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Woman Gets Nine Years for Running Immigration Services Scam

An East Los Angeles woman was sentenced today to nine years in county jail for defrauding more than 30 people through her home-based immigration services business, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge David M. Horwitz also ordered Dalila Moreno (dob 11/23/54) to pay \$303,500 in restitution to the victims. She will be subject to three years of mandatory supervision after serving her prison term.

Moreno pleaded guilty on Aug. 16 to six counts of counterfeit seal, three counts of forgery, one count of grand theft of personal property, one count of attempted grand theft of personal property and one count of extortion, all felonies. She also admitted an allegation of taking property valued at more than \$65,000 in the negotiated plea agreement.

Over several years through 2015, Moreno told her 32 victims that she worked for the government and had special government connections, then falsely promised to expedite the processing of visas, resident alien cards and citizenship petitions. She pretended to provide services by creating false visas and passport stamps for which she collected payment from the victims.

Deputy District Attorney Ryann Gerber Jorban of the Consumer Protection Division prosecuted case BA462322.

The District Attorney's Consumer Protection Division and Bureau of Investigation and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department investigated the case.

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