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Woman Sentenced for Breast Cancer Scam

A 37-year-old woman was sentenced today and ordered to repay nearly \$130,000 bilked from people after claiming she had breast cancer, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney David Richman said Lacy Johnson of Colorado pleaded no contest on Jan. 23 to felony grand theft in case BA426898.

She was sentenced today and remanded into custody to begin serving 180 days in county jail. Johnson also will serve five years of formal probation and 30 days of community labor.

Johnson received more than \$100,000 from donors after she told them she needed the money to get treatment for breast cancer between 2010 and 2013, the prosecutor said. According to court testimony, Johnson did not have breast cancer and may have scammed more victims.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's 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 protecting our community through the fair and ethical pursuit of justice and the safeguarding of crime victims' rights.