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**Man Ordered to Repay Money Stolen from  
Elderly Victims Seeking Mortgage Modifications**

A North Hollywood man was ordered today to pay back more than \$50,000 stolen from three elderly women in a mortgage modification scam, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Jeffrey Illions said Jovanny Malka, 30, also was sentenced to three years of formal probation in case PA083477.

In addition to an order for payment of full restitution to the victims, Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge David Stuart of the San Fernando Branch additionally ordered the defendant to complete 30 days of community labor.

On Dec. 3, 2015, Malka pleaded no contest to one felony count of grand theft of personal property exceeding \$950.

Between April 2012 and November 2013, Malka bilked thousands of dollars from three women, ages 67, 69 and 72, the prosecutor said. The victims believed he was helping them obtain mortgage modifications on their property, the prosecutor added.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department, Foothill Station.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](#) prosecuted more than 71,000 felony defendants and nearly 112,000 misdemeanor defendants.