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L.A. CITY ATTORNEY ROCKY DELGADILLO SECURES JAIL FOR MAN ACCUSED OF IMPROPER TOUCHING DURING AN EXAMINATION

LOS ANGELES – Los Angeles City Attorney Rocky Delgadillo, the City's chief prosecutor, today announced his office's Corruption Fraud and Enforcement Unit has secured jail for a Los Angeles man who improperly touched female victims while serving as a proctor for a certification test.

Jong Min Kang, 48, was convicted of three counts of battery against two victims following a two week jury trial. Judge Richard Kemalyan sentenced Kang to 36 months probation as well as 40 days in jail, followed by 60 days of home monitoring, followed by 80 days of CalTrans work. Kang was ordered to surrender to begin serving his sentence on April 11 in Division 54.

Between 2004 and 2007, Mr. Kang served as a proctor overseeing individuals as they took an exam to obtain a Safe Food Handling Certificate.

An investigation into Kang's activities began in March 2007 following a report from a female victim of a February 2007 incident involving improper behavior during an exam. Several victims later came forward during the course of the investigation through contact by investigators or after hearing media reports.

All of the victims alleged that in a one-on-one setting, Kang had offered to help the victims on their exam to ensure passing results. In each of those reported incidents, Kang would later touch different parts of the victims' bodies including hands, shoulders, and buttocks. In some cases, Kang also forced hugs on victims.

Results of the investigation were forwarded to City Attorney Delgadillo's Corruption, Fraud and Enforcement Unit for prosecution by Deputy City Attorney Chadd Kim.

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