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## Father goes to Jail !

Father of Little League player sent to jail for attacking coach..

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San Fernando, Calif – A father who attacked and threatened to kill a little league manager for taking his son out of a game was sentenced to 45 days in jail.

Mitchel Craig Gluckman also was sentenced Thursday to three years probation and six months of anger management counseling and ordered to avoid arguments at sporting events.

Prosecutors said Gluckman approached Kirk West, the manager of his 11 year son's team, after a game last April. Gluckman threw his son's jersey in West's face, slammed him against a truck and berated him for taking his son out of a game after three innings.

"He Said, How dare you make my son a three-inning player," West said.

Gluckman acknowledged he lost his temper but said he was making hollow threats and doesn't belong in jail.

"I always stuck up for my kids", he said. I didn't always do it the right way. I'm a loud guy.

Gluckman starts serving his term in March.

Gluckman is the third man sentenced in recent months in the Los Angeles area for attacking a coach. The father and uncle of a football player at South High School in Torrance pleaded no contest to attacking the coach after the team lost a game in October. They begin serving a 45-day jail term Monday