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Ex-Technology Manager Pleads in Coliseum Case

A former technology manager pleaded no contest today to a conflict-of-interest charge for his role in the 2012 Coliseum embezzlement and bribery case, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Leopold Caudillo, 46, entered his plea to the felony count and he is scheduled to be sentenced on April 2, 2018. As part of a plea agreement, Caudillo must perform 100 hours of community service and pay \$2,750 in restitution.

Deputy District Attorney Terrie Tengelsen of the Public Integrity Division prosecuted the case.

Caudillo was among several people who were charged in an indictment with stealing funds from the historic stadium. Caudillo directed stadium business to a firm he founded.

Former Coliseum manager Patrick Lynch, 60, pleaded guilty to one felony count of conflict of interest. He paid \$385,000 in restitution and performed 1,500 hours of community service as part of the plea deal.

Lynch, who resigned as general manager in February 2011, was placed on probation for three years.

Ex-events manager Todd DeStefano, 44, was sentenced in September 2016 to six months in county jail and placed on formal probation for three years after pleading no contest to a felony count of conflict of interest. He also was ordered to pay \$500,000.

Co-defendants and music promoters Pasquale Rotella and Reza Gerami, both 42, were ordered to pay \$150,000 and \$30,000, respectively, after each man pleaded no contest to misdemeanor conflict of interest. Each man also was placed on summary probation for three years.

In total, the defendants have agreed to pay more than \$1 million to Los Angeles County taxpayers.

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