

FORMER INS AGENT SENTENCED FOR BRIBERY

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DALLAS - A former Dallas employee of the Immigration and Naturalization Service was sentenced Wednesday to four years and eight months in prison for taking bribes to provide illegal immigrants documents.

Anthony Fitzgerald Brown, 33, of Lancaster pleaded guilty in August to charges of conspiracy to commit bribery and receiving a bribe.

Brown admitted that from at least January 2001 through March 1 of this year he solicited and accepted thousands of dollars in bribes involving Employment Authorization Documents made and delivered to immigrants who weren't eligible to receive them.

Prosecutors said Brown disposed of the files to conceal evidence that the EADs were illegally issued.

Brown and 15 other defendants were charged in a 26-count indictment that accused them of various counts of conspiracy to defraud the United States and to commit bribery and fraud in connection with identification documents, unlawful production of United States government identification documents and bribery.

Brown will be placed on three years of supervised release following his prison term.

Brown had been ordered to surrender to the Bureau of Prisons on Dec. 3.