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**Ex-High School Teacher Receives Three-Year Sentence  
For Having Sex With Student**

A 32-year-old former high school teacher was sentenced today to three years in county jail for having sex with a female student, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Brandon James Lee Hitchcock of Lakewood also was ordered to stay away from the victim. In November, Hitchcock pleaded no contest to two counts of unlawful sexual intercourse.

Hitchcock was a teacher and a soccer coach at Downey High School. In 2014, school staff were alerted about an inappropriate relationship between Hitchcock and a 17-year-old student. Administration informed law enforcement and they immediately began an investigation.

Deputy District Attorney Amanda Luna, who prosecuted the case, said Hitchcock had sexual interactions with the victim over a seven-month period.

Case VA137347 was investigated by the Downey Police Department.

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