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CITY ATTORNEY ROCKY DELGADILLO FILES CHILD MOLESTATION CHARGES AGAINST LOCAL TEACHER

LOS ANGELES – Los Angeles City Attorney Rocky Delgadillo today announced his office's Special Trials Unit has filed child molestation and battery charges against a South Los Angeles third grade teacher after repeated inappropriate interaction with girls in his classroom.

Rodrigo Guerrero, 45, was charged with one count of child molestation and one count of battery. If convicted, Guerrero could face up to 18 months in jail and lifetime registration as a sex offender.

Arrest for Guerrero is scheduled for November 20 in Department 81 of the Los Angeles Superior Court.

Charges against Guerrero, a third grade teacher at Hooper Elementary School in South Los Angeles, arise from incidents reported from the 2006-2007 school year. An eight year-old student alleged improper touching and hugging as well as touching of the hair and shoulders.

Guerrero has since been removed from the classroom and is expected to be placed on administrative leave by the school district following the filing of charges.

Reports from the students were forwarded to Deputy City Attorney Ellen Friedmann with Delgadillo's Special Trials Unit for investigation and prosecution.

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