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## Former Lawndale School District Director Sentenced in Kickback Scheme

A former food services director with the Lawndale School District was sentenced today to two years in state prison for accepting kickbacks from a now-defunct restaurant that sold pizza for school lunches, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Arturo Macias Nuno, 32 (dob 1/26/1981), was found guilty earlier this month of four felony counts of accepting a bribe. He was accused of requesting and taking bribes that totaled at least \$10,000 from Oct. 1, 2010, to July 31, 2012.

Nuno negotiated a contract with a local restaurant owner, in which the restaurant would supply pizzas to the school district every day at a cost of \$6.50 each. Nuno then demanded that the owner pay him 50-cents per pizza in return for the contract.

The Torrance jury deliberated just three hours after the nine-day trial. Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Alan B. Honeycutt presided over the trial and sentenced Nuno.

A restitution hearing is scheduled to be held in Department L of the Torrance courthouse on Oct. 15 in case YA086175.

Deputy District Attorney Dana Aratani of the Public Integrity Division prosecuted the case.

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