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Woman Sentenced for Child Endangerment After Crashing into LAPD Harbor Station

A 30-year-old woman today pleaded no contest to crashing her vehicle into the lobby of a Los Angeles Police Department station with her 2-month-old baby on board, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Michelle Denise Betancourt (dob 8/23/89) entered the plea to one felony count each of child endangerment and vandalism. She was immediately sentenced by Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Gary Ferrari to five years formal probation in case NA111315.

As a condition of her probation, Betancourt was ordered not to drive a motor vehicle while on probation and complete a one-year child abuse treatment counseling program.

On Feb. 9, Betancourt crashed into the lobby of the LAPD Harbor police station. As an officer approached the vehicle and ordered Betancourt to exit, she accelerated her car backwards, causing the officer to jump out of the way, prosecutors said. The child was not injured.

Deputy District Attorney Marlon Duke Powers prosecuted the case.

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

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