

PRESS RELEASE

Clinton Man Sentenced for Employment Tax Fraud, Mail Fraud and False Statements

Wednesday, December 18, 2024

For Immediate Release

U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Massachusetts

BOSTON – A Clinton, Mass. man was sentenced today in federal court in Worcester for his involvement in tax and mail fraud, and other offenses.

Juliano Fernandes, 42, of Clinton, was sentenced by U.S. District Court Judge Margaret R. Guzman to five years of probation. In July 2023, Fernandes pleaded guilty to 11 counts of employment tax fraud, two counts of mail fraud and two counts of making false statements to a federal agency.

Fernandes exercised financial control over Force Corporation and AB Construction, both Massachusetts-based construction companies. Between 2015 and 2017, Fernandes willfully failed to account for and pay over employment taxes for these companies to the United States Internal Revenue Service. In addition, from approximately April 2013 through January 2017, Fernandes defrauded worker's compensation insurance companies by misrepresenting the number of employees at Force Corporation and AB Construction, and the wages paid to the employees. In August 2017, Fernandes also made materially false statements to the U.S. Department of Labor regarding the value of property he owned in Lunenburg, Mass., and that he never had responsibility or control over the payroll of Force Corporation. These statements related to the Department of Labor's efforts to collect funds from Fernandes and his businesses in connection with alleged civil wage violations.

Co-defendant Anderson Dos Santos, who worked for AB Construction, signed and filed individual tax returns for tax years 2013, 2014, 2016 and 2017, in which he materially under-reported his income.

Dos Santos pleaded guilty and was sentenced in May 2024 to three years of probation.

United States Attorney Joshua S. Levy; Jonathan Wlodyka, Acting Special Agent in Charge of the Internal Revenue Service's Criminal Investigations, Boston Field Office; Jonathan Mellone, Special Agent in Charge of the U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Inspector General, Office of Investigations, Labor Racketeering and Fraud, Northeast Region; and Anthony DiPaolo, Executive Director of the Insurance Fraud Bureau of Massachusetts made the announcement. Assistant U.S. Attorneys Brendan D. O'Shea and Danial Bennett of the Worcester Branch Office and John T. Mulcahy of the Public Corruption & Special Prosecutions Unit prosecuted the case.

Updated December 18, 2024

Topics

FINANCIAL FRAUD

TAX

Component

[USAO - Massachusetts](#)