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## **Man Sentenced to 35 Years in Prison For Kidnap, Molest of 3-Year-Old Girl**

A Los Angeles man has been sentenced to 35 years in state prison after pleading no contest to charges that he kidnapped a 3-year-old girl from a party and then sexually assaulted her, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Edward Lopez, 55, pleaded no contest today to one count of kidnap of a child under 14 and two counts of forcible oral copulation of a child under 14.

Deputy District Attorney Lowrie Mendoza with the Sex Crimes Division said Lopez snatched the toddler on Nov. 16, 2013 from a party in Boyle Heights. After the child's mother reported her daughter missing, police found Lopez nude in a locked shed with the child several hours later, the prosecutor said.

The case was investigated by Los Angeles Police Department, Hollenbeck Division.

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