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Sheriff's Deputy Indicted on Sex Charges

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LOS ANGELES – A Sheriff's deputy was arraigned today on a Los Angeles County Grand Jury indictment charging him with sexually assaulting two women, including one under the age of 18, during traffic stops in 2002, the District Attorney's office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Elizabeth Munisoglu of the Justice System Integrity Division said the indictment was unsealed when 36-year-old Juan-Antonio E. Jimenez, 36, surrendered in Los Angeles Superior Court. He pleaded not guilty to the felony charges that could send him to state prison for a maximum of 12 years and four months, if convicted.

The defendant was released on his own recognizance and ordered to return to Judge David S. Wesley's court on Sept. 22 for a pretrial conference.

The indictment (BA 255230) was returned by the grand jury on Aug. 20, but remained under seal pending arraignment of the defendant.

Jimenez was charged with two counts of sexual penetration by a foreign object under threat of authority, one count of sexual penetration by a foreign object of a person under the age of 18 and one count of filing a false report.

It was alleged that one victim was sexually assaulted by Jimenez on Sept. 16, 2002, and the minor on Dec. 20, 21, 2002. The false report count involved a separate matter and occurred on Oct. 3-4, 2002, according to the indictment.

Munisoglu said Jimenez was assigned to the Lost Hills/Malibu Sheriff's Station when the alleged crimes occurred.

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