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**SCHOOL JANITOR SENTENCED TO FIVE YEARS IN PRISON FOR
SEXUALLY ASSAULTING 8-YEAR-OLD IN EMPTY CLASSROOM
Child Ran Away Screaming for Help, Teacher Called 9-1-1**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark announced today that a Bronx janitor was sentenced to five years in prison for sexually abusing a 2nd grader at a public school.

District Attorney Clark said, “The defendant grabbed a little girl and abused her, in what should be a haven for children. He will spend five years in prison and register as a sex offender for violating a child.”

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Cesar Ortega Licon, 45, of Yonkers, was sentenced today to five years in prison plus five years post release supervision by Bronx Supreme Court Justice Laurence Busching. The defendant must also register as a sex offender. Licon pleaded guilty to first-degree Sexual Abuse on September 9, 2025.

According to the investigation, on December 17, 2024, at approximately 3:45 p.m., inside a public school, the defendant, a janitor at the school, forcefully pulled an 8-year-old girl into an empty classroom. He sexually assaulted the girl, and she ran out of the classroom screaming for help. A teacher called 9-1-1. The defendant was linked to the attack by DNA.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Camila Sosa of the Child Abuse/Sex Crimes Bureau, under the supervision of Johanna Hernandez, Deputy Chief of the Child Abuse/Sex Crimes Bureau, Alexandra Militano, Deputy



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Chief of the Child Abuse/Sex Crimes Bureau, Mimi Mairs, Chief of the Child Abuse/Sex Crimes Bureau, and under the overall supervision of Adrienne Giunta, Deputy Chief of Special Victims Division and Joseph Muroff, Chief of Special Victims Division.

District Attorney Clark thanked Trial Preparation Assistant Sara Gissel of the Child Abuse/Sex Crimes Bureau for her assistance.

District Attorney Clark thanked NYPD Officer Jessica Zerbo from the 52nd Precinct for her work on the case.