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Woman Charged with Leaving Child in Hot Car in Alhambra

A 60-year-old babysitter pleaded not guilty today to leaving a young boy in a locked, hot car for more than an hour, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Helen Law (dob 5/18/58) of Alhambra has been charged with one felony count of child abuse in case GA103699.

Deputy District Attorney Melanie Buccat of the Victim Impact Program is assigned to the case.

Prosecutors said at the time of the alleged crime, Law was reportedly babysitting a 6-year-old boy.

On June 12, the defendant allegedly left the boy in her locked vehicle for more than an hour while she had lunch at an Alhambra restaurant, according to prosecutors.

A passerby reportedly saw the boy crying in the car and called police, prosecutors added. Authorities responded to the scene, removed the child from the car and located Law, prosecutors said.

The defendant was questioned by police and subsequently arrested.

Law is scheduled to return to court on Aug. 30 for a preliminary hearing setting in Department 5 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Alhambra Branch.

If convicted as charged, she faces a maximum possible sentence of six years in state prison.

The case is being investigated by the Alhambra Police Department.

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