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**Former Lynwood City Employee
Charged with Embezzling Employee Union Funds**

A former Lynwood city employee was arrested today on charges that he embezzled more than \$27,000 from the Lynwood Employees Association, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Eric Gonzalez (dob 7/30/81) is scheduled to be arraigned after 8:30 a.m. on Thursday in Department 30 at the Foltz Criminal Justice Center. Prosecutors will ask that his bail be set at \$80,000.

Between 2011 and 2012, Gonzalez served as president of the nonprofit union representing all city employees. During that period, the civil engineering technician allegedly made four unauthorized cash withdrawals totaling \$27,735. The withdrawals were later discovered by other board members who contacted the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, which launched an investigation.

He is charged in case BA444734 with four felony counts of grand theft by embezzlement. The felony complaint for arrest warrant was filed April 12.

Deputy District Attorney Susan Choi with the Public Integrity Division is prosecuting the case.

If convicted, Gonzalez faces up to five years in custody.

The case was investigated by the LASD and the District Attorney's Bureau of Investigation.

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