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LOS ANGELES MAN CONVICTED OF SEXUALLY ABUSING 11 YEAR-OLD NIECE

Los Angeles - The City Attorney's Office announced today that a Superior Court jury returned six guilty verdicts against a Los Angles man accused of sexually abusing his 11 year-old niece. Deputy City Attorney Lara D. Schwartz successfully prosecuted the case.

Defendant Miguel Samos, 53, was convicted on four counts of child molestation, one count of sexual battery and one count of child abuse causing mental suffering, following a 5-day jury trial.

"Our children and most vulnerable residents must be protected from sexual predators in our community," said City Attorney Carmen A. Trutanich. "It is even more troubling when these predators are family members. All of these predators will be aggressively prosecuted and punished under the law."

Charges against Mr. Samos stem from multiple incidents that occurred over a one - year period beginning in 2010, when the victim was 10 years old. Mr. Samos, who is the great - uncle of the victim, was charged with sexually molesting the victim in the shower on at least three occasions. Mr. Samos also allegedly left incriminating messages on the voice mail of the mother of the victim. After the victim's mother learned of these incidents, she filed a police report.

Mr. Samos was taken into custody after the verdict and sentencing has been scheduled for June 14, 2012, at 1:30 pm. in Division 4 of the East Los Angeles Courthouse. Mr. Samos could face up to 4 ½ years in jail.

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