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**Lancaster Church Employee
Charged with Molesting Children**

A 31-year-old man was charged today with molesting two girls at Grace Chapel Church in Lancaster, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Jon Hatami said Jonathan Michael Macy (dob 12/13/82) faces two counts of lewd acts upon a child, under the age of 14.

Macy pleaded not guilty in case MA063922 and a preliminary hearing is scheduled for Aug. 27 in Department A2 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Antelope Valley Branch.

Because the case involves two victims under 14 years old, Macy faces a maximum state prison sentence of 30 years to life. Bail was set at \$1.2 million.

The defendant was an employee at Desert Christian School and Grace Chapel Church, both on the same Lancaster campus. Macy also was a teacher at St. Mary's School in Palmdale.

Both incidents happened within the last year at Grace Chapel's Sunday church services, the prosecutor said. The victims were 11 and 12 years old.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Special Victims Bureau.

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