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Former Pomona police officer's trial ends in hung jury

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POMONA >> The trial of a former Pomona police officer accused of molesting or annoying a teen girl in 2014 ended Friday with a hung jury.

Ten jurors thought [Reginald Villanueva](#) was guilty, according to an email from Ricardo Santiago, public information officer with the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office.

On a second count of disobeying a court order, which involved an alleged violation of a restraining order the victim's family secured, the jury found Villanueva innocent.

Both counts are misdemeanors.

On the first count, a pretrial hearing has been set for May 10, Santiago said in the email.

The trial began March 11 in Los Angeles Superior Court in Pomona.

On the first day of the trial, the [victim testified](#) that Villanueva went to her house in October 2014 and started a conversation that went on for about 90 minutes.

The girl, who at the time was 16, said there were times she felt uncomfortable and scared during what was a disjointed conversation.

Villanueva was off-duty at the time but he showed his police badge when he arrived at her home. He said he was there because her parents wanted to buy a car from him that was intended to be a gift for her.

Villanueva, 39, was arrested and charged in January of last year, according to booking records.

On March 5, 2015, he pleaded not guilty, records show.

Shortly after the arrest, in November 2014, Villanueva resigned from the Pomona Police Department, according to an email from Pomona Deputy Police Chief Michael Olivieri.

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