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Middle School Teacher Charged with Continuous Sexual Abuse of a Student

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY – On June 22, 2022, our Office filed felony charges against Joseph Nardella (52) of Highland. It is alleged Nardella engaged in a continual sexual relationship with a student for approximately five years, from 2015-2021. During that time Nardella was an 8th grade teacher at Clement Middle School in Redlands.

The San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office has filed the following felony charges against Joseph Nardella:

- (1) PC288.5(a) – Continuous Sexual Abuse
- (2) PC286(b)(2) – Sodomy of a Person Under 16
- (3) PC286(b)(2) – Sodomy of a Person Under 16
- (4) PC286(b)(1) – Sodomy of a Person Under 18
- (5) PC286(b)(1) – Sodomy of a Person Under 18

Nardella was taken into custody on Friday, June 24th, with bail set at \$500,000.00. The Court rejected a motion to increase bail, and Nardella posted bail and is currently out of custody. He is scheduled for arraignment August 10, 2022 at San Bernardino County Superior Court.

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