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## DA'S OFFICE FILES CHARGES AGAINST WOMAN WHO IS A FORMER RIVERSIDE COUNTY TEACHER AND SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR

RIVERSIDE – Today, Feb. 3, 2014, the Riverside County District Attorney's Office filed 16 felony counts against a woman who reportedly had illegal sexual contact with two underage girls while she was a teacher and school administrator in Riverside County.

Andrea Michelle Cardoso, DOB: 7-30-73, has been charged with five counts of Penal Code section 269 (a) (5), aggravated sexual assault on a child under the age of 14; five counts of Penal Code section 288 (a), lewd acts on a child under the age of 14; and six counts of Penal Code section 288 (c) (1), lewd acts on a child 14 or 15 years of age while the defendant is at least 10 years older than the victim. All the counts pertain to Jane Doe 1 except for one of the PC 288 (c) (1) counts which involves Jane Doe 2 in this case.

The five aggravated sexual assault on a child counts carry potential life sentences should Cardoso be convicted.

At the time of this release, Cardoso is not in custody and a Riverside County Superior Court judge has issued a \$5 million warrant for her arrest.

The case involving Cardoso came to light in January after Jane Doe 1, who is now an adult, found out that Cardoso was a school administrator at Alhambra High School in Los Angeles County and called Cardoso. That call was both video and audio taped and the victim posted the taped conversation on YouTube.

Riverside police detectives then began an investigation into the allegations that Cardoso had illegal sexual contact with Jane Doe 1 while the victim was a student at a middle school in the city of Riverside and continued while she was in high school. The charged crimes involving Jane Doe 1 are alleged to have happened from 1997 to 2001.

Within days of the posting of the video on YouTube, Jane Doe 2 – who also now is an adult -- came forward to report that she also had been victimized by Cardoso when she was a student at a high school in Perris in 2009 or 2010.

The case, RIF1400310, is being prosecuted by Supervising Deputy District Attorney John Henry of the DA's Sexual Assault and Child Abuse Unit.