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Junior Varsity Basketball Coach Charged with Teen's Rape

A 32-year-old JV basketball coach at Mira Costa High School has been charged with sexually assaulting a 15-year-old girl at her home, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

Deputy District Attorney Maren Dermody said Timothy Lee Lucas II (dob 6/13/82) faces two counts of forcible rape of child victim over 14 years, three counts of lewd acts upon a child and one count of sexual penetration by foreign object of minor over 14.

Lucas pleaded not guilty late Friday and is due back on July 14 in Department 4 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Torrance Branch.

Case YA092518 alleges the sexual assaults took place on or between Jan. 1, 2014 and Feb. 28, 2014.

Bail was set at \$500,000 for the defendant.

If convicted as charged, Lucas faces a possible maximum sentence of 32 years in state prison.

The case remains under investigation by the Hermosa Beach 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 <u>Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office</u> prosecuted more than 71,000 felony defendants and nearly 112,000 misdemeanor defendants.