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Woman alleges abuse by `7th Heaven` actor Stephen Collins

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USPA News - `7th Heaven` actor Stephen Collins, who admitted to sexual misconduct with three young girls in an audio tape published earlier this month, is being investigated in California after a woman came forward and accused him of indecent exposure. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Deputy Grace Medrano said the allegation against Collins, 67, was first reported to the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) on October 9, just two days after entertainment news website TMZ.com released a 2012 audio tape in which Collins admits to inappropriate conduct with three young girls.

The woman who made the complaint said the incident occurred in the summer of 1983, when she was 13 years old. No specific details were immediately released, but Medrano said the department was investigating the complaint as "an allegation of indecent exposure and annoying or molesting a child." The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department is investigating the case in cooperation with the New York Police Department (NYPD). Collins' attorney, Mark Kaplan, did not immediately respond to a request for comment. The audio tape published by TMZ.com earlier this month was recorded in 2012 when Collins' wife, actress Faye Grant, confronted him during a therapy session about past incidents of sexual misconduct with young girls. Collins and Grant have since been in the middle of a viscous and prolonged divorce. Speaking in the audio tape, Collins admits to at least three incidents in which he exposed himself to a young girl, who he said was 11, 12 and 13 years old at the time. "There was one instance where there was one moment of touching where her hand ... I put her hand on my penis," he said. Later in the tape, Collins admits to sexual misconduct with a total of three girls. Collins is best known for portraying Rev. Eric Camden on the drama TV series "7th Heaven," who aired from 1996 until 2007.

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