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## **Teacher Charged with Molesting Highland High School Student**

A 28-year-old teacher pleaded not guilty today to charges that he sexually molested a 17-year-old Highland High School student, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Seth Carmack said Aaron Joseph Alvidrez (dob 5/5/86) of Lancaster, was arraigned on three counts of sodomy of person under 18, two counts of oral copulation of a person under 18 and one count each of distributing or showing pornography to a minor and meeting a minor for lewd purposes.

A preliminary hearing is scheduled on Dec. 2 in Department A02 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Antelope Valley Branch. Case MA064588 was filed on Oct. 21.

Alvidrez, a long-term substitute teacher at the Palmdale school, assaulted the boy at a classroom and inside his vehicle in September and October, the prosecutor said.

If convicted as charged, the defendant faces a possible maximum sentence of eight years in state prison.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Lancaster Station.

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