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San Gabriel Man Sentenced for Lewd Acts, Child Pornography

A 68-year-old man was sentenced yesterday to 23 years to life in state prison for sexually molesting a young girl and possessing child pornography on his electronic devices, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Ronald Melvin McKenzie of San Gabriel was found guilty on Sept. 23 of five counts of lewd act upon a child as well as four counts each of possession of child pornography after a prior conviction and oral copulation or sexual penetration with child 10 years old or younger.

Deputy District Attorney Presciliano Duran said McKenzie also was ordered to register as a sex offender for the rest of his life.

McKenzie began sexually abusing the young family member in 2013 and continued the abuse until 2017, the prosecutor said.

An adult alerted authorities about the possible sexual assaults and law enforcement began an investigation, according to witness testimony.

When police confronted the defendant and searched his electronic devices, they found multiple images of child pornography, the prosecutor added.

Case GA101998 was investigated by the San Gabriel Police Department.

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