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**PRESS RELEASE**

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**FORMER MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMPUS SUPERVISOR FOUND GUILTY  
OF 15 COUNTS OF CHILD MOLESTATION**

Today in Department 10 of the Tulare County Superior Court, Visalia Division, Judge Kathryn Montejano presiding, a Tulare County jury found Luis Lopez, age 30, of Dinuba, guilty of eleven counts of lewd act upon a child age fourteen and fifteen and four counts of lewd act upon a child under the age of fourteen. The jury also found true the special allegation of substantial sexual conduct. Each count is a felony.

Eleven of the crimes occurred between March 19, 2013 and February 3, 2014 against a female victim, who was between fourteen and fifteen years old at the time of the sexual assaults. The other four crimes occurred on February 7, 2014 against a separate female victim, who was thirteen years old at the time of the sexual assaults. All fifteen crimes occurred at various locations of Valley Oak Middle School in Visalia during school hours.

Sentencing is set for September 1, 2017, in Department 10 of the Tulare County Superior Court, Visalia Division, where Lopez faces 21 years and four months in state prison. Lopez will also be required to register as a sex offender for the remainder of his life.

The case was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Chelsea Wayt of the Crimes against Children Division and investigated by Detective Matt Jones of the Visalia Police Department.

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