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Mastermind in Textbook Theft Case Pleads, Sentenced to Prison

A Los Angeles book buyer who orchestrated a massive scheme to steal thousands of new and used textbooks from four school districts pleaded no contest today to multiple counts and was sentenced to state prison, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Corey Frederick, 44, pleaded no contest to four felony counts of embezzlement and one felony count of bribing a public officer. He was immediately sentenced by Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Robert Perry to five years, eight months in state prison and ordered to pay \$793,306 in restitution to the Los Angeles Unified School District.

Deputy District Attorney Kennes Ma with the Public Integrity Division prosecuted the case.

Frederick was a book buyer and seller who operated "Doorkeeper Textz" in Long Beach. Over a two-year period beginning in May 2008, Frederick paid out more than \$200,000 in bribes to a dozen school employees in Los Angeles, Inglewood, Lynwood and Bellflower school districts.

Frederick paid school employees anywhere from \$600 up to \$47,000 per person to steal textbooks in literature and language arts, economics, physics, anatomy and physiology.

A 37-count Grand Jury indictment was returned in August 2013 charging Frederick and 12 co-defendants with multiple counts of embezzlement and bribery. All but one have now been convicted.

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

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice

for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](#) prosecuted more than 71,000 felony defendants and nearly 112,000 misdemeanor defendants.