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## **Woman Faces New Charges in Immigration, Real Estate Services Scam**

A woman accused of stealing tens of thousands of dollars by falsely offering immigration and real estate services is facing new charges, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

Eblin Balver (dob 12/1/66) of Baldwin Park pleaded not guilty today to 34 felony counts filed March 19 in an amended complaint. She is now charged with a total of 75 felony counts, including 60 counts of grand theft; four counts of first-degree burglary, person present; and three counts of grand theft from an elder or dependent adult.

The charges include allegations of taking property valued at more than \$100,000 through fraud and embezzlement and taking property valued at more than \$200,000. Deputy District Attorney Ryann Gerber Jorban of the Consumer Protection Division said Balver allegedly stole more than \$267,000 from 38 victims.

A preliminary hearing setting is scheduled on May 23 in Department 30 of the Foltz Criminal Justice Center.

Between September 2013 and March 2018, Balver allegedly ingratiated herself with individuals in order to lure them into business arrangements for legal services, the prosecutor said. She purportedly claimed that she worked in the legal system and could provide assistance with immigration petitions, visas and home purchases.

The defendant is accused of collecting payments from the victims but never providing the promised services. Balver also allegedly threatened some of the victims in order to prevent them from reporting the crimes to the authorities, the prosecutor said.

Additional victims were identified with the help of the District Attorney's Consumer Protection hotline after the case was filed in August.

Balver faces a possible maximum sentence of 63 years in state prison if convicted as charged. Bail was set at \$1 million.

Case BA470387 remains under investigation by the District Attorney's Office Bureau of Investigation and Consumer Protection Division, with assistance from the Los Angeles County Department of Consumer and Business Affairs.

Investigators encourage anyone who believes they may have been a victim to call the District Attorney's Office at 213-257-2450.

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