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**Former Counselor Sentenced to Prison
for Sexually Abusing Boy**

A 25-year-old woman convicted of sexually abusing a 13-year-old boy at Leroy Haynes Center was sentenced today to five years in state prison, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Jenna Marie Richmond of Azusa was convicted by a jury on March 17 of two felony counts: oral copulation of a person under 14 and lewd act upon a child.

At the sentencing, Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Juan Carlos Dominguez also ordered Richmond to register as a sex offender for life. Additionally, the judge issued a 10-year restraining order so that the defendant cannot contact the victim.

Deputy District Attorney Casey Higgins, who prosecuted the case, said Richmond was a counselor at LeRoy Haynes Center, a troubled boys home in La Verne.

The prosecutor said in June 2013, Richmond began to have a sexual relationship with a 13-year-old boy at the home.

The victim's roommate witnessed some of the sex acts and alerted staff. At that point, law enforcement was contacted about the abuse.

Authorities began an investigation and arrested Richmond on Aug. 7, 2013.

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 73,000 felony defendants and 113,000 misdemeanor defendants.