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Lancaster Couple Pleads to Attempted Child Abandonment Charge

A father and mother in Lancaster entered no contest pleas today for attempting to give their children away, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Dianne Hong said Vincent Paul Calogero, 38, and Sarah Elise Nilson, 32, entered the plea to one felony count of attempted child abandonment.

Sentencing for the felony plea is scheduled for June 27, 2019, in Department A16 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Antelope Valley Branch.

Calogero and Nilson have been ordered to finish one-year programs for drug abuse and parenting. If they complete the programs, obey all laws and follow all family court orders before sentencing, the charge may be reduced to a misdemeanor count.

On Dec. 14, Calogero and Nilson offered their two boys, ages 1 and 2, to several strangers, the prosecutor said. The defendants also kept the children in unsafe conditions.

Case MA072809 was investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Lancaster Station.

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