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Former Teacher Sentenced for Inappropriately Touching Young Students

A former fourth-grade teacher at a Canoga Park elementary school was sentenced today to five years in state prison for inappropriately touching six students, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Rene Tenas (dob 9/25/79) of Canyon Country pleaded no contest on Oct. 2 to two felony counts of lewd act upon a child.

Deputy District Attorney David Nary said Tenas also was ordered to register as a sex offender for the rest of his life.

On or between Aug. 1, 2016 and Jan. 31, 2017, the defendant inappropriately touched the 9 and 10-year-old victims at Hart Street Elementary School, the prosecutor said.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department.

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