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## Former Teacher Charged with Sexually Molesting Student

A former English teacher at an elite private girl's school has been charged with having a sexual relationship with a female student for more than a year, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

Joseph Koettters (dob 8/14/67) is scheduled to be arraigned Thursday at the Foltz Criminal Justice Center in Department 30 in case BA433370. The case was filed for arrest warrant on Tuesday. Koettters was booked and released on \$140,000 bail today.

The case is being prosecuted by the Sex Crimes Division.

Koettters taught English at the Marlborough School in Hancock Park when he allegedly initiated a year-long sexual relationship with a 16-year-old female student in 2000. The victim reported the incident to police in July 2014 after learning about other alleged victims through a blog post on the Internet.

The Santa Monica resident is charged with two counts each of oral copulation of a person under 18 and sexual penetration by a foreign object.

If convicted, Koettters faces up to five years in state prison.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles Police 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 71,000 felony defendants and nearly 112,000 misdemeanor defendants.