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**Basketball Coach Charged  
With Sexually Molesting Player**

A 61-year-old basketball coach has been charged with sexually molesting one of his players for several years, beginning when the youth was 15, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

Tony Wong (dob 1/7/55) is charged in case BA448448 with 12 counts of lewd act on a child who was 14 or 15. The complaint alleges the sexual molestations occurred between Jan. 1, 2004, to Aug. 4, 2004.

Wong, a respected coach at the Alpine Recreation Center in Chinatown, allegedly began grooming the boy when he was 14 and invited him to play for his team. A year later, Wong allegedly began sexually molesting the victim at the center and in hotel rooms when the team traveled to other cities.

Wong was arrested Wednesday by Los Angeles Police Department officers, who are investigating the case. He was released later Wednesday on \$240,000 bond.

The San Gabriel resident is scheduled to be arraigned Aug. 17 in Department 30 at the Foltz Criminal Justice Center in case.

If convicted, Wong faces 10 years, eight months in state prison.

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