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**Conwoman Charged with Stealing More than \$220,000 in
Immigration Services Scam**

A Montebello woman accused of defrauding dozens of victims seeking immigration services has been charged with 48 felony counts, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Leonard Torreabla of the Consumer Protection Division said Romina Aida Zadorian (dob 10/6/69) is expected to be arraigned today in Department 30 of the Foltz Criminal Justice Center.

She is charged in case BA461524 with 29 counts of grand theft of personal property and six counts of forgery relating to an item exceeding \$950 in value.

Zadorian also is charged with three counts each of false government documents activity, criminal threats and extortion; two counts of first-degree residential burglary; one count each of dissuading a witness from reporting a crime and petty theft with three priors. The complaint also includes excessive-taking allegations of more than \$150,000.

According to the criminal complaint, Zadorian was convicted in 2009 for various counts of grand theft in Los Angeles County in case BA339360.

The new case was filed for arrest warrant on Oct. 25. Prosecutors allege that between April 1, 2015, and March 11, 2017, Zadorian operated a fraudulent immigration services business at her Montebello residence. Zadorian is accused of falsely promising to expedite the processing of visas, resident alien cards and citizenship petitions for the victims and their families.

Zadorian told victims she worked for the government and had special government connections, according to prosecutors. She also allegedly told some of the victims she was an attorney.

The defendant is accused of pretending to provide services by filing inapplicable immigration forms with immigration authorities. Prosecutors said she collected \$223,500 from 32 victims and did not provide the promised services.

Bail for Zadorian is recommended at \$1.2 million. If convicted as charged, the defendant faces a maximum sentence of 37 years in state prison. The case remains under investigation by the District Attorney's Bureau of Investigation.

Anyone who believes they may have been a victim may call the District Attorney's Consumer Protection Division at 213-257-2465.

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