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**Former Southland Transit Official Guilty in Illegal Sale of Passes**

(Nov. 22, 2006) A former Southland Transit operations manager pleaded guilty to grand theft in Compton Superior Court, earlier this month. She had been charged with selling Metro \$3 day passes to illegal street vendors.

Bertha Island, 49, of Compton, was sentenced, Nov. 14, to three years' felony probation and jail time served.

She was arrested, Jan. 31, 2006 after Sheriff's Detective Keith Schumaker observed her selling three books of 50 day passes with a total value of \$450 to a street vendor.

A search of Island's home turned up books of day passes dated for use Feb. 2, 2006, and \$150 in cash she allegedly received from the street vendor.

Her former employer, Southland Transit, is under contract to provide service on six Metro lines in the San Gabriel Valley from a bus yard in Baldwin Park.

