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L.A. Man Charged with Sexually Molesting Young Girl

A 55-year-old Los Angeles man was charged today with kidnapping a 3-year-old girl from a Boyle Heights party on Saturday and sexually molesting her, the District Attorney's Office announced.

Edward Lopez (dob 8-9-58) is scheduled to be arraigned sometime after 1:30 p.m. at the Foltz Criminal Justice Center, Department 30, in case BA418474. He was charged with one count each of oral copulation of a child under 10, kidnapping to commit a lewd act on a child and lewd act on a child.

Deputy District Attorney Lowrie Mendoza with the Sex Crimes Division will ask that his bail be set at \$1 million.

The mother of the toddler noticed she was missing from a party about 11 p.m. LAPD officers found the nude suspect in a locked shed with the child several hours later.

If convicted, he faces up to life in prison.

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