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Long Beach Man Convicted of Child Molestation

A 45-year-old man accused of sexually molesting two young girls was convicted late yesterday afternoon, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

A jury deliberated for less than a day before finding William Edward Burch (dob 9/1/69) of Long Beach guilty of oral copulation with child 10 years old or younger, using minor for sex acts, child molesting and lewd act upon a child in case NA094908.

Burch is scheduled to be sentenced Jan. 8 at the Los Angeles County Superior Court in Long Beach in Department 19. He faces a maximum sentence of life in state prison.

Deputy District Attorney Kelly Kelley, who prosecuted the case, said in October 2011, Burch sexually assaulted a 4-year-old girl.

Two years later, the defendant molested a 9-year-old girl, the prosecutor said. Soon after the second incident, police were notified and Burch was arrested in connection with the crimes.

The case was investigated by the Long Beach Police Department.

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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](#) prosecuted more than 73,000 felony defendants and 113,000 misdemeanor defendants.