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PRESS RELEASE

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**FORMER MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMPUS SUPERVISOR SENTENCED TO
12 YEARS IN PRISON FOR CHILD MOLESTATION**

Today in Department 10 of the Tulare County Superior Court, Visalia Division, Judge Kathryn Montejano sentenced Luis Lopez, age 30, of Dinuba, to 12 years in prison for child molestation. Lopez will also be required to register as a sex offender for the remainder of his life.

On July 20, 2017, a Tulare County jury found Lopez 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.

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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