

# Former principal pleads guilty

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Former Pajaro Valley school principal Luis De La Cruz has pleaded guilty to stealing \$1,930 from the Freedom Lions Club when he was club treasurer in 1991-92.

De La Cruz, 40, pleaded guilty to grand theft last week in Santa Cruz County Superior Court.

Assistant District Attorney Gary Brayton said he expects to ask for a jail sentence of about four months when De La Cruz is sen-

tenced April 19.

Whatever sentence De La Cruz gets will be added to the 30 days he must serve for failing to pay sales tax for his trophy shop.

Brayton said De La Cruz will be eligible to have the grand-theft charge reduced from a felony to a misdemeanor once he makes restitution.

De La Cruz was principal of Salpuedes and Calabasas schools in the late '80s.