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Man Pleads Guilty to Stealing ATM Machines

A Huntington Beach man pleaded guilty today to stealing ATM machines with his truck, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Richard Allen Clements, 50, pleaded guilty to one felony count of grand theft of personal property. Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Brad Andrews scheduled sentencing and restitution for March 10 in Department 1 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Long Beach Branch.

Under the terms of a negotiated plea agreement, the defendant is expected to be sentenced to two years in county jail, said Deputy District Attorney Lindsay Kurtis. Prosecutors said Clements also will be required to pay restitution and be remanded into custody on his sentencing date.

Clements was accused of placing straps around ATM machines, attaching them to his truck and driving off between January and April 2013. Prosecutors said not only did some of the machines hold a few thousand dollars, but they also were very expensive to fix or replace.

The defendant was identified through surveillance cameras, according to prosecutors.

The case was investigated by the LAPD, Sheriff's Department and Signal Hill Police Department.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Annually, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](#) prosecutes more than 60,000 felonies and 140,000 misdemeanor crimes.