

# Jury Finds Former Border Patrol Agent Guilty of Corruption

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TUCSON, Ariz. – On Friday, April 25, 2025, a jury found former Border Patrol Agent Jorge J. Jimenez, 54, of Rio Rico, guilty of Conspiracy to Commit Honest Services Wire Fraud. The guilty verdict followed a 10-day trial before U.S. District Judge Rosemary Marquez. A conviction for this crime carries a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison, a fine of \$250,000, and not more than three years supervised release. Sentencing is scheduled for July 9, 2025.

“Securing the southern border requires an effective law enforcement force, held to the highest standard of integrity,” said U.S. Attorney Timothy Courchaine. “Mr. Jimenez forgot his oath and put his community in danger for his own gain.”

According to court documents and evidence presented at trial, Jimenez was employed as a United States Border Patrol Agent since 2010. Between July and October 2024, Jimenez was stationed at the Interstate 19 (I-19) Border Patrol Checkpoint where he worked the primary lanes performing inspections.

At trial, the government showed that between June 2024 and October 2024, Jimenez conspired with at least two individuals in Mexico to allow “load” vehicles to pass through his assigned checkpoint lane without inspection. The individuals in Mexico handled arrangements and the receipt of payment while Jimenez provided information about activities at the checkpoint and let the “load” vehicles pass through his lane. In exchange for his help, Jimenez expected to receive half of the \$40,000 that the conspirators were paid for getting five “load” vehicles through the checkpoint.

The Department of Homeland Security Office of Inspector General, Customs and Border Protection’s Office of Professional Responsibility, and the FBI conducted the investigation in this case. The United States Attorney’s Office, District of Arizona, Tucson, handled the prosecution.

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