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Jehovah's Witness usher gets 30 years for sexually assaulting boys

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A man who pleaded no contest to sexually assaulting boys he met while working as an usher at a Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witness in Sun Valley was sentenced this week to 30 years in state prison.

Marcelo Lozano, 34, was arrested July 29 after he was identified in a series of alleged child sexual assaults, according to the Los Angeles Police Department.

The victims, who ranged in age from 8 to 15, were assaulted over a roughly seven-year span from Jan. 1, 2006, to June 30, 2013, according to the Los Angeles County district attorney's office.

Lozano pleaded no contest on Sept. 12 to three felony counts — two for continuous sexual abuse and one for oral copulation of a person under 14 — involving three victims, the district attorney's office said.

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