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### **Convicted Sex Offender Pleads to Attempted Kidnapping**

A convicted sex offender charged in August with the attempted kidnapping of a teenage girl in Palmdale pleaded no contest today, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Theodore Swanson of the Antelope Valley Branch Office said Richard Henry Stine, 39, pleaded to one count of kidnapping to commit robbery. Stine additionally admitted two prior strike convictions for forcible rape and kidnapping in 1999.

Judge Christopher Estes took the defendant's plea and scheduled sentencing for Nov. 19 in Department A21 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Antelope Valley Branch. Victim impact statements also are expected to be heard at that hearing.

Stine is set to receive the maximum sentence of 30 years to life in state prison, prosecutors said.

The defendant attempted to kidnap the 17-year-old victim as she walked along a street on the morning of Aug. 2. A Good Samaritan witnessed the incident and called 911. Deputies responded, foiling the attempted kidnapping, prosecutors said.

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

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