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HACIENDA HEIGHTS JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL COACH ARRESTED FOR SEX CRIME INVOLVING 14-YEAR-OLD STUDENT.

Victim's attorneys Manly, Stewart & Finaldi will represent alleged victim Jane Doe.

Irvine, California – Hacienda Heights Junior High School basketball coach, Terence Lee, was arrested and booked at Los Angeles County Jail on Saturday morning June 10, 2017. He was charged under California Penal Code Section 288a(b)(2) Oral Copulation with a minor under 16 where the defendant is 21 or older.

Lee had been Jane Doe basketball coach at Cedar Lane Jr. High School in Hacienda Heights, since November 2016 (when Jane Doe was still 13). Lee also coached Jane Doe at the Prime-Time Basketball Association (PTBA) Hoops gym in La Puente most days after school, which is owned by Ace F. Lee, who is also the head basketball coach at Cedar Lane Jr. High School.

On Friday Night, June 9, 2017, the alleged victim's mother discovered that her 14-year-old daughter (Jane Doe) was being sexually abused by her 29-year-old basketball coach, Terrence Lee. This relationship was discovered when the mother learned that Jane Doe had a cell phone that was secretly given to her by Terrence Lee and received text messages from Lee that were sexually explicit.

Terrence Lee then called the alleged victim's mother several times during the early morning hours of Saturday, June 10, 2017 and begged her not to call the police. At 10 am, Lee came to the alleged victim's home and knocked on the door. Lee seemed desperate as he again begged and pleaded for the mother not to call the police. Police were called and Lee was arrested.

“Lee was released from LA County Jail on Sunday night, June 11, without being served with a restraining to protect our client and her family. This is very troubling, as is the fact that neither the Sheriff's department nor the School District has issued a news release informing the public that Lee is on the loose. Lee is a California attorney. Lee has regular access to minors through his coaching and parents need to be on guard. Sexual abuse is a crime of secrecy. This arrest should have been immediately announced to the public and most importantly to parents of the school and PTBA. Shame on the Sheriff's

Department and the School District for keeping it quiet,” said victim’s attorney John Manly, a partner in the Irvine, California law firm Manly, Stewart & Finaldi.

Anyone having information of a sexual relationship between Terence Lee and a minor is encouraged to call the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department at: 213.229.1700.

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