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## **Azusa Man Convicted of Molesting Young Girl**

A 48-year-old man was convicted yesterday afternoon of sexually molesting a 10-year-old girl, Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Victor Martinez of Azusa pleaded no contest to four felony counts: sodomy by use of force-victim under 14, sexual penetration by foreign object, dissuading a witness from reporting a crime and lewd act upon a child in case KA108117.

Judge Robert M. Martinez scheduled sentencing for Jan. 21 at the Los Angeles County Superior Court in Pomona, Department S. The defendant is expected to be sentenced to 25 years in state prison.

Deputy District Attorney Babette Huley, who prosecuted the case, said Martinez was a friend of the 10-year-old victim's family.

On Oct. 20, the victim went with Martinez in his car to get some food. During the car ride, Martinez took the girl to a parking lot and sexually molested her. After the attack, Martinez ordered the girl not to tell anyone what happened, the prosecutor said.

Two days later, the girl told her mother about the sexual assault and authorities were called. During the investigation, law enforcement learned Martinez had previously molested the girl, the prosecutor added.

Soon after, law enforcement located the defendant and he was arrested and held on \$1.2 million bail.

The case was investigated by the Azusa 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.