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**Man Sentenced to Prison for
Kidnapping 4-Year-Old Girl in Lancaster**

A 62-year-old man was sentenced today to 30 years to life in state prison for kidnapping a young girl from her front yard, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

On Nov. 13, a jury found Earl Duane Williams guilty of two felony counts: kidnapping to commit lewd act upon a child and criminal threats in case MA064979.

At today's sentencing, Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Lisa M. Chung also ordered the defendant to register as a lifetime sex offender. Additionally, the judge ordered a 10-year protective order, which prohibits Williams from contacting the victim.

Deputy District Attorney Jon Hatami of the Victim Impact Program said on Dec. 20, 2014, Williams parked his RV near the victim's home in Lancaster.

After walking up a driveway, Williams approached the 4-year-old girl, hugged and kissed her, and then carried her back down the long driveway. As this was occurring, the girl cried for help, according to court testimony.

The victim's 13-year-old brother yelled for help, grabbed his sister's arm and the defendant's jacket, the prosecutor said. The boy's actions forced Williams to leave the girl and flee the scene, the prosecutor added.

According to trial testimony, after the defendant was arrested, he threatened the victim's mother, yelled profanities and racial slurs and stated he would come back and hurt the entire family.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's 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 71,000 felony defendants and 112,000 misdemeanor defendants.