

4-year sentence in attack on teen in Hawthorne

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A parolee accused of kidnapping a 14-year-old girl off a Hawthorne street and sexually assaulting her was sentenced Wednesday to four years in state prison. After prosecutors agreed to drop the kidnapping charge against him, Jamaal Todd Davenport, 20, pleaded no contest to one count of oral copulation with a minor, according to his defense attorney, Mark Haushalter. Davenport accepted the plea deal Wednesday before Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Lawrence Cho at the Airport Courthouse. He will also be required to register as a sex offender for the rest of his life. A co-defendant charged in the kidnapping was dismissed from the case, Haushalter said. Haushalter said the victim gave inconsistent statements regarding the kidnapping, which led prosecutors to drop the count. Deputy District Attorney Mary Hanlon Stone could not be reached for comment. The girl told officers she was walking to school Feb. 27, 2007, when two men confronted her in the 1! 3800 block of Cordary Avenue. One of the men pretended to have a gun and lured her into a garage, where she was sexually assaulted, police said previously. When she was released, she ran to school and told school officials what happened, police said. Davenport was identified as a suspect but remained at large for about seven months. When police learned he had moved to Lawndale, they placed him under surveillance and arrested him. At the time of the crime, Davenport was on probation for burglary and receiving stolen property, according to court records.