

AG Fitch Announces Sentencing in Texas Vehicle Dealership Theft and Fraud Case



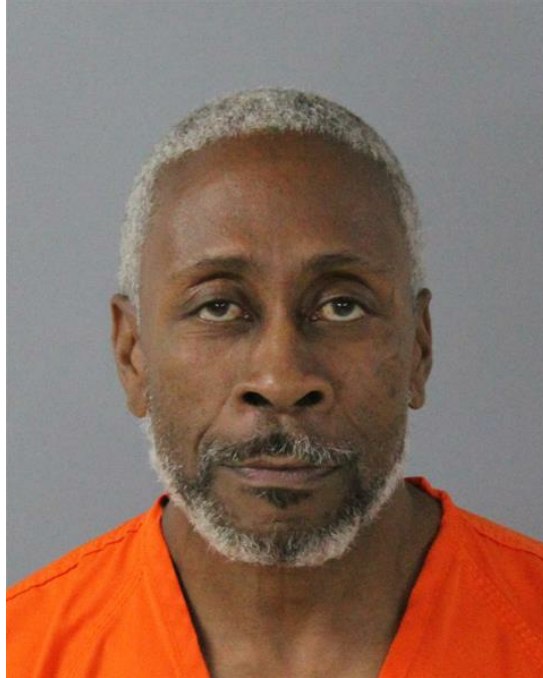
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Lynn Fitch

(Jackson, Mississippi) Today, Attorney General Lynn Fitch announced the recent sentencing of Mario Martinez Smiley of Fort Worth, Texas, for one count of wire fraud. This case was investigated by the Attorney General's Office, with the assistance of the United States Secret Service, the Jackson, Mississippi Police Department, the Texas Financial Crimes Intelligence Center, and the Cooke County, Texas Sheriff's Department. It was prosecuted by the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Mississippi.

"My office is committed to holding those who defraud businesses in our State accountable," **said Attorney General Lynn Fitch.** "Financial schemes like this are not victimless crimes, they hurt hardworking individuals. I am proud to work with partners from across the country to ensure that justice was served for this Mississippi business."

On August 27, 2025, Smiley was sentenced to 21 months in the custody of the Federal Bureau of Prisons, with 3 years of post-release supervision. Smiley was also ordered to pay \$120,747.28 in restitution to both Ally Motors Insurance and Mac Haik Ford. This case was investigated by the Cyber Fraud Task Force, an initiative of the Mississippi Attorney General's Office in partnership with the U.S. Secret Service. In 2024, the Cyber Fraud Task Force was instrumental in the financial recovery of more than \$2.5 million for Mississippi victims.



Mario Martinez Smiley

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