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**Swimming Coach Charged With
Sexual Assault of 7-Year-Old Girl**

A swimming coach was charged today with sexually assaulting a young girl at a Commerce aquatic center, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Steven Matthew Garcia (dob 6/9/89) was charged in case BA453670 with six counts of lewd act upon a child. He is scheduled to be arraigned today in Department 30 of the Foltz Criminal Justice Center.

Deputy District Attorney Emily Spear of the Sex Crimes Division is prosecuting the case.

Garcia is accused of fondling a 7-year-old girl in an employee lounge at an aquatic center on several occasions. After each incident, he allegedly threatened the victim, ordering her not to tell anyone.

The complaint alleges the sexual assaults occurred between October 2016 and this month.

If convicted as charged, Garcia faces a possible maximum sentence of 14 years in state prison.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's Special Victims Bureau.

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