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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Sex Offender Guilty of Failing to Register**

*Was living in Serra Mesa, but told police he wasn't*

A man convicted in 1991 of a sex crime involving a minor was found guilty yesterday of failing to register as a sex offender, and faces up to one year in jail when he is sentenced.

Daniel Lackey, 56, brought suspicion on himself by taking photographs of neighborhood children in Serra Mesa. Neighbors contacted police, whom Lackey told he was a transient. However, an investigation by San Diego Police Detective Melvin Lofftus revealed he was living in a single-family residence in Serra Mesa.

Registered sex offenders are required to report their true and correct address and to report any address at which they regularly reside. Failing to provide accurate information to law enforcement as a registered sex offender is a crime in the state of California.

Critical to the people's case was the testimony of neighbors who frequently sighted Lackey at or near the residence. Some of those residents had contacted a local television station, 10News, about their concerns last year.

Lackey is required to register as a sex offender for life in the state of California as a result of his 1991 conviction for lewd and lascivious acts on a child 14 to 15 years old, in violation of Penal Code Section 288(c).

Sentencing for his latest crime is set for March 4, 2016.

The case was prosecuted for the City Attorney's Office by Senior Deputy City Attorney Mary K. Strickland and Volunteer Attorney Alexa Leibl.

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