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**Lancaster Man Sentenced to 150 Years to Life  
for Sexually Assaulting Multiple Women**

A Lancaster man convicted of sexually assaulting five women over a five-year period in the Los Angeles and Lancaster areas was sentenced today to 150 years to life in state prison, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

James Smith, 38, was convicted of sexually assaulting a 21-year-old woman on Dec. 24, 2009; a 43-year-old woman on Sept. 24, 2011; and a 33-year-old woman on March 22, 2012, all in Los Angeles.

He also was convicted of sexually assaulting two women in Lancaster, a 28-year-old woman on Dec. 6, 2013; and a 19-year-old female college student on June 16, 2014. Smith was arrested by Sheriff's deputies after abducting and sexually assaulting the college student.

Deputy District Attorney Lowrie Mendoza with the Sex Crimes Division is prosecuting the case.

The Los Angeles Police Department's Robbery-Homicide Division and the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department's Special Victims Bureau investigated case BA426228.

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