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## Woman Charged in Immigration, Real Estate Services Scam

A woman has been charged with stealing more than \$160,000 from 26 people by allegedly falsely offering them immigration and real estate services, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

Eblin Balver (dob 12/1/66) of Baldwin Park is charged with 40 felony counts, including 35 counts of grand theft, in case BA470387 that was filed for arrest warrant on Aug. 15. The charges also include three counts of first-degree burglary, person present; one count each of criminal threats and dissuading a witness from reporting a crime; and allegations of taking property valued at more than \$100,000 through fraud and embezzlement.

She is expected to be arraigned Monday in Department 30 of the Foltz Criminal Justice Center.

Between July 2014 and March 2018, Balver allegedly developed relationships with individuals in order to lure them into business arrangements for legal services, according to Deputy District Attorney Ryann Gerber Jorban of the Consumer Protection Division. Balver allegedly claimed that she worked for the court system and could provide assistance with immigration petitions and visas and in buying homes.

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.

Balver faces a possible maximum sentence of 34 years and four months in state prison if convicted as charged.

The prosecutor is recommending bail be set at \$1 million.

The case 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 ask anyone who believes they may be a victim to call the District Attorney's Office at (213) 257-2450.

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