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Woman Enters Plea for Leaving Child in Hot Car in Alhambra

A 60-year-old woman pleaded no contest today to leaving a boy, who was six years old at the time, in a locked, hot car for more than an hour, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Melanie Buccat said Helen Law (dob 5/18/58) pleaded to one misdemeanor count of child endangerment.

Judge Cathryn Brougham immediately sentenced Law to three years of probation and two days in county jail with credit time served. She also was ordered to complete 52 parenting classes and abide by a 10-year criminal protective order under the negotiated plea agreement.

On June 12, the defendant left the boy in her locked vehicle for more than an hour while she had lunch at an Alhambra restaurant, according to prosecutors.

A passerby reportedly saw the boy crying in the car and called police, prosecutors added. Authorities responded to the scene, removed the child from the car and located Law, who was arrested.

The case was investigated by the Alhambra Police Department.

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