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**Former School Janitor Pleads to Sexual Abuse of Students**

A man who used to be a janitor at a City of Industry middle school entered pleaded no contest today for inappropriately touching eight girls on the campus, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Michael Anthony Barry (dob 10/23/58) of La Puente entered his plea to five felony counts of lewd act upon a child, five misdemeanor counts of child molesting and one misdemeanor count of contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Deputy District Attorney Babette Huley said Barry is scheduled to be sentenced on Dec. 11 in Dept. F of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Pomona Branch. The defendant faces 14 years in state prison.

Barry sexually abused the victims at Torch Middle School between August 2016 and May 2017. One victim was molested from August 2014 to June 2015. The girls ranged in age from 10 to 12 years old, the prosecutor said.

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

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