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## **Man Sentenced to Prison for Sexually Molesting Young Girls**

A 53-year-old man was sentenced today to 92 years to life in state prison for sexually abusing six girls over a span of 26 years, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

On Feb. 8, a jury convicted Martin Ruiz Sanchez (dob 11/11/63) of eight counts in case TA138434: three counts of lewd act upon a child, two counts of child molesting and one count each of continuous sexual abuse, oral copulation or sexual penetration with a child 10 years old or younger and forcible lewd act upon a child.

In addition to the prison sentence, Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Tammy Chung Ryu also ordered the defendant to register as a lifetime sex offender.

Deputy District Attorney Abigail Baron of the Victim Impact Program, who prosecuted the case, said Sanchez sexually molested six girls between the ages of four and seven years old from 1989 to 2015.

In 2015, a victim came forward to police in San Antonio, Texas, which prompted an investigation, according to the prosecutor.

A warrant was issued for the defendant in September 2015. The next month, Sanchez was apprehended by authorities in Stockton, California.

Although Sanchez was convicted of sexually abusing six girls, two additional victims testified during the trial about the defendant sexually assaulting them, the prosecutor added.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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