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**High School Wrestling Coach Sentenced to Jail
for Sexual Relationships with Teens**

A former wrestling coach convicted of having sexual relations with underage girls over the course of 18 months was sentenced yesterday, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

At Wednesday's court appearance, David Vaca Jr., 21, was sentenced by Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Salvatore Sirna to serve 365 days in jail and to five years of formal probation. A prison term of three years and eight months was suspended.

Additionally, the defendant was ordered to attend 52 sex compulsion classes and stay away from the victims for 10 years. Furthermore, Vaca was ordered to register as a lifetime sex offender.

On June 6, Vaca pleaded no contest to two felony counts in case KA114493: oral copulation of a person under 18 and sexual penetration by foreign object.

Deputy District Attorney Juree Kim of the Victim Impact Program, who prosecuted the case, said the crimes occurred while Vaca was a wrestling coach at Arroyo High School in El Monte.

At separate times, the defendant had sexual relationships with three female students between June 1, 2015, and Jan. 28, 2017.

The case was investigated by the El Monte Police Department.

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