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Wrestling Coach at Sun Valley High School Charged with Child Molestation

A 56-year-old wrestling coach at John H. Francis Polytechnic High School in Sun Valley was charged today with more than two dozen counts relating to alleged sexual assaults of four students, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Cathy Lee said Terry Terrell Gillard (dob 4/21/61) of Sylmar faces 23 felony counts of lewd acts upon a child ages 14 or 15, two felony counts of attempted lewd acts upon a child ages 14 or 15 and one felony count of sexual battery by restraint.

Case PA088987 also includes four misdemeanor charges of child annoying.

Arraignment is scheduled this afternoon in Department S of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, San Fernando Branch.

The alleged conduct occurred between 2014 and 2017 and involved minors the defendant met through the wrestling team, the prosecutor said.

Bail is requested at \$750,000. Gillard faces 24 years in state prison if convicted as charged.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles Police Department, Juvenile Division.

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