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Former Employee of Taste of Brazil Restaurant in Woburn Sentenced for Transferring False Identification Documents

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BOSTON – A Salvadoran man and former employee of the Taste of Brazil – Tudo Na Brasa restaurant in Woburn was sentenced today in federal court in Boston for providing false identification documents to Brazilian employees of the restaurant who lacked work authorization.

Marcos Chacon Gil, 29, was sentenced by U.S. District Court Judge Allison D. Burroughs to time served (approximately 10 months in prison) and two years of supervised release. On May 23, 2023, Chacon Gil pleaded guilty to one count of transferring false identification documents.

Chacon Gil worked at Taste of Brazil for three years beginning in 2014. Beginning in approximately 2018, Chacon Gil provided false identification documents to Brazilian employees of the restaurant who lacked work authorization in the United States. Chacon Gil did so in order for the employees to secure work authorization. In one instance, on Feb. 20, 2020, Chacon Gil met with an employee and provided the employee with a fake green card and a fake social security card.

Acting United States Attorney Joshua S. Levy; Michael Krol, Acting Special Agent in charge of Homeland Security Investigations in New England; Jonathan Mellone, Special Agent in Charge of the Department of Labor, Office of Inspector General; Harry Chavis, Special Agent in Charge of the Internal Revenue Service's Criminal Investigations in Boston; and Woburn Police Chief Robert F. Rufo, Jr. made the announcement today. Valuable assistance in the investigation was provided by the Norwood Police Department. Assistant U.S. Attorneys James D. Herbert, Kelly Lawrence and Samuel R. Feldman of the Criminal Division prosecuted the case.

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