



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **TARZANA AUDIOLOGIST ORDERED TO CEASE AND DESIST PRACTICE**

*Southern California audiologist arrested for indecent exposure at a theme park; more victims sought as additional charges are brought*

SACRAMENTO, CA – Audiologist Hershel Korngut was ordered by the Los Angeles Superior Court to cease and desist practicing audiology upon request of the Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology, and Hearing Aid Dispensers Board pursuant to California Penal Code section 23. This provision of the law allows for the discipline of an individual licensed pursuant to Business and Professions Code during a criminal proceeding, “if the crime charged is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of a licensee.” The state regulatory board has the authority to make recommendations to protect the public, but the court determines what discipline, if any, is imposed.

The order was executed on Wednesday, April 4, 2018, in Los Angeles County Superior Court during his arraignment on charges that he indecently exposed himself to a woman at the Universal Studios Hollywood theme park, according to the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department (LASD).

On April 24, 2018, the Los Angeles Superior Court imposed the cease and desist for the remainder of the criminal matter.

According to an LASD news release, detectives serving a search warrant at the suspect's residence in Los Angeles recovered evidence of child pornography, resulting in the additional charges of possession of child pornography, lewd and lascivious acts upon a child, and sexual battery.

“Protection of the public is the board's highest priority,” said board Executive Officer Paul Sanchez. “After being notified of Korngut's arrest and the additional charges brought against him at his arraignment, the board is investigating the matter and will take additional administrative disciplinary action as necessary.”

If you have been a victim of Korngut's or have any additional information you are encouraged to contact Detective Dowdy at the LASD West Hollywood Station at (818)

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622-9600. Information may also be provided anonymously by calling (800) 222-TIPS (8477), by using a smartphone and downloading the “P3 Tips” mobile app on Google Play or the Apple App Store, or through the website at [lacrimestoppers.org](http://lacrimestoppers.org). Complaints may also be filed with the board using a complaint form available at [www.speechandhearing.ca.gov/consumers/file\\_complaint.shtml](http://www.speechandhearing.ca.gov/consumers/file_complaint.shtml).

Read the restricting order here: [au-3177 2018 04 04 or.pdf](#)

**ABOUT THE BOARD:** *The Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology and Hearing Aid Dispensers Board regulates the practices of speech-language pathology, audiology, and hearing aid dispensing in California by licensing those who meet minimum standards of competency. Among its functions, the Board promulgates laws and regulations; issues, renews, suspends, and revokes licenses; and imposes disciplinary sanctions, when necessary.*

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