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## **Case Against Social Workers to be Dismissed**

A case is expected to be dismissed tomorrow against four Los Angeles County social workers who were accused of child abuse and falsifying public records in the death of 8-year-old Gabriel Fernandez.

Los Angeles County Superior Court George Lomeli is expected to dismiss the charges tomorrow in Department 107 of the Foltz Criminal Justice Center at 8:30 a.m.

Case BA445260 charged social workers Stefanie Rodriguez (dob 4/16/85) and Patricia Clement (dob 7/27/50), and their respective supervisors, Kevin Bom (dob 6/3/79) and Gregory Merritt (dob 9/29/55), each with one felony count of child abuse and one felony count of falsifying public records.

In January, the 2<sup>nd</sup> District Court of Appeal opined that the trial judge should have granted a defense motion to dismiss the case. The appellate court issued a remittitur in April and returned jurisdiction to the trial court.

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