

## Ex-Irwindale Police officer pleads not guilty to molesting teen

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LOS ANGELES - A former Irwindale Police officer on Tuesday denied molesting a 14-year-old police Explorer.

Daniel Robert Camerano, 27, pleaded not guilty to using a minor for sex acts, sending harmful matter, oral copulation of a person under 16, sexual penetration by a foreign object and two counts of contact with a minor for sexual offense during his Tuesday arraignment at a Los Angeles courtroom, according to Jane Robison, spokeswoman of the District Attorney's Office.

She said Camerano's next court appearance is Aug. 13 to set a date for his preliminary hearing.

Authorities alleged that Camerano, who was an advisor to the department's Police Explorer Scouts program, had a sexual relationship with a 14-year-old girl in the program and sent sexually suggestive text messages to another female Explorer.

If convicted of all the charges, he faces a maximum sentence of five years and four months in state prison.

Camerano worked at the Irwindale Police Department for eight years. He was placed on administrative leave after allegations that he had inappropriate relationships with Explorers.

He resigned last month. Camerano is out on bail.

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