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**Woman Sentenced to Prison for Stealing Money From
Little League, Girl Scouts, PTA**

A 38-year-old woman was sentenced today to two years in state prison for misappropriating funds from several children's organizations, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

On Nov. 8, 2016, Veronica Monique Paderez of West Covina pleaded no contest to three felony counts of grand theft by embezzlement in case KA112237.

At today's sentencing, Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Victor Martinez ordered the defendant to pay restitution in the amount of \$92,048.81. The money will be distributed among the three organizations.

Deputy District Attorney Rebecca Goodrich, who prosecuted the case, said in 2013 Paderez embezzled funds from the Parent Teacher Association at Vine Elementary School in West Covina, the West Covina American Little League and the Girl Scouts Greater Los Angeles.

Paderez was a volunteer with each of the organizations and had access to their accounts and money collections, the prosecutor added.

The case was investigated by the West Covina Police Department.

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