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Coach Charged with Sexually Molesting Students

A coach for Youth Services, an after school program, was charged today with multiple counts of sexually molesting nine young girls while he worked at two different elementary schools, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Ronnie Lee Roman (dob 3/30/73) was scheduled to be arraigned today but the hearing was continued to May 29 in Department 30 of the Foltz Criminal Justice Center.

The defendant's bail was set at \$1.9 million. Roman is charged in case BA436498.

Deputy District Attorney Kimberly Abourezk with the Sex Crimes Division is prosecuting the case.

The San Fernando resident is charged with nine felony counts of lewd act on a child. The alleged incidents involving seven victims occurred between January 2012 and September 2014 when Roman worked at Cahuenga Elementary in Los Angeles. Between August 2001 and July 2002, he allegedly sexually molested two young girls while he worked at Vine Elementary in Hollywood.

All of the victims were between the ages of 7 to 11 years old when the alleged incidents occurred. Roman, who was arrested Wednesday, faces 135 years to life in state prison if convicted as charged.

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](http://da.lacounty.gov) prosecuted more than 71,000 felony defendants and nearly 112,000 misdemeanor defendants.