offender therapy and placed on probation for five years by Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge David Horwitz.

Riera, who resigned from the New York City Fire Department last month, was remanded to begin serving his jail term.

He pleaded no contest on Sept. 10 to two felony counts of lewd act with a child under 14, one count for each victim, in case BA429510. Riera pleaded to sexually molesting the brothers, who were 11 at the time, between Sept. 12 and Sept. 14, 2014, while he was in Los Angeles visiting family members.

Deputy District Attorney Mara McIlvain with the Sex Crimes Division prosecuted the case.

The Los Angeles Police Department investigated the case.

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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 seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](http://da.lacounty.gov) prosecuted more than 71,000 felony defendants and nearly 112,000 misdemeanor defendants.